

Discovering the Bronze Age: A Journey Through Time

Step back in time with Ellie the Elephant: Uncover the secrets of the Bronze Age!

- The Bronze Age began in Britain around 2500 BC, marking a major shift from using stone tools to using metal tools for farming and hunting.
- People lived in roundhouses made from wattle and daub, often grouped together in small, thriving farming settlements.
- Craftsmanship flourished as skilled workers created beautiful jewellery, axes, and daggers, showing how trade networks expanded across Europe.
- Burial practices changed significantly, with many people being laid to rest in large earth mounds called barrows, often accompanied by pottery or metal items.
- Towards the end of the period, people began building massive hillforts, suggesting that communities were becoming more organized and defensive of their land.

Did you know? Did you know? Bronze is not a natural metal found in the ground like gold or iron. It is an 'alloy', which means it is created by melting down and mixing two other metals together—copper and tin—to make a much stronger material for tools and weapons!

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