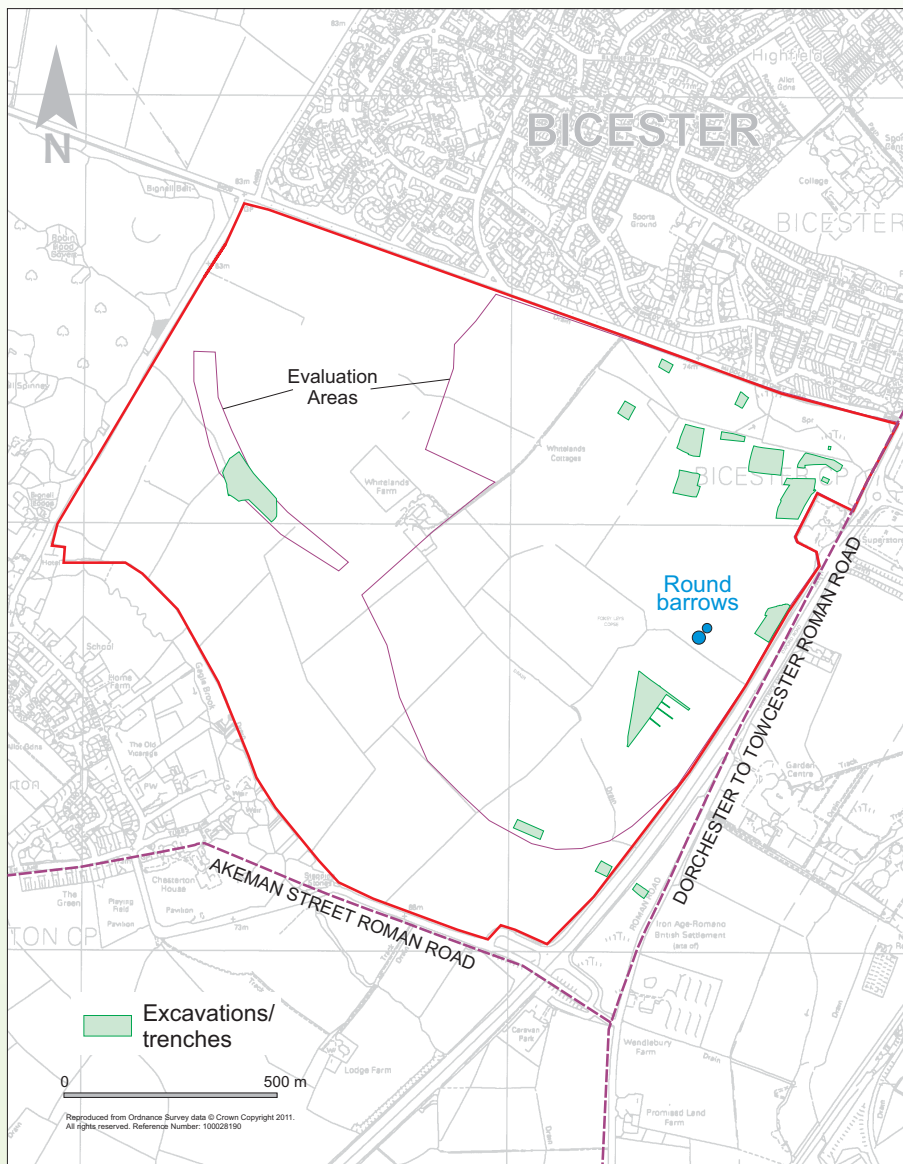


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Digging into the Past



In 2008, archaeologists investigated the area known as **Whitelands Farm**, where **Kingsmere Estate** is now.

The archaeologists dug trenches in the ground, to look beneath the surface. They uncovered lots of objects, or 'finds', which gave information about the people who lived on this land in the past. Once cleaned, specialists examined these objects to find out what they were.

The oldest find from the site was part of a 250,000 year old handaxe. Most of the other finds on site dated from the Bronze Age to the Saxon period, between 4000 and 1000 years ago.

Take a look in the display cabinet at some of the finds discovered by archaeologists



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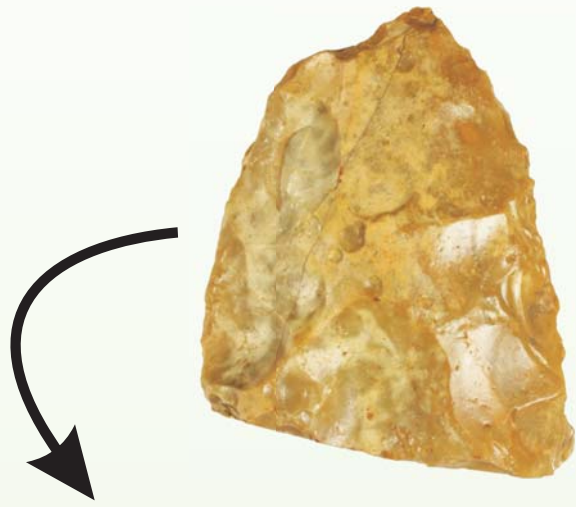


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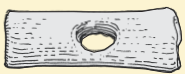
This fragment of a **handaxe** was found in a field boundary ditch. It is over a quarter of a million years old!

Palaeolithic

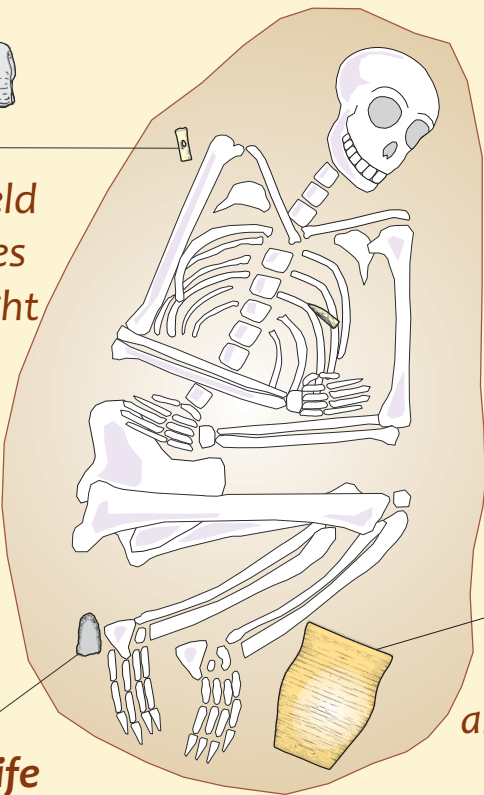
Mesolithic

Neolithic

My body was found buried in a shallow grave. I died when I was around 50 years old. I was buried with several of my possessions ...



A **bone toggle** held my clothes on my right shoulder



A **flint blade knife** by my left heel



A **clay pot** decorated using a comb was also found in the grave

Bronze Age

Iron Age



This **bronze palstave**, or **axehead**, was discovered on site. It is similar to ones found previously in Wales



There were two earth mounds, called '**round barrows**'. Some barrows have burials. No human remains were found here and their purpose is unknown. **Why do you think they were built?**



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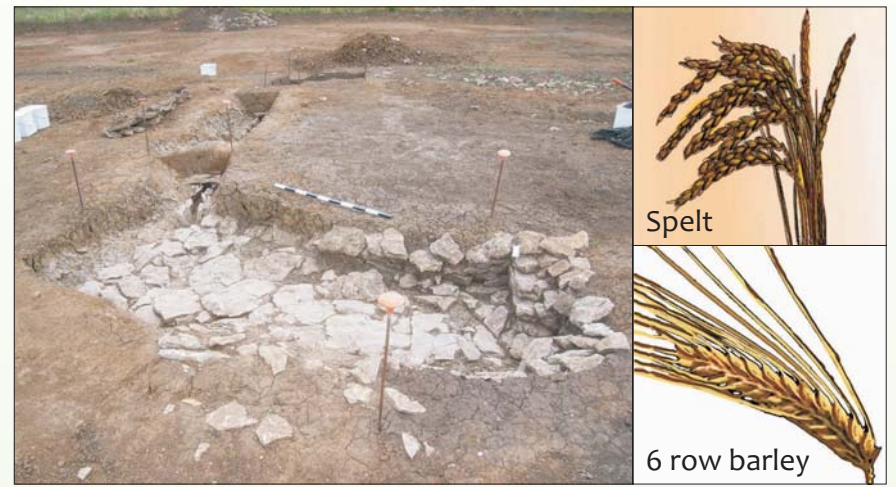
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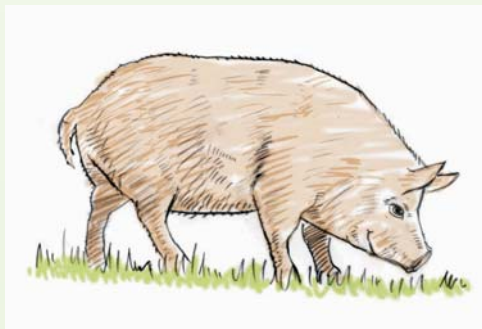
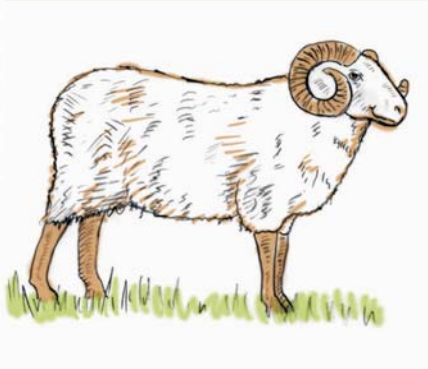
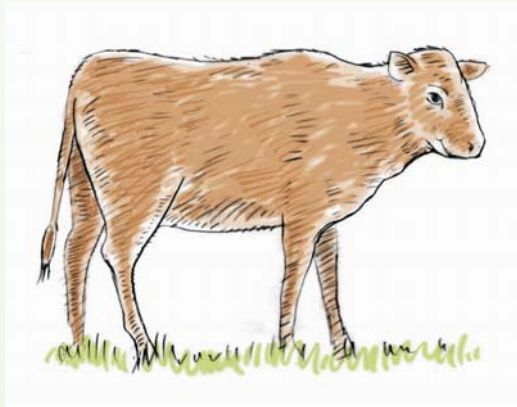
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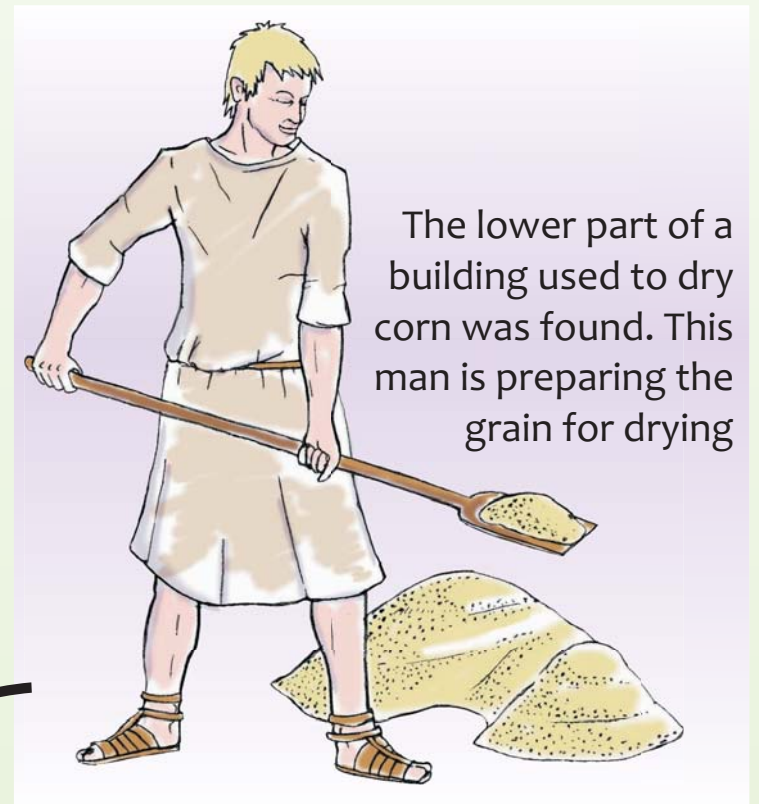
Around 2000 years ago, during the Late Iron Age / Early Romano-British period, this area was used for farming animals and growing crops



Spelt (an old form of wheat) and some **barley** grains were discovered at the bottom of a stone-lined tank. Some had started to germinate, which could be evidence for brewing beer



Archaeologists found an enclosure which was used to keep animals. **Cattle, sheep and pig** bones were found



Late Iron Age to Roman

Saxon

Medieval, Post-Medieval up to Recent times ...



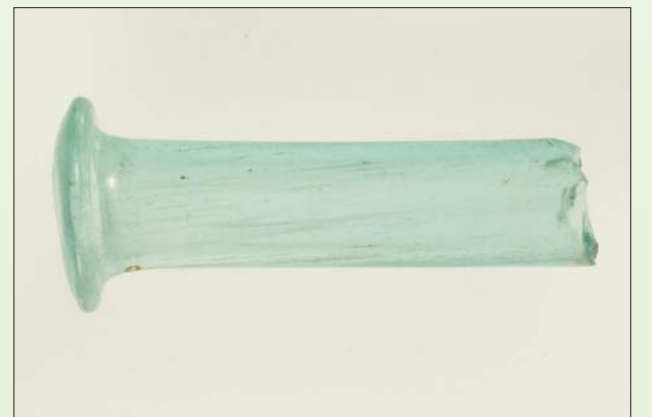
There was a little activity in medieval and post-medieval times but this site was mainly used for farming activities

Many **pieces of Roman pottery** were also found. Many were broken or just the bases of the pot remained. These bases may have been used as counters for playing games

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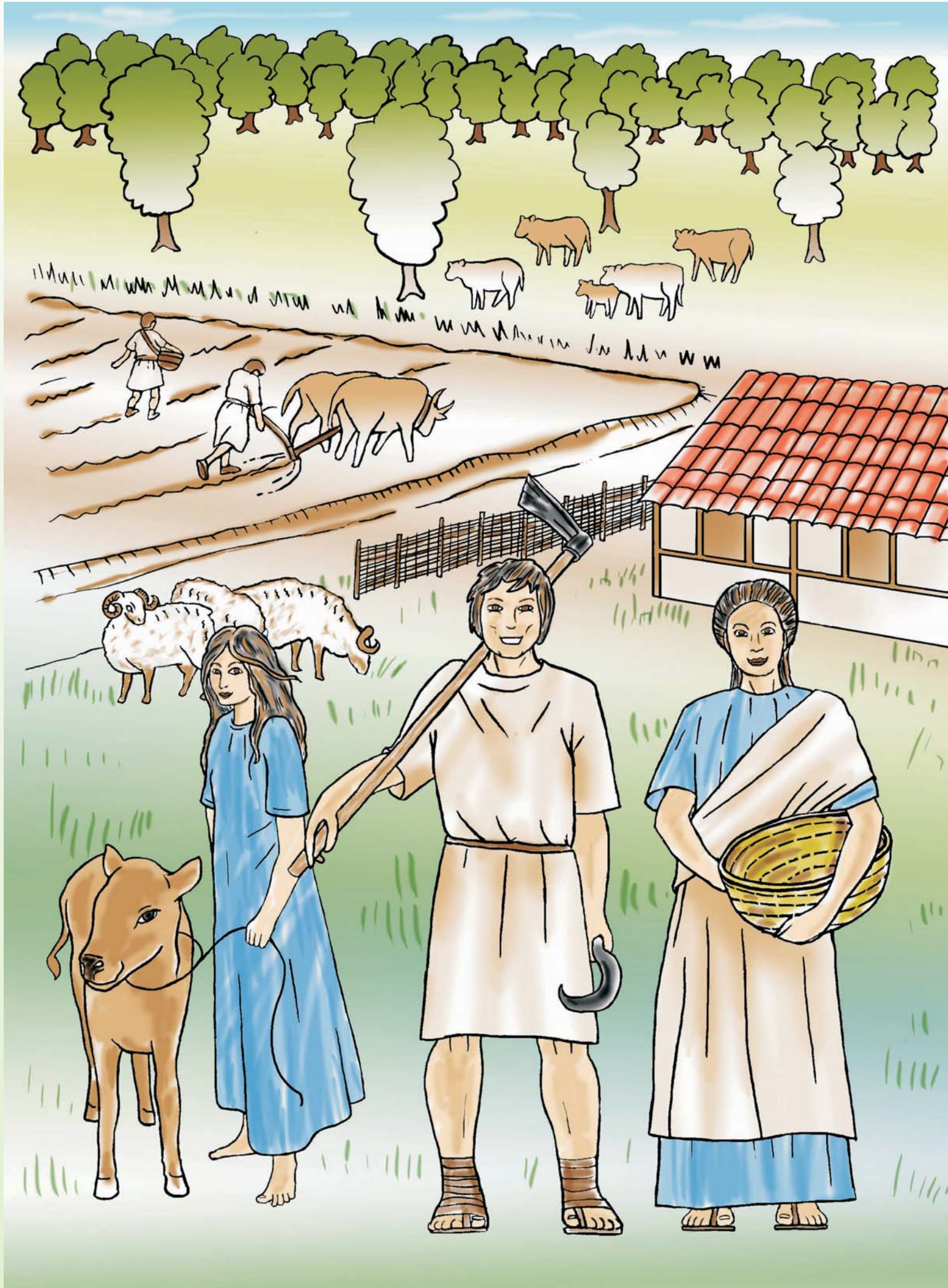


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