

Stonehenge was domain of the dead

Stone Age Britons used Stonehenge as a burial ground from its earliest beginnings and for several hundred years thereafter, new research indicates. Latest radiocarbon dating of cremated remains shows that up to 240 people were buried within Stonehenge between 3030-2340BC

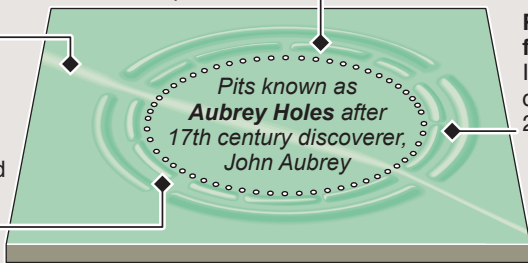
3030-2880BC: First ditch-and-bank monument erected with ring of 56 pits which may have held wooden posts

Earliest burial: Small group of bones and teeth found in pits dated to first monument

Eastern entrance

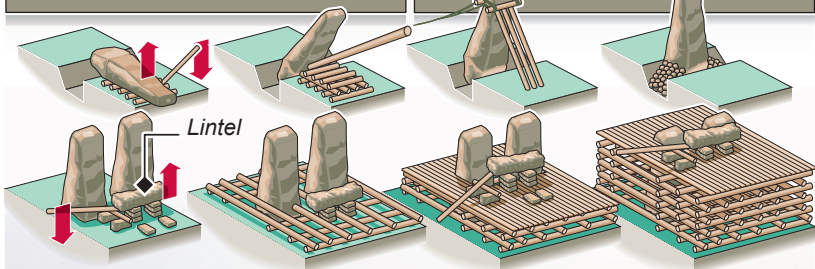
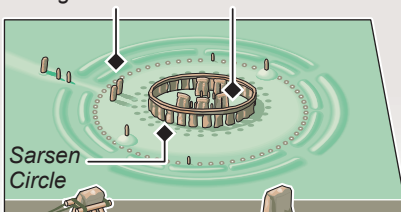
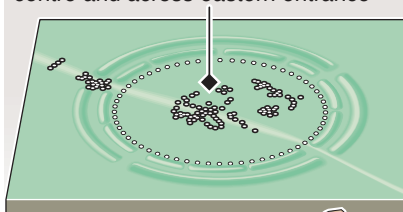
Most recent cremation:
25-year-old woman dated to 2570-2340BC

Remains from ditch:
Include adult dated to 2930-2870BC



2950-2400BC: Wooden buildings in centre and across eastern entrance

2550-1600BC: Standing stones raised
Slaughter Stone *Bluestones*



Raising the stones

