



# Bronze Age

## Surrey

2500 – 800 BC

The early Bronze Age is closer to the Late Neolithic in many practices. However, burials underneath earthen mound – known as round barrows – are a development which is prominent in the local heathland. Although flintwork does continue, the development of metalwork is characteristic of the period. This can be seen in numerous hoards of bronze weapons and ornaments, many of which were deposited ritually or possibly used as personal tool-kits. From about 1,500 BC, field systems and open settlements developed, and round-houses became the main form of domestic building. By the end of the period, organisation into tribal territories also began.

