



Iron Age

Surrey

800 BC – AD 43

At the beginning of the Iron Age, farms, homesteads and roundhouses were scattered across the landscape and hillforts were strategically positioned to control tribal territories. These centres served multiple functions, from marketing and exchange to livestock movement. The mining of iron ore – which was used in the making of both tools and weapons – also characterises this era. The introduction of coinage by the 2nd century BC also attests to overall wealth and thriving industry, which would have appealed to the Romans when they set their sights on the island.

