

## Living Together

Humans in Britain lived as nomadic hunter gatherers until the late Neolithic period. At this time people began farming, building houses and small groups started to live close together forming the first villages.



### Settling Down

Just like us, the first people to settle down in villages wanted to be safe and warm.

Once humans became experts in building houses for shelter, they turned to making them comfortable places for their families to live in. They added fires for warmth and decoration to the inside. Still, they did without many of the things we have today – imagine if you had no electricity, no fridge, no toilet and no taps. How would you cope?!

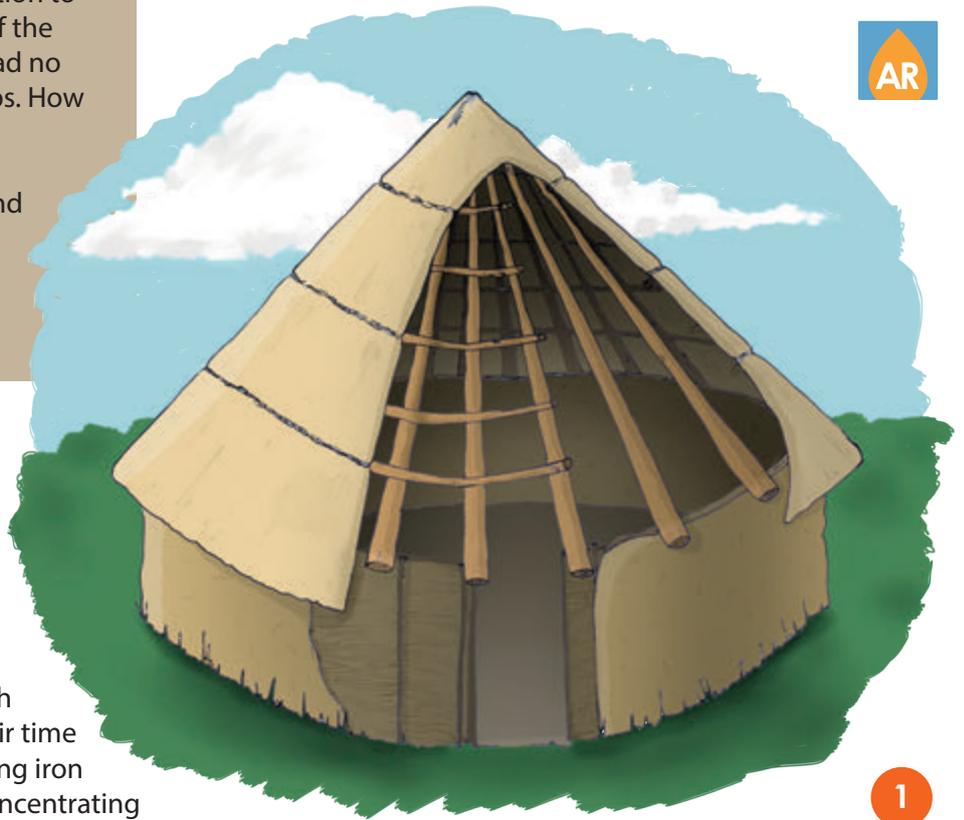
People used the things they found around them to decorate their homes. They also exchanged things with other people from far away. This gave them access to unusual objects.

Beautiful glass beads have been found in the remains of some roundhouses. It shows us that people then were interested in more than just food and survival, that they enjoyed their lives and enjoyed artistic pastimes. Some beads were probably brought from France.



### A Job for Everyone

When humans were hunter gatherers, they co-operated (worked together) to hunt large animals and gather food when it was plentiful. By the Iron Age, humans living in houses had grouped together in villages. There was now enough food so that some people could spend their time doing things other than farming, like making iron tools or concentrating on making food. Concentrating on one single task meant that people got better at doing their jobs and helped them to develop better technology as time went on.



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Tap the roof of this roundhouse to have a peek inside!

