

Archaeology in Brent Worksheet (prehistory focus)

Section 1: Suggested length of time spent in this area: 10 -15 mins with up to 10 -15 children at a time due to space restrictions. Section 2 is on the other side of this sheet and can be completed before or after Section 1.

Find the display panel called 'How do we know about Brent's history?' shown in the photo to the right.

1. Find this Bronze Age object. How long ago was this object dropped in Neasden?



2. Find this prehistoric pottery. How long can pottery survive underground?



Archaeologists found Iron Age pottery at Dollis Hill. Iron Age tribes may have settled in Brent. Find these Iron Age objects. What do you think each of them were used for?



3. _____
4. _____

5. Are the oldest artefacts in this panel shown deeper underground or nearer the surface?

Section 2: Suggested length of time: 10 – 15 mins. Children do not need to be in a particular part of the Museum to complete these questions.

Remains of wood and other plants, animals and people usually rot and don't survive for very long. Although plastic lasts a very long time underground, it has only been made in the last hundred years.

The places where plants, animals and people are more likely to survive are a very dry place (such as a desert in Egypt) or a very wet place (such as underwater or in very wet ground like peat).



1. How would you describe the area where you live? Is it very wet, very dry or something else?

2. Think about what you are wearing and carrying right now (such as your clothes, clipboard and pencil). What materials are they made out of?

3. What evidence of a) your body and b) the things you are wearing and carrying do you think would survive buried in the area where you live for thousands of years?
 - a) Your body: _____
 - b) Your things: _____
4. In Brent very few ancient artefacts have been found. Tick all the reasons why you think this has happened:
 - a) People weren't looking out for them and so didn't notice them when they saw them.
 - b) Lots of buildings and roads have been made in Brent and this digging and building has destroyed artefacts underground.
 - c) The artefacts were made of materials that have rotted away.

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