Bedford River Valley Park



DEATHLY DISPLAYS



These prehistoric builders are missing a dramatic funeral.



Look at the illustration on the panel. Can you find...?

A skeleton, a small child, cattle skulls, signs of a distant village, sheep and a burial mound.



DID YOU KNOW?

Farming really took off in Britain in the Neolithic. People started to settle down in villages and raise their own food.

IMAGINE

On the panel illustration, look at the big ditches and earth banks that mark the boundaries. Neolithic people dug these ditches with deer antler picks. A lot harder work than quarrying with a JCB!



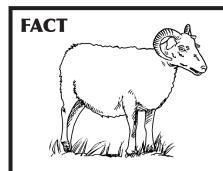
Archaeologists look at cropmarks to work out where there were buildings and boundaries like the earthbanks and ditches you can see in the picture on the panel. After these are destroyed above ground, they might show only as lines in the soil visible from the air.

Why would you raise your dead to the sky?

Only important people's bodies were raised up on platforms after they died.

WHEN WAS THE NEOLITHIC?

Find out by reading the panel.



Neolithic sheep looked different from most modern sheep. They were smaller and more rugged.

FACT

Many of Britain's biggest prehistoric monuments were created in the Neolithic period.







