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Scientists solve mystery of Stonehenge – 6th August, 2018

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Scientists have found more about who built Stonehenge 5,000 years ago. This has been a mystery for thousands of years. Scientists say Stonehenge's builders lived 160 kilometres away in the mountains in Wales. The oldest human remains they found date back over 5,000 years.

Stonehenge is a ring of giant stones in southwest England. Each stone is four metres high and weighs 25 tons. Scientists are not sure how people moved the giant stones to Stonehenge. They think the people buried at Stonehenge were from people who helped transport the stones.

Level 1

Scientists have found more about who built the 5,000-year-old Stonehenge - the world-famous ancient stone monument in England. It has been a mystery for thousands of years. Scientists say the builders of Stonehenge could have come from Wales, 160 kilometres away. Researchers said the human bones they found at Stonehenge were from mountains in Wales. The oldest human remains found date back over 5,000 years.

Stonehenge is a ring of giant stones. Each stone is four metres high and weighs 25 tons. Scientists say Stonehenge was a burial mound. They are not sure how people moved the giant stones from Wales to Stonehenge. They believe people buried at Stonehenge helped transport the stones. A researcher said: "People from the [Welsh mountains] not only supplied the bluestones used to build the stone circle but moved with the stones and were buried there too."

Level 2

Scientists say they found details about who built the 5,000-year-old Stonehenge. The ancient stone monument in England is famous all over the world. How it was built has been a mystery for thousands of years. Scientists say the architects and builders of Stonehenge could have come from Wales, more than 160 kilometres away. Researchers wrote that human bones found at Stonehenge were from mountains in west Wales. The researchers said the oldest human remains found date back to about 3000 BC, which is over 5,000 years ago.

Stonehenge is a ring of giant standing stones. Each stone is four metres high and 2.1 metres wide. They each weigh 25 tons. Scientists say Stonehenge was used as a burial mound. They are not sure how ancient people moved the giant stones from Wales to Stonehenge. They believe the people they found buried at Stonehenge helped transport and put up the stones. Researcher John Pouncett said: "People from the [Welsh mountains] not only supplied the bluestones used to build the stone circle but moved with the stones and were buried there too."

Level 3

Scientists say they have uncovered details about who built the 5,000-year-old prehistoric monument Stonehenge. The ancient stones in the southwest of England are famous all over the world. How Stonehenge was built has been a mystery for thousands of years. A new study shows that the architects and builders of Stonehenge could have come from Wales, which is more than 160 kilometres away. Researchers wrote in the Scientific Reports journal that some human bones found at the site were from the Preseli Mountains in west Wales. The researchers said the oldest human remains discovered so far date back to about 3000 BC, which is over 5,000 years ago.

Stonehenge is a ring of standing monoliths - giant stones. Each standing stone is around four metres high and 2.1 metres wide. They each weigh around 25 tons. Scientists say Stonehenge was first used as a burial mound. The giant monoliths also came from the Preseli Mountains. Scientists are not sure how ancient people transported the giant stones the 160 km to their site in Stonehenge. They now believe the people who are buried at Stonehenge helped transport, position and erect the stones. Researcher John Pouncett said: "People from the Preseli Mountains not only supplied the bluestones used to build the stone circle but moved with the stones and were buried there too."