

# The Pagan Lady's Necklace

Vikings liked to wear beautiful things for pleasure and demonstrate their wealth to others. The grave of a wealthy woman from around AD950 was discovered on St. Patrick's Isle, Peel. This grave contained 73 glass and amber beads. 71 of the beads were found near the head of her skeleton. The string that held her necklace together had decayed scattering the beads. She may have had two other pendants; one made from two large amber beads and the other from a fossil ammonite. Amber is not found in Man, so she may have been the wife of a wealthy Viking who traded abroad or earned her own wealth by giving advice to her community.

**Colour in your own Viking bead designs in the necklace below**

