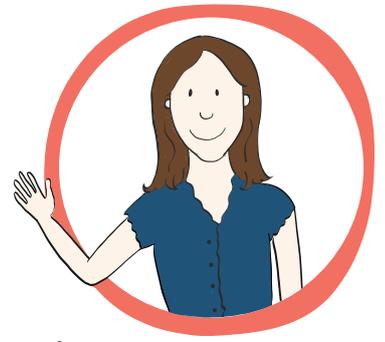


# Balladoole

Balladoole is a fascinating site on the Isle of Man that has lots of archaeology for us to learn about Manx 'pre-history' this means before things were written down.



Archaeologists in the past have excavated and recorded what they have found at Balladoole. Archaeologists are interested in both 'objects' and 'features'. **Objects** are usually finds that are removed for conservation and research in the Manx Museum. **Features** are simply things that cannot be removed from the archaeological site for example a wall or ditches.

Archaeologists have revealed many objects and features which help us understand the Island's history at this site.

- 1 Why do you think archaeologists accurately draw features of archaeological sites?
- So that no evidence is lost in an archaeological excavation.
  - To accurately record every detail.
  - To test out their new crayons.

- 2 Archaeological drawings are very important for study in the future because
- They remind us what lies beneath the surface in a particular area.
  - They show us what areas need our continued protection.
  - They point out where archaeologists may have left their packed lunches.

- 3 Look at the archaeological drawing of Balladoole on the next page.  
Can you tell from this drawing -  
What feature is 'older' The Viking boat cairn or the Christian graves? \_\_\_\_\_  
How do you know? \_\_\_\_\_  
What direction are the Christian graves pointing? \_\_\_\_\_

- 4 There is evidence of the following periods of time visible at Balladoole, but they are all jumbled up! Can you put them in the correct order?

Iron Age

Mesolithic

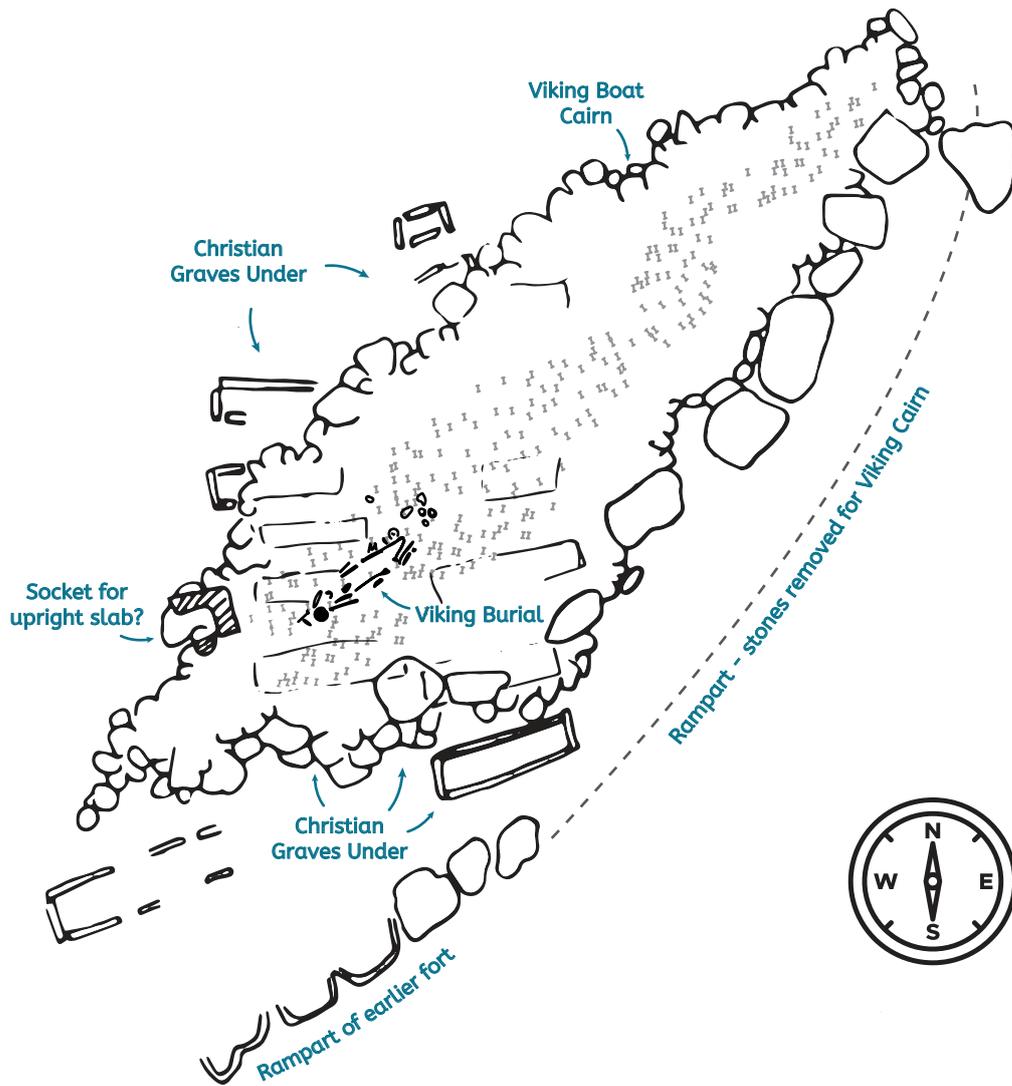
Viking

Early  
Christian

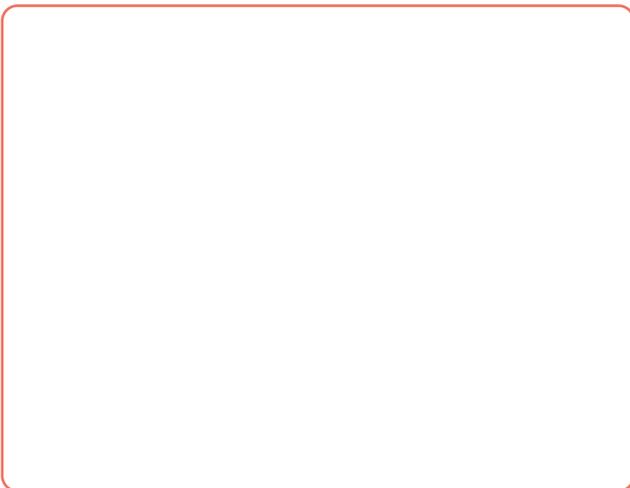
Bronze Age



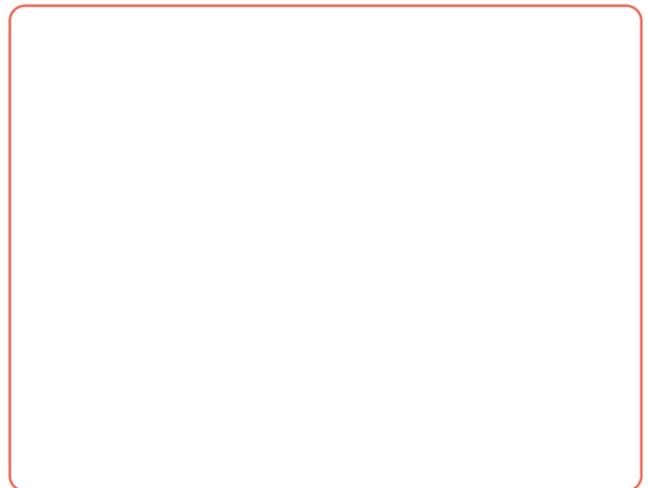
Picture adapted from Basil Megaw's illustration after Gerhard Bersu.



5 Look at the information on this page about the Balladoole excavation.



Draw an **object** from the site



Draw an **interesting feature**

