

The Bush Barrow Chieftan

The Bush Barrow Chieftan was buried near Stonehenge around 1950 BC. He must have been very important – his grave is the richest Bronze Age burial ever found in Britain.

The Bush Barrow Chieftan was buried with items that showed how rich and powerful he was:

- a bronze dagger decorated with gold
- an axe from Brittany
- a beautifully polished mace with bone rings
- a large medallion or cloak fastener, called a 'lozenge'
- a smaller lozenge, also made of gold



The lozenge was engraved with geometric patterns which tells us that Bronze Age people knew about maths.



In the Bronze Age shiny things (made from gold or silver or polished stone) would have been very rare. Wearing a lozenge like this would have made the chieftan look very powerful and important.

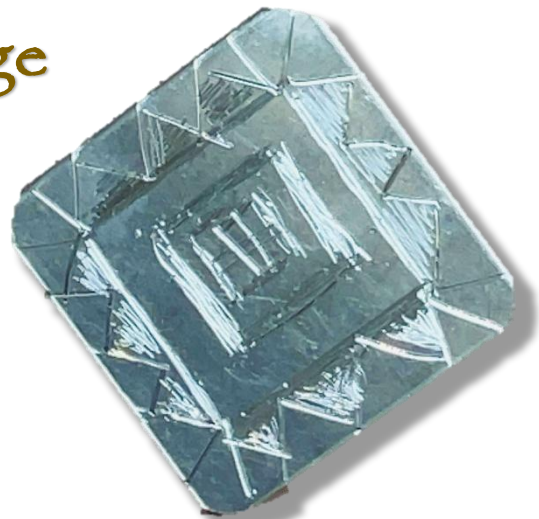
Items from the Bush Barrow Burial on display at Wiltshire Museum.



Make a Bush Barrow Badge

Materials:

- Pewter blanks
- Sandpaper
- Engraving tools
- Badge pins



1) Sand all four corners of your badge until they are rounded and not sharp.

2) Use the engraving tool to carefully scratch a design onto your badge – use parallel lines and triangles to make it look like the real thing!

- Top Tips**
- Go slow!
 - Push hard with your tool so that your design shows up clearly.
 - Shade areas in to make them stand out.



3) Remove the red tape from the back of the pin and stick the pin onto the back of your badge **DIAGONALLY** (corner to corner). This is very important because otherwise it might not fit!



5) Write your name on the back of your badge and wear it like a real Bronze Age Chieftain!