

News – Important Archaeological discoveries at Happisburgh – July 2010

As you may have seen in yesterday's news, the results of some of the Ancient Human Occupation of Britain project's excavations on Happisburgh beach have been published. The excavated evidence suggests that humans were occupying the area between 780,000 and 950,000 years ago - about 80,000 years earlier than we thought previously.

The main article can be found in the journal Nature (which can't be accessed without a subscription, although copies will be made available through the Norfolk Historic Environment Record) but there is a good summary of its conclusions on the Nature website:

<http://www.nature.com/news/2010/100707/full/news.2010.338.html>. The Nature site also has videos and a podcast on the subject.

The findings were summarised very well on the BBC News website:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/science_and_environment/10531419.stm. The Eastern Daily Press has also covered the story:

<http://www.edp24.co.uk/content/edp24/news/story.aspx?brand=EDPOnline&category=News&tBrand=EDPOnline&tCategory=xDefault&itemid=NOED07%20Jul%202010%2021%3A38%3A32%3A990>

Much more information on the project and its results, including some impressive photographs of the artefacts discovered, can be found on the project's web pages at the British Museum:

http://www.britishmuseum.org/research/research_projects/happisburgh.aspx