Viking Scotland

The Vikings’ first recorded contact with Britain was in the late eighth century, according to an account of their attack on Lindisfarne Abbey. However, they were almost certainly trading with Britain prior to that. The Vikings who raided and settled in Scotland were predominantly from Norway and mostly occupied Orkney, Shetland, the Western Isles and parts of the North and West of mainland Scotland. Find out more about their lives through the objects they left behind.

The artefacts

Amber beads (replica); Bone clothes pin (replica); Silver brooch (replica); Bone comb (replica); Tumbler key (replica); Bone needle case (replica); Pottery; Silver ring money (replica); Iron ship rivets (replica); Soapstone oil lamp (replica); Spindle whorl; Bone pins for sewing

Supporting material

• Info booklet with fantastic facts and activity ideas
  • Info card for each artefact
  • Timeline of Scottish History
    • Word Puzzle
  • “The Sea Road” by Olwyn Owen – Historic Scotland book
  • The Vikings in Scotland – book including activities for copying
    • Viking runes – alphabet