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Today, you are going to be the archaeologists and historians and using the artefacts and evidence discovered in the grave, you will piece together the life of the person buried...



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Gold and garnet pins found in the grave.



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The grave is special because it is an example of a bed burial. Iron fittings were found that show it was a bed burial.

A bed burial is a type of burial in which the deceased person is buried in the ground, lying upon a wooded bed wearing fine clothing. It is a burial custom that is particularly associated with high-status women during the early Anglo-Saxon period, although excavated examples of bed burials are comparatively rare.

Beds were extremely high-status items of furniture, and the fragments of wood found of the Trumpington bed indicate it was even decorated with carving.



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Once the girl had arrived in England, the proportion of protein in her diet decreased by a small but significant amount.

The fact that her diet changed once she arrived in England suggests that her lifestyle may have changed quite significantly.



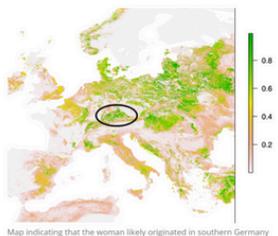
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This chain of interlinked iron rings from the grave is thought to be part of a chatelaine, a kind of belt from which early medieval women hung useful household objects like keys



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