

Would you build a roundhouse here?

Iron Age families lived in roundhouses like ours at Ryedale Folk Museum. Some Iron Age people even created hill forts, with ditches to protect them from invasion. But would they choose a site like ours to make their home? Firstly, decide what you think would be important.

	Very important	Quite important	Not very important
Space for several roundhouses together			
A high location so that you can see a long way			
Trees nearby for natural materials			
A stream or lake for water and fishing			
Protection from wild animals or predators			

Explore the location of our roundhouse in more detail. Create a sketch of the area.

Can you label some of the important features?

You could include:

- wetland and water
- space for animals
- places for growing crops
- trees and coppicing for wood

What do you think are the advantages of this site?

What do you think are the disadvantages of this site?

Overall, do you think it's a good location for a settlement of roundhouses?

Yes / No

Ryedale Folk Museum in the North York Moors