

Chronology Chart

Period	Start (earliest)	End (latest)	Sub-periods	Start (earliest)	End (latest)
21 st c (now)	AD2001				
Late post medieval	AD1801	AD2000	Modern (20 th century) 19 th century	AD1900 AD1800	AD1999 AD1899
Post medieval	AD1551	AD1800			
Medieval	AD1050	AD1550	Late medieval Medieval Early medieval	AD1401 AD1226 AD1050	AD1550 AD1400 AD1225
Saxon	AD411	AD1050	Late Saxon Middle Saxon Early (pagan) Saxon	AD851 AD701 AD411	AD1050 AD850 AD700
Roman occupation	AD43	AD410			
Iron Age	800BC	AD42	Late Iron Age Middle Iron Age Early Iron Age	100BC 400BC 800BC	42AD 101BC 401BC
Bronze Age	2,350BC	801BC	Late Bronze Age Middle Bronze Age Early Bronze Age	1000BC 1600BC 2350BC	801BC 1001BC 1601BC
Beaker	2300BC	1700BC			
Neolithic (New Stone Age)	4,000BC	2351BC	Late Neolithic Middle Neolithic Early Neolithic	2700BC 3000BC 4,000BC	2351BC 2701BC 3001BC
Mesolithic	10,000BC	4,001BC	Late Mesolithic Early Mesolithic	7,000BC 10,000BC	4,001BC 7,001BC
Palaeolithic (Old Stone Age)	600,000BC	10,001BC	Upper Palaeolithic Middle Palaeolithic Lower Palaeolithic	40,000BC 150,000BC 600,000BC	10,001BC 40,001BC 150,001BC

Chronological chart. The prehistoric dates are drawn from the Kent HER. The rest come from the boundaries used by the Canterbury Archaeological Trust (and us) for pottery periods. Don't be surprised to come across slightly different ones in other books. Never forget that this chopping up of the past is just for convenience, there are hardly any 'real' boundaries. The exceptions are the Conquests and even those took time to affect everyone and affected different places in different ways and to different extents. Change is continuous!