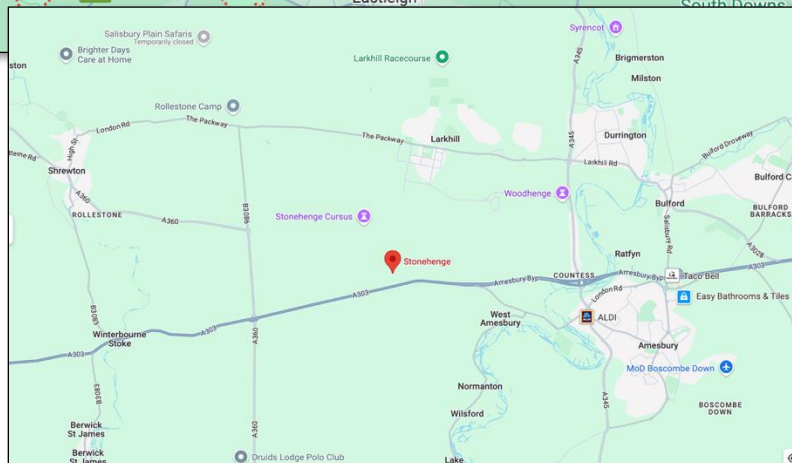
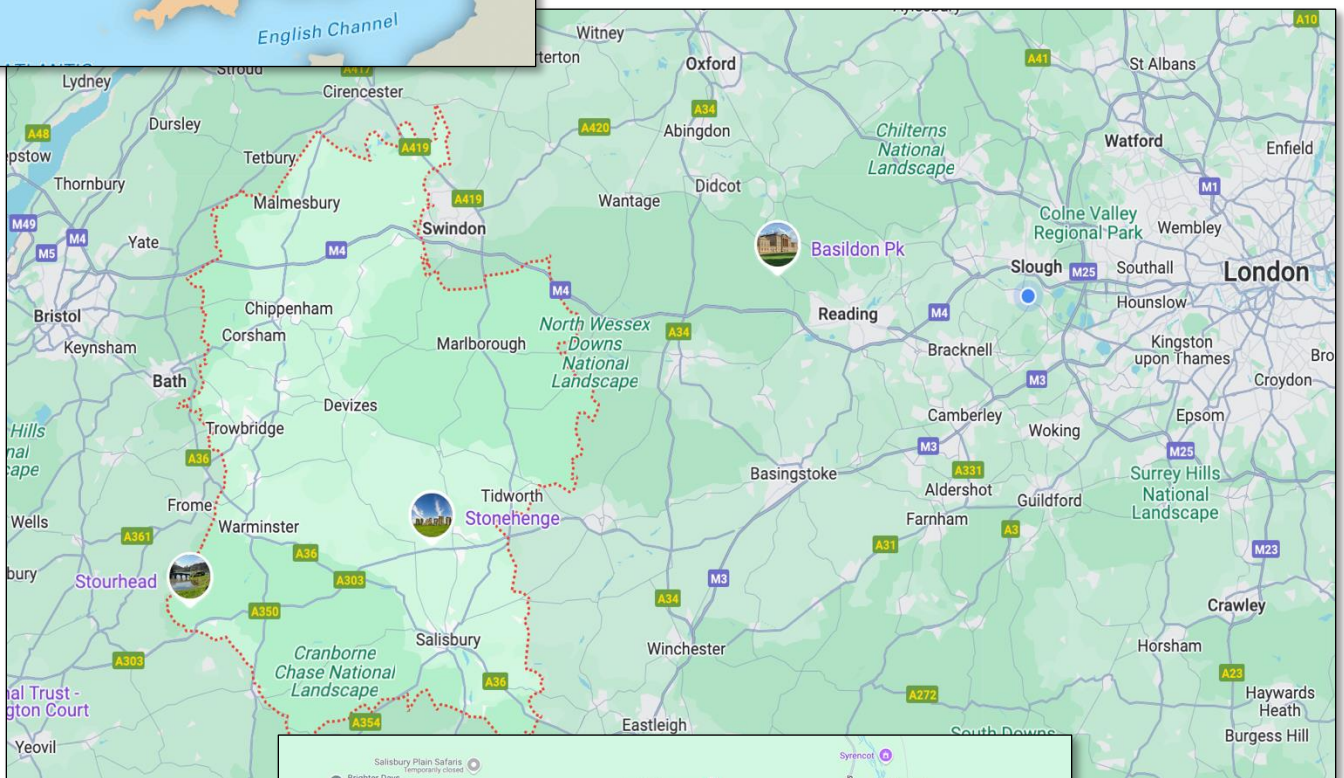


STONEHENGE



- ❖ Located in **SOUTH SOUTHWESTERN ENGLAND**
- ❖ In the southern part of a county called **WILTSHIRE**.
- ❖ ESE of Bath
- ❖ South of The Cotswolds
- ❖ WSW of London
- ❖ North of Southampton



STONEHENGE

What & Why

- ❖ Stonehenge is a prehistoric monument in Wiltshire, England, built over 5000 years ago.
- ❖ It's made up of large standing stones arranged in a circle, some weighing up to 25 tons (30 Tonnes)
- ❖ No one knows for sure why it was built, but theories include:
 - ❖ A burial ground and a place of ancestral worship
 - ❖ A temple to the sun or moon
 - ❖ A kind of ancient astrological calendar
 - ❖ A place for religious or healing ceremonies
 - ❖ Landing pad for aliens
 - ❖ Unifying 'people groups' across Britain
 - ❖ The Devil was responsible for its construction
 - ❖ Druid worship
- ❖ It's one of the most famous landmarks in the UK (and maybe worldwide) and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- ❖ It's the only stone circle in the world where the stones are carved and jointed into each other.
- ❖ Many archaeologists think it all began with a simple, perfect circle of small stones around 5,000 years ago.
- ❖ Construction of the circle began around 3000 BC and continued in stages over 1,500 years. That makes it older than the pyramids of Egypt!



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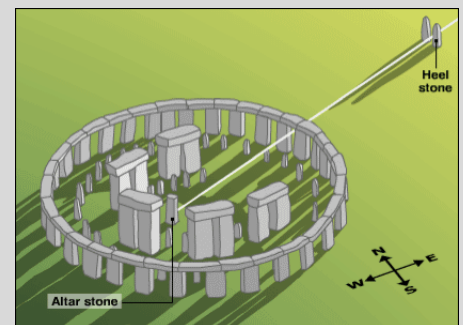
- ❖ Near Salisbury in Wiltshire. ESE of Bath, S of The Cotswolds and WSW of London.
- ❖ Approx. 1 hr. 30 min from Windsor or 2 hrs. from Central London - 80 miles.
- ❖ Wiltshire is a landlocked county, surrounded by Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Hampshire, Dorset, and Somerset.
- ❖ Wiltshire is famous for Wiltshire-cured ham, a traditional English delicacy and Lardy Cake, a spiced bread like Fruit cake.
- ❖ Wiltshire is often considered the "Crop Circle Capital of the World."
- ❖ People from Wiltshire call themselves 'Moonrakers'.
- ❖ Huge chalk white horse figures are carved into Wiltshire's hillsides, the most famous being the Westbury White Horse.
- ❖ Nearby Salisbury Cathedral is the tallest church spire in the UK (123m / 404 ft) and it houses one of the original copies of the Magna Carta (1215).

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OF INTEREST

- ❖ The bluestones, smaller stones in Stonehenge's inner circle, were transported 180 miles over land from the Preseli Hills in Wales, according to new research.
- ❖ The larger sarsens, which form the outer circle, came from the Marlborough Downs, about 19 miles north of Stonehenge. Some research suggests the Altar Stone weighing six and a half UK tons has come from Scotland, over 400 miles away.
- ❖ The Sarsen stones at Stonehenge typically weigh around 20 tonnes (25 tons). These massive stones form the central horseshoe, the outer circle's uprights and lintels, and other outlying stones like the Heel Stone and Slaughter Stone. The heaviest stone, the Heel Stone, can weigh up to 30 tons.
- ❖ The smaller bluestones from Wales have acoustic properties. When struck, they make a ringing sound — like bells or gongs. Some think Stonehenge may have been used for sound-based ceremonies.
- ❖ The earliest known tourist graffiti at Stonehenge is from the 12th century — people have been carving their names into the stones for nearly 1,000 years!
- ❖ A medieval legend says Merlin the wizard (King Arthur's Merlin) magically transported the stones from Ireland. According to the story, they were originally brought there by giants.
- ❖ It is believed that up to 250 bodies lay in the ruins of Stonehenge.

- ❖ At dawn on the 21st June – the summer solstice – the central altar stone aligns with the outer heel stone and the rising sun (Fig 1)



- ❖ Aliens or ancient engineers?:
Some people believe aliens helped build Stonehenge due to the size of the stones and the mystery around how they were transported and placed. No proof of extraterrestrial involvement, of course — but the theory keeps showing up in documentaries.
- ❖ Stonehenge is a popular location associated with ley lines, which are theorized to be energy pathways connecting ancient sites. Some believe Stonehenge is a hub of ley lines.



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FARM SHOPS

The Berwick Farm Shop (7 mins south)

Langford Lane, SP3 4UA

The Old Forge Farm Shop & Café (7 mins south)

Langford Lane, SP3 4UA

Cholderton Farm Shop (13 mins East)

Tidworth Road, Cholderton, SP4 0DR

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The New Inn (14 mins East)

High Street, Amesbury

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The Bridge Inn (10 mins South)

Upper Woodfood, SP4 6NU

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The Boot Inn (10 mins South)

High Street, Berwick St James, SP3 4TN

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The Plume of Feathers (5 mins West)

High Street, Shrewton SP3 4BZ

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Call 111

Allied Pharmacy

67 Bulford Road

Durrington

SP4 8DL

Boots Pharmacy

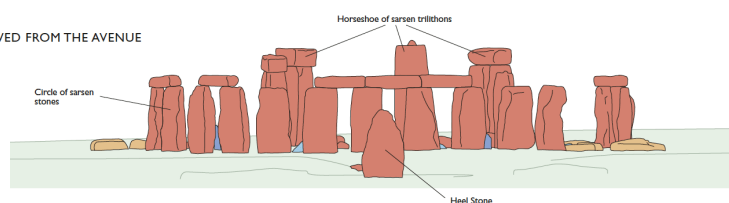
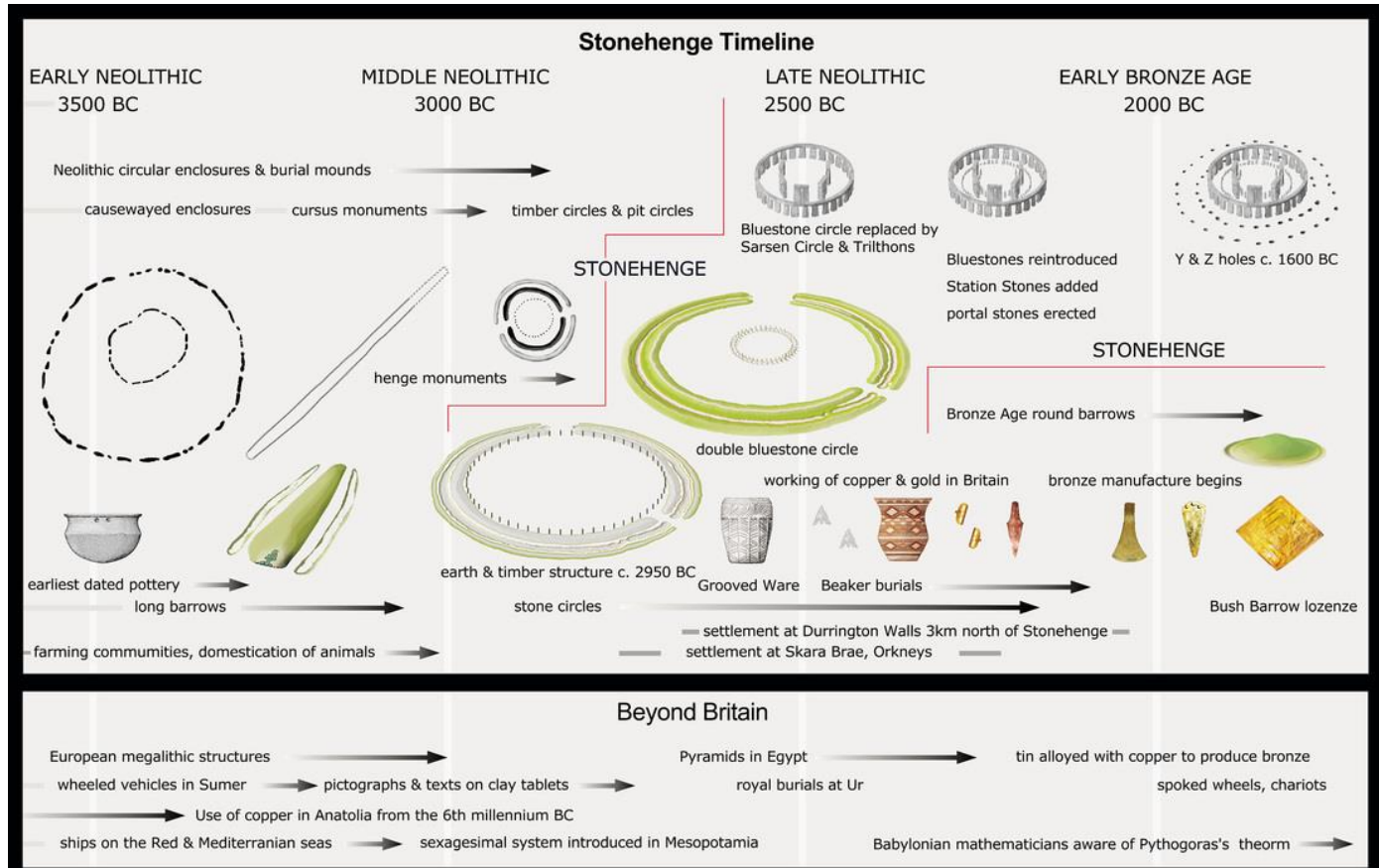
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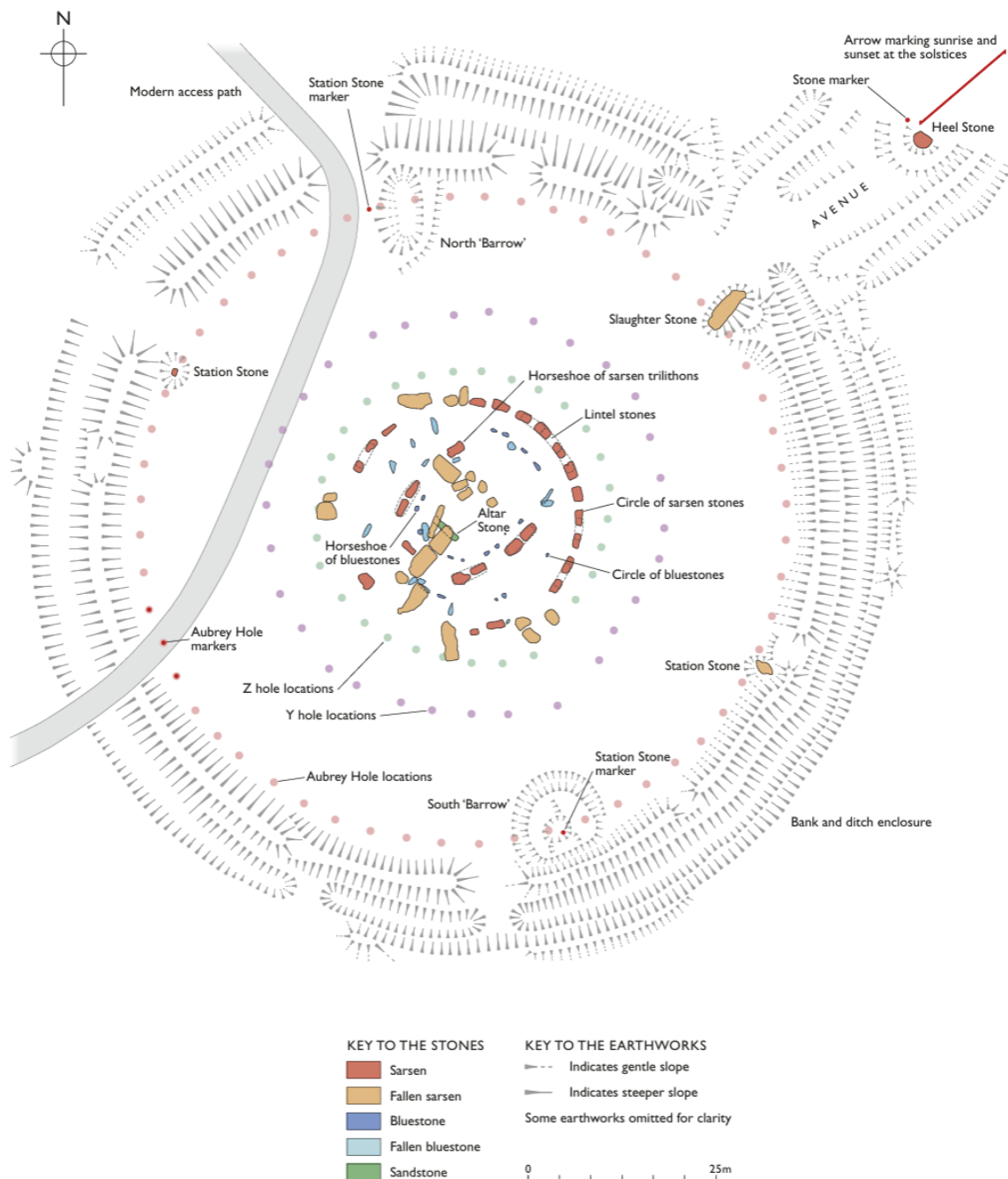
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