

The oldest house in Britain

It was warm, round, had a (1)..... (FANTASY) view of a lake and appears to have been occupied for several hundred years. Welcome to the oldest house in the UK, which was found with other fascinating relics (2)..... (NEAR) at a site in North Yorkshire. These remains are transforming our (3)..... (KNOW) of how Britain's earliest inhabitants lived.

The structure was 3.5 metres in (4)..... (WIDE) and was supported by a circle of wooden posts. Dark, decayed matter at the centre of the ruin suggests the possibility of a roof entirely made of grasses. (5)..... (INVESTIGATE) of the remains by scientists revealed that the building stood in 8,500 BC. It was (6)..... (ORIGIN) thought that people living in Britain at this time were nomadic with no fixed homes. But the (7)..... (DISCOVER) of the oldest known house provides clear (8)..... (EVIDENT) that some of these people built large permanent structures. Researchers of the site, however, are (9)..... (SURE) about how long the house will remain the 'oldest' in the UK, because new finds are being made all the time.