

SERF Research Agenda conference discussion points for the Middle Bronze Age/Iron Age

- The unity of the region in later prehistory: is it sensible or productive to regard the region as a unit rather than to associate Sussex with southern England and Kent and Surrey with Eastern England?
- The use of the Weald in later prehistory: how good is the evidence for occupation or exploitation of the Weald in later prehistory? Was it a barrier to communication?
- The evolution of settlement: despite (or because of) the rapid accumulation of new evidence, there are major problems such as the long-term history of the land divisions laid out in the MBA/LBA; the problem of MIA settlements; the hiatus between earlier sites and those of the LIA.
- The transition to the Late Iron Age: how are we to understand the important changes from MIA to LIA, including the emergence of a southern kingdom centred on west Sussex? What was the role of Kent and Surrey with regard to the emerging political structure of South-East England?