

## Can you help us build replica Neolithic houses of Boncuklu brick by brick?

### Reconstructing mud-brick houses



We're hoping to raise £30,000 to bring these mud-brick homes and Neolithic 'gardens' to life for visitors to experience and understand life 10,000 years ago.

Boncuk in Turkish means bead, and so Boncuklu means the place of beads. This is due to the number of beads found over the site made of shell, bone and stone.

Boncuklu's villagers built oval-shaped mud-brick houses to live in, often on the footprint of an older house. Inside their homes they plastered wild aurochs' skulls onto the walls. Some walls were painted red and they buried their dead under the floors.

Building replica houses allows archaeologists to learn much about these ancient peoples' skills, from making the mudbricks to fashioning tools from bone and stone to build the walls and roof. A lot can be learnt about the environment thousands of years ago too, by copying ancient planting and crop patterns, helping us to better understand the spread of farming through Anatolia into Europe.

This Neolithic village dates as far back as 8,300 BC – it seems to be the direct ancestor of the nearby UNESCO site of Çatalhöyük (which has been the BIAA flagship project for the last 25 years). Excavations show that its inhabitants not only hunted wild cattle and boar and caught wetland fish and water birds, but also grew the earliest crops in central Anatolia, including domestic wheats. Inhabitants also started the process of herding local sheep and goats.

EVERY "DONATION BRICK"  
YOU GIVE US WILL HELP US  
TO COMPLETE THE PLAN.



BONCUKLU BEADS



REPLICA HOUSES



DECORATED STONE

WORK TO BE FUNDED

As well as reconstructing Neolithic houses, the Boncuklu Project is developing an on-site visitor centre which will include freely available information in Turkish and English to explain the significance of the site to international visitors. Local communities will be involved in nurturing and protecting the site and will do so in the best way to protect the region's ecology. You can find out much more about this international project at [www.boncuklu.org](http://www.boncuklu.org).

Whether you dream of living a Boncuklu lifestyle or not you can help us to show others how it was lived. From 20 October 2017 you can donate here [www.biaa.ac.uk/donate/boncuklu-appeal](http://www.biaa.ac.uk/donate/boncuklu-appeal) and watch the amount raised by the colouring of the beads.



If you would like to make a donation please fill in the reverse side of this flyer or visit [www.biaa.ac.uk](http://www.biaa.ac.uk)

I'd like to give BIAA one donation brick

£30

I'll give a block of four donation bricks

£120

I'll give two donation bricks

£60

I'll give a whole mud-house

£3,000

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