

TEMPORAL CONTINUITY

Britain's oldest continuously inhabited village (from Stone Pages).

Further to the matter of continuity –

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Dreghorn in Ayrshire, Scotland, has been revealed as Britain's oldest continuously inhabited village after the remains of an ancient settlement were uncovered by builders.

North Ayrshire Council granted permission for a development of 53 new houses at Dreghorn on the condition that tests were carried out on land next to Dreghorn cemetery. Developers spotted suspicious-looking lumps and bumps on aerial photographs, and when a 5,500-year-old well was found in November, archaeologists were called in. The team of archaeologists is being led by Tom Wilson.

“This is only one of five to be discovered in Scotland and we think it dates back to around 3500BC” he said. “It would be a farming community with around eight huts taking pride of place in the site. We have also found

pits with pottery and a giant fence that must have circled the village. Although other neolithic villages have been found in Scotland, this is the only one I believe has been permanently lived in. We can see where the huts and kiln would have been ... ”

Reminds me of Peter Ackroyd's *First Light* – a novel of the implications of such *temporal* continuities.