

Cheddar Man

The last 10 years has seen a revolution in the way that we can study DNA extracted from ancient human remains, providing a much richer understanding of, amongst other things, the demographic prehistory of Europe. Here I will discuss results from the analysis of DNA extracted from British ancient human remains dating to various periods over the last 10,000 years. I will give a broad overview of the genetic prehistory of Britain and specifically the genetics of the 10,000-year Cheddar Man, the oldest mostly-complete skeleton ever found in Britain.