**Iron Age Clothing**

Iron Age people loved finery and ornamentation. They dressed to impress!

The rich had finer clothes and wore many rings,

brooches, bracelets and torcs.

**A** torc was a neck ring of twisted metal (usually bronze or gold). These were generally worn by important people such as chieftains, nobles and warriors.

**C**lothes were made of wool or linen often with a striped or checked pattern.

**I**ron Age women would have worn a simple, long sleeveless dress, possibly a simple tube of cloth pinned or sewn together at the shoulder.

**A**n edging band may have been made separately and sewn on to the edge of the cloth.

**A** blouse or shirt might have been worn under it. Women also wore a cloak. This would have been fastened at the shoulder by a brooch.

**M**en wore braccae or trousers which would be worn under a tunic, held at the waist with a belt.

**O**ver this would have been a cloak.

Fabrics were dyed using plants and berries:

Ragwort – mustard yellow

Madder – red

Woad – indigo

Weld/Mignonette/Dyer’s Racket – yellow

Dyer’s Greenwood – green after yellow dye

**F**ootwear was made from deer hide lined with sheepskin constructed from one single piece of hair-on skin.

**T**he uppers were gathered in pleats around the toes with a vertical seam at the heel. A tough leather sole was fixed inside increasing durability.