

## Early hominins in north-west Europe: a punctuated long chronology?

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 Table 6: Palaeoenvironmental reconstructions for Early and Middle Pleistocene British sites and

German sites.

Site	Palaeoenvironmental description	Age (MIS)	Source
Early Pleistocene		I	1
Pont-de-Lavaud	Closed deciduous forest; warm, wet climate	30	(Messager et
			al., 2011)
Happisburgh III (Unit	Cool temperate; heathland & coniferous	Late 25 or	(Ashton and
C)	forest	late 21	Lewis, 2012)
Happisburgh III (Units	Cool temperate; dominated by coniferous	Late 25 or	(Ashton and
D & E)	forest	late 21	Lewis, 2012)
Early Middle Pleistocen	e		1
Pakefield (Units Aiv-	Mediterranean-type climate; marshy ground	17 or later	(Ashton and
Ciii)	with reed-beds & alder carr, surrounded by	19	Lewis, 2012)
	deciduous forest		
Happisburgh I	Cool climate; marshy edge of slow-flowing	13?	(Ashton and
(Organic Mud–	river, with surrounding coniferous forest		Lewis, 2012)
Organic Silt Sand)			
High Lodge (Units B2–	Cool-temperate climate; marshy ponds, heath	13?	(Ashton and
C2)	& grassland on river floodplain, surrounded by		Lewis, 2012)
	pine & spruce forest		
Boxgrove (Unit 4b)	Coastal mudflats, with occasional drying out &	13	(Ashton and
	spread of grassland		Lewis, 2012)
Boxgrove (Unit 4c &	Temperate climate, with cooler winters than	13	(Ashton and
Q1B pond deposits)	present; grassland, scrub & mixed woodland,		Lewis, 2012)
	with spring-fed pools		

Boxgrove (Unit 8)	Interstadial environment	Later 13–	(Ashton and		
		early 12	Lewis, 2012)		
Boxgrove (Unit 11)	Periglacial, with ameliorations in climate	Later 13–	(Ashton and		
		early 12	Lewis, 2012)		
Later Middle Pleistocene					
Bilzingsleben II	Fully temperate, with subcontinental	11	(Mania and		
	influences; mixed oak woodland & shrub		Mania, 2003)		
	associations, alternating with steppe				
	meadows				
Barnham (Unit 5c;	Temperate climate; mix of grassland &	11c	(Ashton and		
Holl)	deciduous woodland on edge of slow-flowing		Lewis, 2012)		
	river				
Beeches Pit (Unit 4;	Fully temperate environment; spring-fed	11c	(Ashton and		
Holll)	pools with deciduous woodland		Lewis, 2012)		
Beeches Pit (Unit 3b;	Temperate climate; shallow to stagnant pools	11c	(Ashton and		
Hollb–c)	with calcareous grassland and surrounding		Lewis, 2012)		
	open woodland				
Hoxne (Unit B1)	Cooler temperatures ( <i>cf</i> . units D & E);	11a	(Ashton and		
	probable birch & pine forest; some grassland		Lewis, 2012)		
	areas				
Swanscombe (Lower	Grassy floodplain with shallow pools &	11c	(Ashton and		
Loam; Hollb–c)	occasional flooding; mixed oak forest nearby,		Lewis, 2012)		
	with hazel & alder				
Schöningen 13 II-4	Mosaic swamp, with reed-like and sedge	9	(Stahlschmidt		
	vegetation; regional context: highly		et al., 2015;		

continental dry steppe/open forest; tree taxa	Urban and
dominated by pine & birch	Bigga, 2015)