

Skull in Musselburgh dated by archaeologists

East Lothian Council's Archaeology Officers have confirmed that the skull found on Musselburgh's Old Links Golf Course is a young Iron Age woman.

The skull was discovered ten days ago when council groundkeepers dug up the remains at a bunker on the 4th.

Lothian and Borders Police investigations were stopped after forensic tests proved that the skull was dated at around 2000 years old.

"It was a very populated area during that period," said an East Lothian Council spokesman, "and, periodically, bones from similar periods are unearthed in that area."

It was suggested by the size of the skull and the teeth to be that of a female in her early 20s.

Although archaeologists are keen on an exploration of the surrounding site, no major excavation is planned.

"A limited dig will be carried out to see if there are other bones relating to the skull in close proximity," the spokesman explained.

"Whether it be the result of farming or other activity, chances are these bones will have been disturbed considerably over the past 2,000 years."