A SWORDSMAN?

The clues in the grave

- **The buckles from spurs**
- **A sword**
- **A pin**
- **Two knives and a whetstone**
- **Flints**

Image (right):
X-ray of the sword with ringed pin touching the blade,
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What do these mean?



A sword and spurs

These suggest this was the burial of a wealthy man. He could afford both a horse, indicated by the spur buckles, and a sword. The sword would have been an impressive one. The blade was pattern welded and the pommel had inlaid decoration. The handle was bent when found, probably due to the ploughing of the field in later years.



The pin and jewellery

He was probably buried wearing, or wrapped in, a cloak held by a ringed pin. A collection of glass and amber beads, as well as three silver rings, was found at his neck.



The flints

This small collection of flints would have been used to light fires.



The knives

There were two knives at his waist. One was found with a fine-grained whetstone beside it. Whetstones are used for sharpening blades so one of the knives may have been a razor.



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