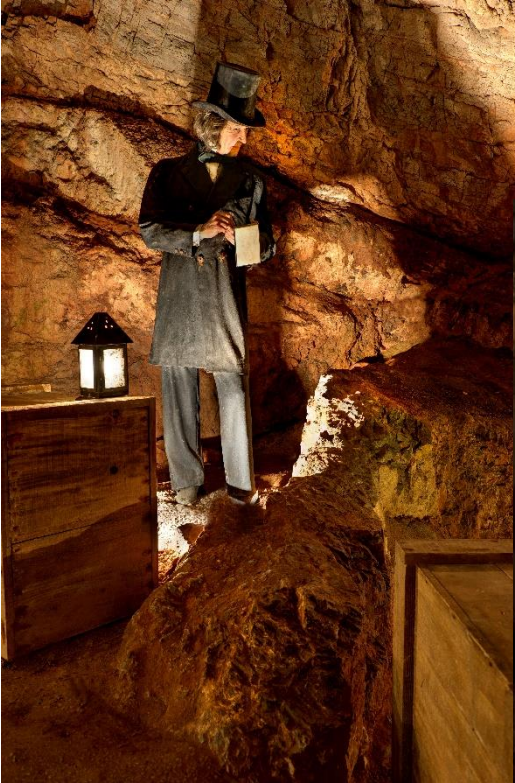


Victorians



Height: 1.1 - 1.5 metres

Weight: 46- 55 kg

Used Kents Cavern 1826 – 1880

In 1826, the first ever recorded excavations of Kents Cavern were carried out by an Irish priest named John MacEnery. His findings influenced the work of the great excavations from 1865 – 1880. This was carried out by a man named William Pengelly (pictured above with his notebook), a pioneer of archaeology. The techniques he used whilst working at Kents Cavern are used all over the world today by other archaeologists.

His work saw the cave system excavated to extent it is today. He and his team found over 80,000 artefacts mainly from the Stone Age which are now in museum all over the world! Working here for 15 years took its toll on some of the workers and George Smerdon (Knelt down in the picture) developed rheumatism from his time here. His son in law Francis Powe eventually bought the cave and his family still run it to this day!