

Romans



Height: 1.2-1.5

Weight (including armour): 65 - 75 kg

Came to Britain: AD 43 – AD 410

AD 43 saw the Roman invasion of Britain. 50,000 soldiers crossed the English Channel in three divisions, landing at Richborough, Dover, and Lympne. It took about four years for the invaders to finally gain control over southern England, and another 30 years for them to conquer all of the West Country and the mountains and valleys of Wales.

At Kents Cavern, Valentinian Roman coins were found in front of a natural formation known as 'the face'. It is thought that romans visited the caves during their invasion of Britain and used Kents Cavern as a shrine to their cave God 'Mithras' and left the coins as an offering. Roman sandals were also found in the cave but we doubt their smelly shoes would have been left as an offering to their God!