Should the Vikings stay in Britain?

There are many things in today’s world that the Viking did for us. Have you ever wondered where the name Scunthorpe came from? Or how we got the word cake? Well, all this is thanks to the Vikings! I am going to discuss why the Vikings should or should not stay in Britain. I will look at points both for and against this issue.

The Vikings, despite their numerous raids, are people of peace and prosperity. They tended to their land and went about their business without causing much trouble to Saxons. Desperately, the Vikings left their home in search of new lands and are therefore glad of somewhere peaceful in which to live which does not involve violence and raiding. Due to the vast overcrowding in the Norse lands, the Vikings had to leave to find new land in which they could survive and found the mild climate of Britain with its tranquil surroundings and prosperous resources (like wool, wood and metal).

As we all know, Britain is a tiny island with very limited resources and they may soon run out! We only have room for a small amount of trees, a handful of hills and roughly a hundred large rivers! With all of these Vikings settling in our country, we could soon not have enough resources for the Saxon people to live! Vikings consume a vast amount of resources which we can see every day across the landscape: fences, houses, huts and halls (for feasts and celebrations). These structures are an eyesore which do not fit into our surroundings, like Saxon buildings do!

Although Vikings use resources, they do have a purpose – building towns and other settlements which foster thriving communities. In order for our great nation to grow, we need more people to come. Having these towns and settlements grow mean that more trade comes in from overseas (Europe and Africa) and that people may be more likely to stay and help us as we grow. The Vikings came to Britain because they wanted to find land for farming and agriculture. Even the Romans came to Britain to establish towns and cities (and perhaps steal some of the resources). Clearly Britain is a great location to live!

However, Viking raiders are the scourge of the Saxon people: destroying villages, burning houses, stealing valuable objects like manuscripts and bibles and in some cases, they even killed those who stood in their way! This unnecessary violence and wake of destruction does nothing to help the communities of Britain. Viking raiders are a bloodthirsty, barbaric people, who care for nothing but the sheer enjoyment of witnessing families’ lives ruined by their mindless vandalism and petty pilfering. Did you know that in some cases, holy books and manuscripts have been sold back to the monasteries for a cost? The Vikings are only looking to trade the objects they have stolen for other goods in their homeland or on other shores – but why do they need to if they worked in fields farming or in a town as a blacksmith or a butcher?

In conclusion, we have seen how the Vikings establish towns and cities, as well as being a peaceful people when they have settled (and are not out raiding other towns or monasteries). However, we have also shown how they steal from others in order to trade or sell those items for a much higher cost and would take up our resources when coming here. It is my opinion that the Vikings should leave Britain and never come back! They have given us lots of words, towns and even objects (like a dragon boat) but they have caused a lot of people upset and lives have been torn apart by their senseless violence.