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activity, we can now appreciate the central importance of mark making to the formation of Neolithic communities across Britain and Ireland"--  
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