

# Unit 3

## 1 England now and then

Alicia: We're going to find out more about England today. Let's look at some of the famous places from England's past.

Presenter: There has been a circle of stones at Stonehenge for thousands of years. Stonehenge is in the south of England. No one knows who built it, or why the stones are there.

This is Hadrian's Wall. The Romans started to build it in the north of England in the year 122. It took six years to build the wall and it is more than 70 miles long, from one side of England to the other.

In 1066 the Normans came across the sea from France. They fought a battle against the English near Hastings. The Normans won, and their leader, William the Conqueror, became king of England.

The Vikings came to England from Denmark, Norway and other countries in Scandinavia. In the year 866, they invaded the English city of York. Some stayed and the city became their home. Today there are often Viking festivals in York.