The life ways of Stone-Age people. How can we learn more about them? Life and death, food, beliefs and behaviour: many clues are to be found in skeletal remains and material culture from Stone-Age settings. This thesis deals with the potentials of tracing activities through the skeletal and dental evidence from hunter-gatherer burial sites on Gotland, with the aim of detecting prehistoric ways of life.

Evidence of both muscular strain and dental wear, shows different activity patterns and a gendered division of labour within the Pitted Ware culture on Gotland. Results also suggest that physical activity may have consequences for the general health status of a population. By exploring life ways, habitual behaviour and health of the actual people who lived and died on these sites, we have become better acquainted with the hunter-gatherers of the Pitted Ware culture on Gotland.

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