

AXE

Unique ID: YORYM-BF3D64

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An almost complete very fine and well finished axe of Neolithic to early Bronze Age date. The object has an rounded oval section, which has been ground at one end to form a chamfered blade end. The blade has broken in places, as a result of shallow chips. It is important to notice the polishing striations which have been left behind on the surface of the axe. On the rounded surfaces the striations are longitudinal, where as the striations on the blade section are more irregular and curved. The blade proper has short longitudinal striations, this is where the chipping has occurred. The opposite end of the axe, the butt end, has been shaped into a blunt cone, with little other detail. The object is constructed of a fine grained igneous volcanic rock with the appearance of a porphyritic basalt. The phenocrysts (crystals) are most likely plagioclase feldspar. The stone has a dark brownish-black patina. The object has been highly polished resulting in a smooth, glossy texture, albeit pitted in places. The object is probably an axehead dating to circa 3500-1500 BC.

Chronology

Broad period: NEOLITHIC

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: NEOLITHIC

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: BRONZE AGE

Date from: Circa 3500 BC

Date to: Circa 1500 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 118.4 mm

Width: 42.4 mm

Thickness: 36.6 mm

Weight: 288 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 26th September 2009

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Mrs Rebecca Griffiths

Identified by: Mrs Rebecca Griffiths

Secondary identifier: MR Stuart Ogilvy

Materials and construction

Primary material: Igneous rock

Manufacture method: Ground/polished

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [Yorkshire and the Humber](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [East Riding of Yorkshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [East Riding of Yorkshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

To be known as: North Ferriby

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Centred on village (which isn't a parish)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 100 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Other chance find

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined