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Object type certainty: Certain Workflow status: Published

A Lower (early) Palaeolithic flint handaxe. The axe is complete and is ovate and almost symmetrical in plan. There is bifacial working and remnants of cortex on both dorsal and ventral surfaces. Length 161.6mm, width 88.42mm, thickness 28.65mm, weight 496g. Lower or middle Paleaolithic dated 500,000-40,000 BC. The patina is orangey brown which is indicative of the axe being deposited in river terrace gravels.

Class: hand

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: PALAEOLITHIC Subperiod from: Early Period from: PALAEOLITHIC Date from: Circa 800000 BC Date to: Circa 180000 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1 Length: 161.6 mm Width: 88.42 mm Thickness: 28.65 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 8th October 2009

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Museum accession number: CHMER 5443

Materials and construction

Primary material: Flint Manufacture method: Knapped/flaked Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: <u>London</u> (European Region) County or Unitary authority: <u>Greater London Authority</u> (Greater London Authority) District: <u>Havering</u> (London Borough) Parish or ward: <u>Upminster</u> (London Borough Ward)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TQ5787 Four figure Latitude: 51.560033 Four figure longitude: 0.263482 1:25K map: TQ5787 1:10K map: TQ58NE Grid reference source: Centred on village (which isn't a parish) Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Other chance find General landuse: Cultivated land