## HANDAXE

Unique ID: ESS-6603F1
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 161.6 mm , width 88.42 mm , thickness 28.65 mm , weight 496 g . Lower or middle Paleaolithic dated $500,000-40,000 \mathrm{BC}$. 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

This information is restricted for your access level.

## Other reference numbers

Museum accession number: CHMER 5443

## Materials and construction

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

## Spatial metadata

Region: London (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: Greater London Authority (Greater London Authority)
District: Havering (London Borough)
Parish or ward: Upminster (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

