

FLANGED AXEHEAD

Unique ID: DENO-CE5138

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An incomplete cast copper-alloy developed flat axehead of Middle Bronze Age date. Despite damage it is most likely that this example should be classified as an example of Arreton Park type (c.2000 BC - c.1700 BC) which corresponds to Early Bronze Age III, or metalworking stage V, which corresponds to Needham's (1996) Period 3 circa 2000 - 1700 BC. The reasons for this classification are that the axe does not appear to have a stopper ridge or side loops, is not as flat as some earlier types and the blade terminates in a broad, crescentic curved cutting edge. The bevelling to create the cutting edge is shallow, beginning just below the line of the flange terminals. The flanged sides, which are integrally cast, give the artefact a rounded 'H-shaped' cross section. The axe is broken towards the middle of the body with the butt end missing and approximately three fifths of the axe surviving. Where it survives the patina is a dark greenish-brown colour but the axe has suffered considerable corrosion in the ground and has a heavily pitted surface, no surface decoration, which is sometimes found on axes of Arreton type, is notable on any of the surfaces.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: BRONZE AGE

Period from: BRONZE AGE

Period to: BRONZE AGE

Date from: Circa 2000 BC

Date to: Circa 1700 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 64 mm

Width: 42.2 mm

Thickness: 15.7 mm

Weight: 110.2 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 1st October 2009 - Saturday 31st October 2009

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: Derby E6826

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Cast

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: [East Midlands](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Nottinghamshire](#) (County)

District: [Newark and Sherwood](#) (District)

To be known as: South Scarle

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined