TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

Unique ID: YORYM-DA26C3

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A large knapped tool, made from basalt.

The tool has a triangular section, with two sides being wider than the third. All three sides have been heavily knapped and well finished. One terminal is slightly broken. The opposite terminal has been polished and ground possibly as a result of being used as a chisel or similar tool. This polishing gives the terminal, on the narrow side of the tool, a very smoth and rounded appearance. This wear pattern can also be seen on the surface opposite. The basalt has a dark greyish-black surface colour.

This tool and its material are both very unusual for the British Isle, but Basalt is found in the British Isle, so it could be a native tool. However, it is also possibly that the tool was brought over some time ago from the Americas and lost in a rural context. If this is a native tool it may date to the mesolithic to neolithic period.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MESOLITHIC

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: MESOLITHIC

Subperiod to: Late Period to: NEOLITHIC Date from: Circa 6500 BC Date to: Circa 2100 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 175 mm Width: 27.7 mm Thickness: 20.6 mm

Weight: 130 g

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Materials and construction

Primary material: Stone

Manufacture method: Knapped/flaked

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: <u>Yorkshire and the Humber</u> (European Region) County or Unitary authority: <u>North Yorkshire</u> (County)

District: <u>Hambleton</u> (District) To be known as: Aiskew

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Other chance find

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined