

BLADE

Unique ID: PUBLIC-425B02

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A true blade of translucent mottled grey-brown flint with a faint red ring. The right of the dorsal surface carries parallel oblique blade scars and these are truncated by a longitudinal blade scar parallel to the true blade removal. This has parallel margins and dorsal ridge. The blade has been removed by soft hammer or punch from a core whose platform has been systematically replaced by one at a thirty degree angle. The flint appears to have been heat-treated to facilitate the production of longer and more predictable blades from difficult slightly coarse pebble resources. There are other examples from this locality. A small patch of dorsal gloss on the ridges near the proximal end may indicate use.

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: Royal Cornwall Museum

Subsequent action after recording: Donated to a museum

Chronology

Broad period: MESOLITHIC

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: MESOLITHIC

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: MESOLITHIC

Date from: Circa 6500 BC

Date to: Circa 4500 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 27.1 mm

Width: 9.6 mm

Thickness: 2.8 mm

Weight: 0.5 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 18th July 2007 - Wednesday 18th July 2007

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: 491B.4

Museum accession number: 2011.23

Materials and construction

Primary material: Flint

Manufacture method: Knapped/flaked

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [South West](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Cornwall](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [Cornwall](#) (Unitary Authority)

Parish or ward: [Paul](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SW4526

Four figure Latitude: 50.079285

Four figure longitude: -5.565627

1:25K map: SW4526

1:10K map: SW46SE

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Fieldwalking

Current location: Royal Cornwall Museum

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Operations to a depth less than 0.25 m