MACE

Unique ID: SWYOR-856181

Object type certainty: Probably Workflow status: Published

Part of a perforated stone mace head or pebble hammer. It was broken in antiquity irregularly through the shaft hole, which is cylindrical and approximately 12 - 15mm in diameter. The shaft hole has been drilled from each side, meeting about halfway across, with the second bore slightly misaligned. The stone is heavily weathered and pitted, as well as cracked. It is almost lozenge shaped in section and a pointed oval in plan. The stone is probably quartzite and is a light yellow grey colour.

An important clue to its age is given by the fact that the shaft hole is drilled and not pecked (which gives an hour glass shaped perforation), implying the use of a metal drill, probably of copper or bronze, and using sand as an abrasive. This dates production at its earliest to the Early or Middle Bronze Age, which is confirmed by the discovery of similar examples in association with Bronze Age contexts (compare NMS-634A82).

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 2150 BC Date to: Circa 800 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 65.41 mm Width: 44.61 mm Thickness: 40 mm Weight: 121.82 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 13th January 2011 - Thursday 12th January 2012

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: PAS form number 1731

Materials and construction

Primary material: Stone

Manufacture method: Ground/polished

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: Yorkshire and the Humber (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Doncaster (Metropolitan District)

District: <u>Doncaster</u> (Metropolitan District) Parish or ward: <u>Sykehouse</u> (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SE6417

Four figure Latitude: 53.645603 Four figure longitude: -1.033334

1:25K map: SE6417 1:10K map: SE61NW

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Agricultural or drainage work

General landuse: Cultivated land