

AXEHEAD

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Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Polished stone axehead recorded at the Hidden Treasure Finds Day at the National Museum & Gallery, Wales. The axe is complete and is a comparatively large example. Evidence of shaping via pecking is evident over areas of the axe, particularly around the sides of the face. The remainder of the faces are polished. The axehead is of oval section, with gently convex sides. The butt is short and slightly angled (c. 5-10 degrees) from the vertical axis of the axehead. The blade is curved and has retained its sharp edge. One of the faces is slightly dished, probably because of the shape of the stone prior to working.

Notes:

Geological inspection of the axehead has discovered that the rock type is a dolerite with unusual quench textures in the feldspars which together with chlorite pseudomorphs after glass allow us to provenance it accurately as originating from the Strumble Head volcanics, c. 32 KM to the north east of the findspot.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: NEOLITHIC

Period from: NEOLITHIC

Date from: 3500 BC

Date to: 2100 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 236 mm

Width: 95.6 mm

Thickness: 53 mm

Weight: 1892.2 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Monday 1st September 2003

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: NMGWPA 2003.168.1

Materials and construction

Primary material: Stone

Manufacture method: Ground/polished

Decoration method: Polished

Spatial metadata

Region: [Wales](#) (European Region)

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

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SM8309

Four figure Latitude: 51.737587

Four figure longitude: -5.14427

1:25K map: SM8309

1:10K map: SM80NW

Grid reference source: From a paper map

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Chance find during metal detecting

General landuse: Cultivated land