

DEBITAGE

Unique ID: SOM-BA8B25

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Eight pieces of flint debitage, several with possible retouch. Colours from opaque buff to dark grey-black including mottled pieces (possibly some from weathering). No primary, five secondary and three tertiary pieces. At least five (the top row plus piece photographed separately) are the product of a blade industry showing parallel removals of fine, thin, narrow pieces off a prepared core. The first three plus the additional piece are broken sections of blades and the first two may have very short scalar semi-abrupt retouch down one edge. On A2 where the work is on the dorsal face this could be chipping from post deposition damage. A1, the distal end of a blade, has possibly chipping or retouch on the left edge on the ventral face but the other edge has short semi-abrupt to abrupt scalar retouch worked from the dorsal side along the distal half of the edge which has started to create a notch, it may be the start of a microlith that was abandoned. A4 appears to be the distal end of a core and maybe a core refreshment flake. C1 has some possible retouch or chipping around the right edge and a vertical (adrupt) distal end suggesting it may have been a scraper but damage to this edge has removed most of the retouch, if any, and prevents identification. C2 has retouch or chipping to the proximal end, it is not clear if the projections are deliberate.

In general these pieces suggest a fine blade industry in which pieces of blade are being utilised and possibly retouched suggesting a Mesolithic date (10,000-4,000 BC) although some pieces may be from later occupation, in particular C1.

Total weight 15.65 grams.

Notes:

Piece photographed separately found April 2013.

Seven in main photo found October 2013

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MESOLITHIC

Period from: MESOLITHIC

Date from: Circa 10000 BC

Date to: Circa 4000 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 8

Weight: 15.65 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Monday 1st April 2013 - Thursday 31st October 2013

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC receipt 22463/16603

Materials and construction

Primary material: Flint

Manufacture method: Knapped/flaked

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [West Somerset](#) (District)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: ST0043

Four figure Latitude: 51.17746061

Four figure longitude: -3.431953

1:25K map: ST0043

1:10K map: ST04SW

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