

MICROLITH

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Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

A group of 2 flint microliths of Mesolithic date (9000-3450 BC). The lithics are sub-triangular in plan and plano-convex in section. Lithic no. 1 retains a small amount of cortex on the dorsal and is therefore a secondary flake. Lithic no. 2 retains no cortex and is therefore a tertiary flake.

The flakes are a dark grey in colour. The cortex is a light grey.

Dimensions: No. 1: Length- 4.06mm, Width- 2.23mm, Thickness- 1.08mm, Weight- 0.1g

No. 2: Length- 2.71mm, Width- 2.43mm, Thickness- 1.02mm, Weight- <0.1g

Notes:

Dr Kevin Leahy writes: no mention is made of the retouch which is characteristic of microliths. The object on the left appears to have been retouched and can be described as a microlith, some doubts exist over the other find.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MESOLITHIC

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: MESOLITHIC

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: MESOLITHIC

Date from: Circa 9000 BC

Date to: Circa 3450 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 2

Length: 4.06 mm

Width: 2.23 mm

Thickness: 1.08 mm

Weight: 0.1 g

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Flint

Manufacture method: Knapped/flaked

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [North East](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Gateshead](#) (Metropolitan District)

District: [Gateshead](#) (Metropolitan District)

Parish or ward: [Blaydon](#) (Metropolitan District Ward)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: NZ1762

Four figure Latitude: 54.95236088

Four figure longitude: -1.73609712

1:25K map: NZ1762

1:10K map: NZ16SE

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Fieldwalking

General landuse: Open fresh water

Specific landuse: Standing water