

HANDAXE

Unique ID: SF-0862D6

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A bifacially worked flint handaxe of Lower Palaeolithic date. It is struck from a dark grey/brown flint, pointed in form with rounded butt end, and pointed oval in cross-section. Both faces have extensive and thick mottled pale brown patination, with small areas of cortex remaining at the butt end of the dorsal(?) face and centre of the ventral(?) face. The object is bifacially worked with covering, low angled flake removal. More recent damage has resulted in exposure of the unpatinated flint, particularly around the edges and especially at the butt end where a large recent flake has been removed. This axe measures 150.11mm in length, 89.04mm in width, 39.67mm in thickness, and 435g in weight.

This is a struck flint handaxe of Palaeolithic date. Its form and appearance suggest a date range in the Lower Palaeolithic, c.500,000-40,000 BC.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: PALAEOLITHIC

Period from: PALAEOLITHIC

Period to: PALAEOLITHIC

Date from: Circa 500000 BC

Date to: Circa 40000 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 150.11 mm

Width: 89.04 mm

Thickness: 39.67 mm

Weight: 435 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 25th March 2016

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Flint

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Babergh](#) (District)

To be known as: Lavenham

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Chance find during metal detecting

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined