

FLAKE

Unique ID: HESH-475F36

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Small flint flake of probable Neolithic date (3500 - 2100 BC). The flake is irregular in plan and sub-triangular in cross section. The bulb of percussion on the reverse of the flake is complete and there is evidence of a number of hinge fractures on the opposite (front) surface. It is likely that this flake was a by-product (or waste flake / debitage) of tool making as there is a small amount of cortex (rough outer skin of the flint nodule) on the artefact. This area cortex covers less than 15% of the total surface area suggesting that this flake was produced during the second phase of tool production. This waste flake has then been re-used or utilised to form a small notched scraper. The evidence for this is the extensive secondary flaking or retouch along one edge.

The flint flake is a mid grey colour, when held up to the light a number of flaws can be seen in it. This suggests that it might have come from a riverine or glacial source rather than from an area where flint occurs more frequently. This type of tool is typical of the Herefordshire / Marches area as sites for procuring flint are limited. This results in primary and secondary waste flakes being utilised to make tools such as this scraper.

Class: Debitage **Sub class:** Scraper

Evidence of reuse: Exhibits small areas of retouch or secondary working

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: 24.1 mm

Width: 25.1 mm

Thickness: 6.6 mm

Weight: 3.26 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 15th July 2004

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Flint

Manufacture method: Knapped/flaked

Spatial metadata

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

County or Unitary authority: [County of Herefordshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [County of Herefordshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

Parish or ward: [Bishop's Frome](#) (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SO6549

Four figure Latitude: 52.13818

Four figure longitude: -2.512807

1:25K map: SO6549

1:10K map: SO64NE

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Gardening

General landuse: Other

Specific landuse: Orchard