

# POLISHED AXEHEAD

**Unique ID:** ESS-56619D

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Fragment of a Neolithic axe. The remaining blade end of a polished lithic axehead. The implement is broken and the butt end is missing. The item is lentoid in cross section with a raised central portion, thinning to the edges. It would have been bifacially knapped to create a symmetrical surface on both sides, before being polished.

One face features a polished surface with a large flake removal, as well as some smaller thinner removals close to the broken edge. The other edge is smooth and polished with some superficial flake removals which could have been caused post depositionally. The smoothness of both faces suggests that the large removal on one of the faces (which is un-polished and bears sharp edges) was accidental and which potentially resulted in the breaking of the artefact, possibly after it was deposited.

The blade edge is thinned and sharp and straight. The artefact is made from light grey flint with darker grey inclusions. There is some iron staining on the remaining arrises and across the polished surface.

**Dimensions: weight: 114.83g, length: 66.6mm, width: 63.9mm, thickness: 32.3mm**

## Notes:

For similar artefacts on the database, see SUR-BDB518, SUSS-458F01, NLM-E0588E, HESH-8DB2C5, SOM-1796A5, YORYM-2C41A8, WILT-394ECD, DUR-CECB3A

## Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

## Chronology

Broad period: NEOLITHIC

Period from: NEOLITHIC

Period to: NEOLITHIC

Date from: Circa 4000 BC

Date to: Circa 2351 BC

## Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 66.6 mm

Width: 63.9 mm

Thickness: 32.3 mm

Weight: 114.83 g

## **Personal details**

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## **Materials and construction**

Primary material: Flint

Manufacture method: Knapped/flaked

Completeness: Complete

## **Spatial metadata**