

SCRAPER (TOOL)

Unique ID: DEV-5FD6D3

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Three flint scrapers of probable Late Neolithic to Early Bronze Age date, probably dating to c. 3,300-1,600BC.

1. Tertiary flake of mottled pale grey flint, missing the proximal end and bulb of percussion to a natural break, with relatively large, but diffuse conchoidal ripples on the reverse. Abrupt, long, sub-parallel retouch along the distal and left edges of the dorsal face, obscuring the negative removal scars, but which appear to be struck from a different platform to the overall removal. Length 26.7mm; width 29.3mm; thickness 14.5mm; weight 5.90g.

2. Tertiary flake of slightly translucent grey-brown flint, speckled with pale inclusions and missing the proximal end and bulb of percussion. Two sub-parallel removal scars are present on the dorsal face, probably struck from the same platform as the overall removal. The right edge of the dorsal face extending up to the centre of the distal end exhibits short, semi-abrupt scalar retouch. Length 24.4mm; width 24.2mm; thickness 10.0mm; weight 2.09g.

3. Secondary flake of opaque grey-brown flint, with a small area of cortex surviving on the dorsal face and potentially also the possible striking platform. No clear conchoidal ripple marks or bulb of percussion on the reverse, with natural breaks on two edges. Potentially struck through cortex, but this is tentatively suggested. Long, semi-abrupt, sub-parallel retouch along surviving lateral edge. Length 26.2mm; width 23.9mm; thickness 13.3mm; weight 4.13g.

The small size, limited retouch and irregular knapping of these flakes would all probably suggest a date in the Later Neolithic or Early Bronze Age, although in the absence of a larger assemblage or diagnostic pieces any attempt at dating must be tentative. See also DEV-603F42, a possible incomplete Neolithic knife, found in the same field.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: BRONZE AGE

Subperiod from: Late

Period from: NEOLITHIC

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: BRONZE AGE

Date from: Circa 3300 BC

Date to: Circa 1600 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 3

Weight: 13.12 g

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: SCC receipt: 019870

Materials and construction

Primary material: Flint

Manufacture method: Knapped/flaked

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [South Hams](#) (District)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SX7149

Four figure Latitude: 50.32677296

Four figure longitude: -3.81365705

1:25K map: SX7149

1:10K map: SX79SW

Grid reference source: Centred on field

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land