

ADZE

Unique ID: SF-85FC79

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A complete flint adze of the Mesolithic to early Neolithic period, dating to 9500 BC-4000 BC. It is oval in plan and tapers towards one end; it has a roughly lozange-shaped cross-section. The tapered end bears the beige cortex surviving (7%). The dorsal surface has a longitudinal median ridge, which forks close to the flaring end. Both the surfaces have multi-directional negative scars. The edges have traces of further retouches and old breaks. The surfaces have a greyish white patina which covers the mottled grey core. Frequent iron stains cover the surfaces.

Cf Butler (2005, p. 104, fig. 41, no. 4)

Length: 115.95 mm

Width: 48.02 mm

Thickness at the centre: 22.51mm

Weight: 154.10 g

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: MESOLITHIC

Period from: MESOLITHIC

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: NEOLITHIC

Date from: Circa 9500 BC

Date to: Circa 4000 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 115.95 mm

Width: 48.02 mm

Thickness: 22.51 mm

Weight: 154.1 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 2nd March 2016

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: Finder's reference: Bay Thorne End, Field 1, no. 8.

Materials and construction

Primary material: Flint

Manufacture method: Knapped/flaked

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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

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

District: [Braintree](#) (District)

To be known as: Bay Thorne End

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Centred on field

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Character undetermined