

KNIFE

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Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

An early to middle Neolithic ovate 'laurel leaf like' knife, dating from the period c. 3500-2900 BC. The tool is formed on a mid-orange yellow mottled coloured pieced coarse 'local flint'. In plan the flake is a pointed oval or cordate shape and in cross section it is broadly sub-oval (D-shaped). The tool is formed on a broad blade like flake; the ventral face shows conchoidal ridges and the blade has been struck from a prepared core. The upper / dorsal face shows two parallel ridges. The long edges have been reworked bifacially using both hard and soft hammer being neat and well organised. This reworking is mostly on the dorsal face and can be described as being short sub-parallel semi-abrupt.

The tool measures 47.6mm length, is 27.4mm wide and 6.9mm thick; it weighs 8.93 grams

Class: Laurel Leaf

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: NEOLITHIC

Period from: NEOLITHIC

Period to: NEOLITHIC

Date from: Circa 3500 BC

Date to: Circa 2900 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 47.6 mm

Width: 27.4 mm

Thickness: 6.9 mm

Weight: 8.93 g

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: Shropshire Museum Service; Object Entry Form: E. 01781

Materials and construction

Primary material: Flint

Manufacture method: Knapped/flaked
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [West Midlands](#) (European Region)
County or Unitary authority: [County of Herefordshire](#) (Unitary Authority)
District: [County of Herefordshire](#) (Unitary Authority)
To be known as: Little Birch

Spatial coordinates

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.