ARROWHEAD

Unique ID: NMS-CB345D

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

Large Egyptian Fayum (or Faiyum) hollow-based point found on the old drive of Wolterton Hall, of brown flint with fine darker bands resembling cracks, these where present within the flint at the time of manufacture as the flakes removals are affected by the difference of hardness. Rather thick (7.25 mm) with only a slight hollowing of the base to form the barbs, the thickness would have restricted the depth of the base. All surfaces are finely pressure flaked with no remnants of the original flake from which this was likely to have been made from. Almost complete, with only the extreme tip of the arrowhead missing, presumably broken recently. To quote the Lithic Casting lab's entry on hollow-based points: "They date back to the beginning of the Neolithic phase in this region when simple agricultural village settlements first appear around 5300 B.C. People living during this period were growing wheat and barley and raising domesticated animals like goats, sheep and cattle. They lived in houses made of mud-daubed reeds or wattling or houses made of mud-brick. These projectile points were produced up until just before the unification of Egypt, when King "Menes" unites Upper and Lower Egypt with a strong centralized monarchy around 3100 B.C. and a period known as the Old Kingdom begins."

Quite how and why this arrowhead came to be found in the grounds of the hall may never be known, perhaps at some point in the past an old curio from Egypt was mounted on an arrow shaft, fletched, then shot down the driveway resulting in the loss of the tip.

Evidence of reuse: possibly!

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: NEOLITHIC Subperiod from: Early Period from: NEOLITHIC Subperiod to: Middle Period to: NEOLITHIC Date from: Circa 5300 BC Date to: Circa 3100 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1 Length: 41 mm Width: 32.5 mm Thickness: 7.25 mm

Weight: 7.2 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 1st January 1980 - Tuesday 31st January 1989

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

SMR reference number: 25879 Other reference: NHRG122018

Materials and construction

Primary material: Flint

Manufacture method: Knapped/flaked

Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

Region: Eastern (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Norfolk (County)

District: North Norfolk (District)

Parish or ward: Wickmere (Civil Parish)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TG1631

Four figure Latitude: 52.83319774 Four figure longitude: 1.20514902

1:25K map: TG1631 1:10K map: TG13SE

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Other chance find

General landuse: Other