

HANDAXE

Unique ID: BERK-AD272D

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Awaiting validation

A fragment of a lower Palaeolithic flint ficron handaxe dating to 800,000 - 250,000 BC.

The fragment is trapezoidal in plan, and lozenge-shaped in cross-section. Both faces have invasive, semi-abrupt, scaled retouch. The sides of the fragment have short, scaled, low angled retouch. The distal end has an old break and a width of 28.3mm. The fragment then tapers outwards towards a wider butt which also has an old break with a width of 39.3mm. Both ends are lozenge-shaped in cross-section and are patinated with multi shades of grey and white patches. Both faces have a concave profile but one face is more concave than the other. The surface of the flint has a mostly light brown patina with additional black, grey, and beige patches.

The fragment is 81.4mm in length, 48.5mm in maximum width, 33.5mm maximum thickness, and weighs 149.1g.

This fragment was identified by lithic specialist Alison Roberts at the Ashmolean Museum.

See also PAS records DOR-CDE218, and CORN-DA2A19 for similar types of handaxes.

Find of note status

This is a find of note and has been designated: Regional importance

Class: Ficron

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: PALAEOLITHIC

Subperiod from: Early

Period from: PALAEOLITHIC

Subperiod to: Early

Period to: PALAEOLITHIC

Date from: Circa 800000 BC

Date to: Circa 250000 BC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 81.4 mm

Width: 48.5 mm

Thickness: 33.5 mm

Weight: 149.1 g

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 5th August 2018 - Sunday 5th August 2018

Personal details

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Other reference numbers

Other reference: 0110

Materials and construction

Primary material: Flint

Completeness: Fragment

Spatial metadata

County or Unitary authority: [West Berkshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

District: [West Berkshire](#) (Unitary Authority)

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

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SU6167

Four figure Latitude: 51.39876237

Four figure longitude: -1.12454675

1:25K map: SU6167

1:10K map: SU66NW

Grid reference source: GPS (from the finder)

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land