

# HANDAXE

**Unique ID:** MAS-O100203

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Images of this find were sent to Andrew Shaw, flint specialist at Wessex Archaeology who determined that this object is an ovate biface handaxe that is in mint condition. This example is approximately 50-60 mm in width and 80-100 mm in long-axis. He said that the form of the butt and lateral margins are reminiscent of late Middle Palaeolithic handaxes, and it's possible that deposits of that age may be found in the intertidal and offshore zone in. Based on the images alone, he said that it's possibly a late Middle Palaeolithic handaxe dating from between 60,000 to 30,000 years ago. Handaxes are the longest used tools in human history, used for cutting, digging and hunting. This artefact exhibits bilateral symmetry with a pointed tip and rounded base.

**Class:** Tools and equipment **Sub class:** cutting equipment

## Subsequent actions

Current location of find: With finder

## Chronology

Broad period: PALAEOOLITHIC

Subperiod from: Middle

Period from: PALAEOOLITHIC

Subperiod to: Late

Period to: PALAEOOLITHIC

## Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 100 mm

Width: 60 mm

## Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 3rd August 2018

## Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Mr Robbie Trevelyan

Identified by: Andrew Shaw

## Materials and construction

Primary material: Flint

Manufacture method: Knapped/flaked

Completeness: Complete

## **Spatial metadata**

County or Unitary authority: [City of Portsmouth](#) (Unitary Authority)

## **Spatial coordinates**

4 Figure: SU6700

Four figure Latitude: 50.79570064

Four figure longitude: -1.05072543

1:25K map: SU6700

1:10K map: SU60SE

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Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

## **Discovery metadata**

Method of discovery: Coastal walking

Discovery circumstances: Below the high tide mark in the silt near Eastney, Portsmouth

Current location: With finder

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