HANDAXE

Unique ID: MAS-O100062

Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Published

Lower Palaeolithic ovate handaxe dating to around 250,000 years bp (before present). Patina evident on its surface indicates that the tool has been deposited in chalk, therefore it probably originated offshore and was washed onshore (rather than eroded from terrestrial river terraces). This identification was made by Bryan Popple of Bournemouth Natural Science Society and Museum. Matt Leivers, an in-house specialist at Wessex Archaeology believes it is a very rolled and abraded Lower Palaeolithic handaxe that has clearly been around on the seabed for a considerable period of time.

Notes:

This item was found with a smaller handaxe (MAS-O100099).

Class: TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT **Sub class:** CUTTING EQUIPMENT

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: With finder
Subsequent action after recording: Submitted as wreck to the Receiver of Wreck

Chronology

Broad period: PALAEOLITHIC
Period from: PALAEOLITHIC
Period to: PALAEOLITHIC

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 18th June 2017

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.
Recorded by: L R
Identified by: Mr Bryan Popple
Secondary identifier: Mr Matt Leivers

Materials and construction

Primary material: Flint

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Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

County or Unitary authority: Hampshire (County)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: SZ2293
Four figure Latitude: 50.73620009
Four figure longitude: -1.68961218
1:25K map: SZ2293
1:10K map: SZ23SW
Display four figure position on What3Words
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Coastal walking
Discovery circumstances: Coastal Walking
Current location: With finder

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