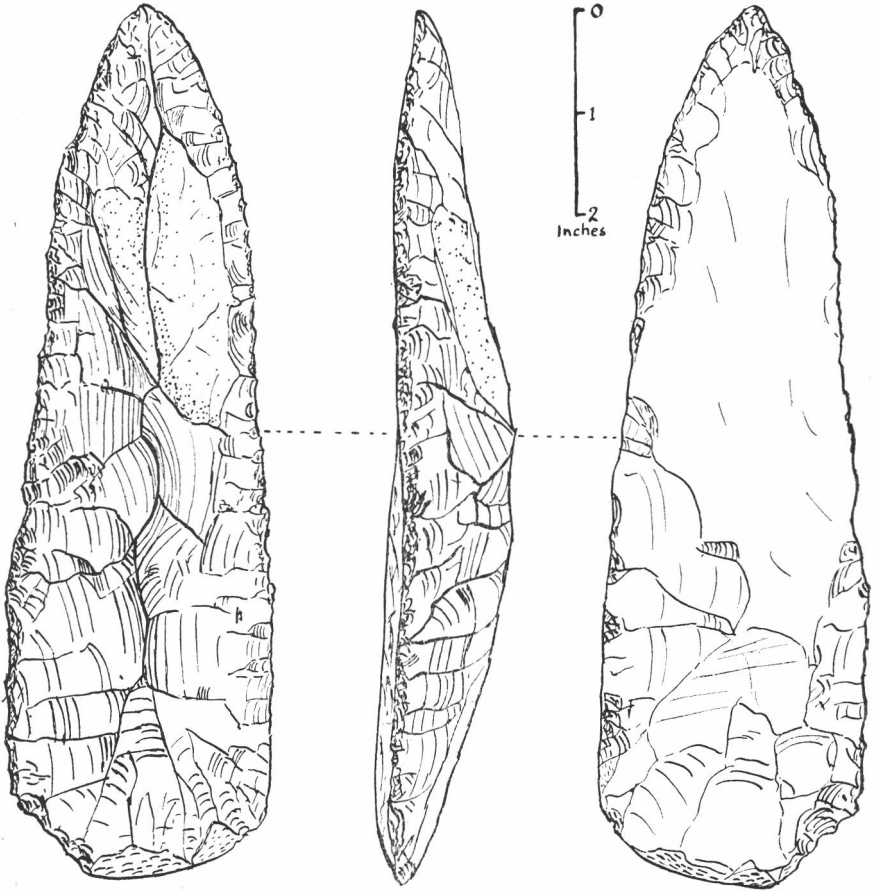


Flint Adze found at Oldham's Farm, Dewhaven.

A FLINT celt or axe has been found in a ploughed field at Oldham's Farm about one mile south-east of Arbor Low. It is $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches long and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide at the base, tapering to a blunt point at the other end, and is one of the finest specimens found in Derbyshire. None in the Bateman Collection, either of flint or basalt is as large as this implement. One side is nearly flat and only slightly flaked. The cutting edge, a part of which has been at some period accidentally chipped shows slight traces of grinding on both sides. Many stone axes have been found in England, generally surface finds, as is this one, and their chronology is not certain. Usually they are attributed to the early Neolithic period, but it is quite probable that their use continued throughout that period, and into the first part of the Bronze Age, and the large flint dagger found at Arbor Low in 1865 (*D.A.J.* xxvi, page 70) is probably of the latter period. Probably the axe is roughly contemporary with the Stone Circle at Arbor Low. The specimen is the property of Mr. A. Carson, Hartle Moor Farm, near Birchover, and is at present loaned to the Heathcote Collection at Birchover.

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