

## Archaeological Reports

### NOTE ON A QUARTZITE MACEHEAD WITH HOUR-GLASS PERFORATION.

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A MOST interesting find of a quartzite macehead with an hour-glass perforation, was made by Mr. M. Smith, B.Sc., of Coxbench, while collecting geological specimens at the Mineral and Brickwork quarry, Chellaston, Derbyshire, in 1945. It was recently brought into the Derby Museum for my opinion. It is a medium size macehead, 1 lb. 6½ ozs. in weight, length 4¼ ins., width 3¾ ins., thickness 1¾ ins. which is unusually thick for the length. The crater of the perforation is oval and is 2 ins. by 1¾ ins. at the widest part; the neck is also oval and is 1 inch by ¾ inch. The implement is of a sedimentary quartzite, and is probably a Bunter pebble either first hand from the Triassic Marl or second hand from the Glacial Drift. This was a casual find and there was no associated datable material. It is difficult to assign this implement type to any definite period but there is some evidence which indicates that they may belong to the Mesolithic period.

The distribution of quartzite maceheads as shown by Mr. F. W. Rankine<sup>1</sup> is concentrated in two main areas, that of East Anglia and the southern counties of England. Their discovery in the north Midlands is a comparatively rare thing. This specimen is, as far as is known, the first to be found in Derbyshire.

<sup>1</sup> *The Archaeological News Letter*, Vol. 4, no. 4, 1951.