

Neolithic Axe from Buckland

The Neolithic flint axe fragment illustrated here (fig 1) was found by the writer some years ago on the surface of a field in Buckland. It has already been the subject of a note in *SyAS Bull 171*. The axe, of which only the 9cm long butt end remains, is made from light grey flint which displays considerable iron staining.

The findspot lies in the southwestern corner of a large field, close to the Red Lion cricket ground and adjacent to the footpath which runs along the western edge of the field at approximately TQ 215 506. At the time of discovery the field, which is on the Lower Greensand, had been under plough for over 20 years. It is now under grass.

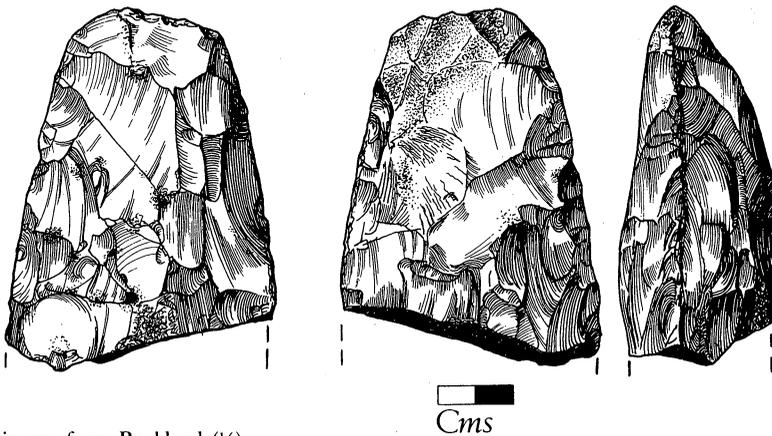


Fig 1 Neolithic axe from Buckland (½)

The field overlooks, to the west, the valley of a minor stream which flows south to join the Mole at Betchworth. It contains a considerable quantity of flint-working waste but no attempt has been made to collect this systematically.

Ellaby (1977) mentions that at the turn of the century the fields around Buckland were a rich source for flint collectors. Sites of the Mesolithic period are well known in the vicinity (Ellaby *op cit*) and at some of these later material has been found. A Late Bronze Age socketed axe has been found just across the stream, in Broome Park (*SyAC 49*, 102).

The axe fragment remains with the writer.

REFERENCE

Ellaby, R L, 1977 A Mesolithic site at Wonham *SyAC 71*, 7-12

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