

# Mesolithic Tranchet Axe from Chessington

This implement (fig 1:1) was recently presented to Kingston Museum<sup>1</sup> by Mr and Mrs Duffell of Leatherhead Road, Chessington. It was found by them on a ploughed surface at TQ 1695 6055. It is of light grey flint stained an amber yellow with olive patches. Traces of tranchet blows exist on both sides of the blade.

Length 113mm. Width 43mm. Thickness 29mm. Weight 140 grammes.

## REFERENCE

1. Kingston Museum Accession Number 2662

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# Three Neolithic Axes From The Thames At Walton

Three Neolithic axes were recently offered for purchase to Kingston Museum, but have been retained by the finder. They are alleged to have been found in the Thames at Walton, but the exact findspot has not been confirmed. Neither is it clear whether they were found in association with each other.

**No 1** (fig 1:2) An edge ground axe of grey flint with a slight honey yellow stain and with patches of the calcareous concretion known as 'Thames race' adhering. The axe falls comfortably within Manby's Class 2D<sup>1</sup>.

Length 102mm. Width 48mm. Thickness 27mm. Weight 150 grammes.

**No 2** (fig 1:3) An axe of good quality light grey flint with a slight yellowish stain, and brown/black patches. Flaked, ground, and polished over the entire surface but with a large number of grinding striae remaining. The type is of Adkins and Jackson's Class I<sup>2</sup>.

Length 189mm. Width 77mm. Thickness 38mm. Weight 690 grammes.

**No 3** (fig 1:4) A pecked and partially ground axe, of dark green/black stone, identified by macro examination and by comparison with similar axes as Greenstone from Cornwall. The type appears to be a hybrid of Adkins and Jackson's Classes D/F<sup>3</sup>.

Length 208mm. Width 78mm. Thickness 45mm. Weight 950 grammes.

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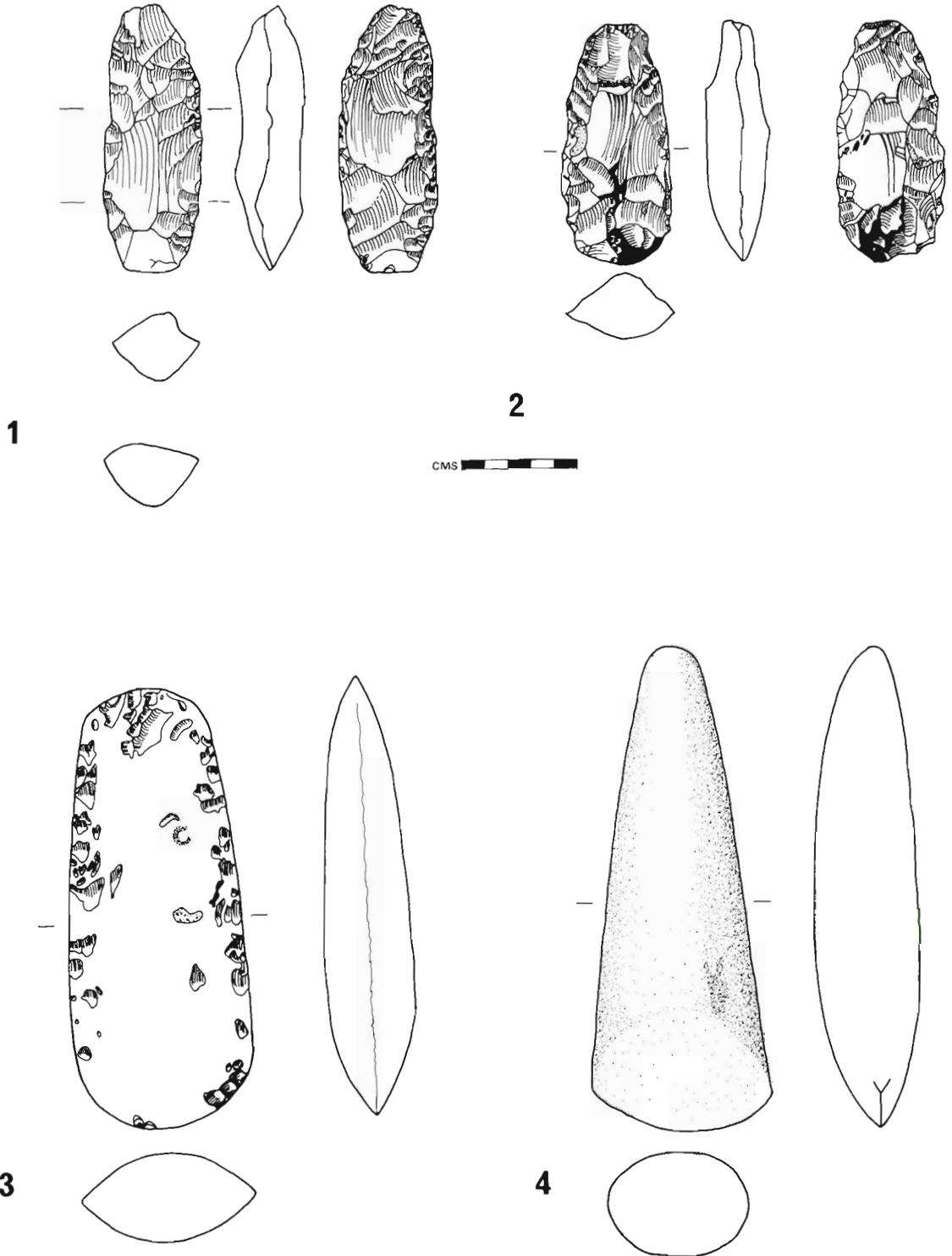


Fig 1 1. Flint tranchet axe from Chessington.  
2, 3 and 4. Flint and Stone Polished Axes from the Thames at Walton.