

RECENT FINDS FROM BRASSINGTON MOOR

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MANY tools and waste pieces of flint have been found over the years in the vicinity of the Grange and the Grange quarry, but in recent years there have been only two perforated stone tools found. Both were found in 1967 in the same field which is situated on the edge of the limestone plateau at 1,100 ft. O.D.

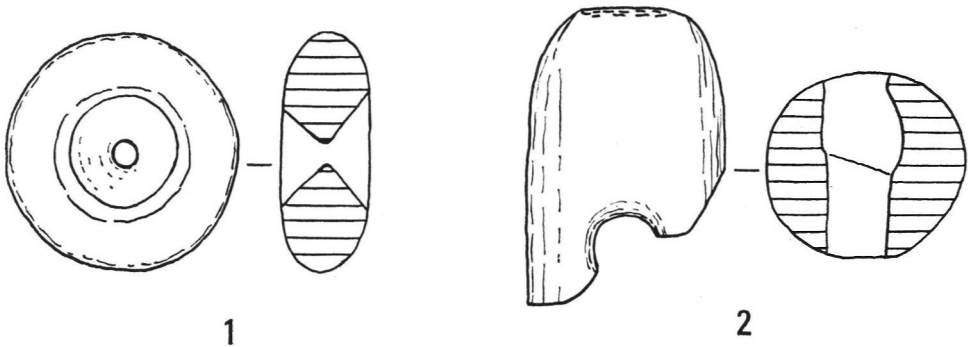


FIG. 1. (1/3).

Fig. 1. 1 shows a pebble mace-head with hour-glass shaped perforation found in a ploughed field at SK 219563. Normally this type of tool is made from a quartzite pebble, but this example is made from a basalt pebble. Two others have been found in recent years, at Hopton and Chellaston.¹ This tool form is relatively rare in Derbyshire, only four examples being known from the limestone area,² probably dating from the late neolithic or early bronze age.

Fig. 1. 2 shows half of an ovoid mace-head with a cylindrical perforation made from an igneous rock which may be a granite or a granodiorite. It was found at SK 220562, and must have been about 13 cms. long when complete and is 4.8 cms. wide. The surviving end is battered, and the shaft hole is badly shaped. The mace-head fits Roe's ovoid type which is dated to the late neolithic.³

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³ Roe, F. E. S., in J. M. Coles and D. D. A. Simpson, *Studies in ancient Europe*, 1968, 145-72.