Bronze Age flat axe, Green Lane Farm, Farnham (SU 857 481)

An EBA flat axe was found with a metal detector, in October 1986, in a grassed field near the Farnham Sewage Works. The find was made at a depth of about 12cm and appeared to be isolated, as no associated material was noted with it. As the find site lies near to a road embankment, however, it is possible that the axe had been displaced during the construction works and may thus not have been found in its original position.

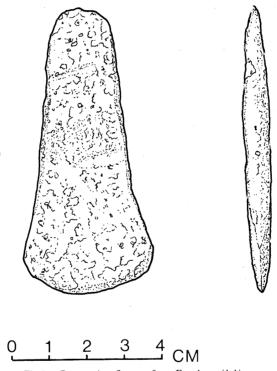


Fig 1. Bronze Age flat axe from Farnham (1:1)

The axe is 7.6cm long, 3.6cm wide at the blade and weighs 66g. It is in grey-green and light green mottled bronze with a rough corroded surface. No such similar axe has previously been recorded from the Farnham district and it is therefore an important find.

My thanks are due to the finder, Mr T Pickard, for the loan of the axe, which has now been returned to him.

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