

## **A.1 Flint**

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### ***Introduction***

A.2.1 A single piece of worked flint was recovered during the evaluation, in the secondary fill 5005 of ditch 5006, dated AD 43-100. The flint is likely of Mesolithic date, and certainly residual.

### ***Methodology***

A.2.2 The artefact was catalogued according to OA South's standard system of broad artefact/debitage type (Anderson-Whymark 2013; Bradley 1999), general condition noted and dating was attempted. The flint was catalogued directly onto an Open Office spreadsheet. During the assessment additional information on condition (rolled, abraded, fresh and degree of cortication), and state of the artefact (burnt, broken, or visibly utilised) was also recorded. Retouched pieces were classified according to standard morphological descriptions (e.g. Bamford 1985, 72-77; Healy 1988, 48-9; Bradley 1999). Technological attribute analysis was initially undertaken and included the recording of butt and termination type (Inizan *et al.* 1999), flake type (Harding 1990), hammer mode (Onhuma and Bergman 1982), and the presence of platform edge abrasion.

### ***Discussion***

A.2.3 The flint is a microdenticulate on a small distal trimming blade. Fine and irregular denticulate retouch appears all along the ventral face of the left edge. Some semi-abrupt to abrupt fine retouch is also present on the right dorsal edge (close to its distal end) and possibly forming a small notch. However, the flint has clear post depositional damage where the concavity is located, making the interpretation more difficult. This kind of tool, with fine irregular denticulate retouch with is likely from Mesolithic period.

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