

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS IN THE COUNTIES OF LONDON AND MIDDLESEX, 1960

(not including the City of London)

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This list is intended to include objects of archaeological importance from London and Middlesex, excluding the City of London, which were found in 1960 or were received into museums in that year. Subsequent lists will be aimed at supplementing the archaeological chapters of the *Victoria County History* of Middlesex. Find-places are given first under the heading of boroughs or similar local government units. The measurements give maximum dimensions.

### PREHISTORY

#### Palaeolithic

EALING, Hanwell, "Gravel pit near Boston Manor Station". Slightly rolled Acheulian ovate **handaxe** of flat cross-section, 10 x 8 x 2.5 cms. In London Museum (60.176/3). Also from the same site is a slightly rolled, pointed Acheulian **handaxe**, 12 x 8 x 3.5 cms. In London Museum (60.176/4). Note: the find-place is near the Ealing/Brentford and Chiswick borough boundary.

EALING, "Hanwell Gravel Pit". Partly rolled pointed Acheulian **handaxe** with edge continuous round the butt, 13 x 6.5 x 3.5 cms. In London Museum (60.176/7).

EALING, "Seward's Gravel Pit, opposite Elthorne Avenue, Hanwell". Partly rolled pointed Acheulian **handaxe** with thick cortex-covered butt. Edges are straight but blunted. Approx. dimensions: 11 x 6 x 4 cms. In London Museum (60.176/14).

HESTON and ISLEWORTH, "Gravel pits, right bank of Brent on high ground near Osterley Park". Pointed Acheulian **handaxe** with straight though battered edges. Butt retains original cortex. Dimensions are approximately 12 x 7 x 4 cms. In London Museum (60.176/11). Another **handaxe** (60.176/13) from the same site is a slightly rolled, pointed Acheulian tool with straight though battered edges and a blunt butt with cortex. Dimensions are approximately 13 x 8 x 4 cms. The find-place of these axes is probably the same as, or very close to, that of the Ealing axes above.

WESTMINSTER, Glasshouse Street, near Piccadilly. Large Acheulian **handaxe** with spatulate point, 19 x 10 x 5 cms. Found about 1913. In London Museum (60.176/2) where fuller details of the find-place are recorded.

### Neolithic

CHELSEA, from Chelsea Reach ballast used to fill Ham gravel pit. An oval Neolithic **flint knife** with partly polished edges. One end is broken. Dimensions: 10.5 x 8.5 x 1.5 cms. In London Museum (60.176/351).

BRENTFORD and CHISWICK, Strand Island, Thames (TQ 1945 7760). From this island downriver of Kew Bridge was recovered years ago a small, undecorated **pot** of grey-black and gritty ware (height 7 cms., diameter 10 cms.). It is Neolithic and probably was used by the first farmers in Middlesex and is roughly of the 4th millennium B.C. In the old nomenclature it would have been called "Western" or "Primary" Neolithic. A part of the Layton Collection, it is housed in the London Museum (P. 13). It has been listed in the *V.C.H. Middlesex* by Miss J. M. Macdonald who first noted it.

### Beaker Period

TWICKENHAM, "Thames off Pope's Villa" (TQ 1615 7275). **Flint dagger**, probably of Beaker period. Length 17 cms., breadth 6.5 cms.; thickness under 1 cm. Shaped like a single horse chestnut leaf, it has a pair of opposed notches on each edge. In London Museum (60.176/150).

### Bronze Age

ENFIELD (TQ 3726 9968) about 950 feet N.N.W. of Rammev Marsh Lock. In April, 1960, was found during gravel working a Late Bronze Age **leaf-shaped sword** of "Wilburton" type. It is 24.8 in. long and of "V-butt type" with *ricasso*. The tang is slotted and each shoulder has two holes. There are two rivets. The sword has been studied in the London Museum and by Mr. J. D. Cowen, F.S.A. It is retained by the site owners, the Twickenham Gravel Co., Blackwater, Camberley, Surrey. Details have been sent to Ordnance Survey and to Bronze Age Index.