

Aylesbury Golf Course Trial Trench IC20 AGCTT

The Flint

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A total of 19 pieces of worked flint (weighing 101g) were recovered at Aylesbury Golf Course (*Table 1*). The flint was recovered from six contexts within six separate trenches, with all except context (10003) in Trench 100 yielding just one piece. The assemblage comprises debitage including flakes, blades, blade-like flakes and bladelets, however only the bladelet exhibits dorsal blade scars consistent with removal from a planned blade core. The debitage is chronologically undiagnostic, however the presence of the bladelet with dorsal blade scars may suggest a Mesolithic or earlier Neolithic date for that piece.

Table 1. Summary of flint by context

	TR 081	TR 100	TR 149	TR 155	TR 188	TR 192		
Flint category	08101	10003	14904	15511	18801	19226	Total	Weight (g)
Flake	1	8		1		1	11	43
Blade		3			1		4	32
Blade-like flake		3					3	24
Bladelet			1				1	2
Total	1	14	1	1	1	1	19	
<i>Weight (g)</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>101</i>

The condition of the worked flint is good, with just a few pieces exhibiting slight post-depositional damage, such as chips to vulnerable unretouched edges. Most of the assemblage remains unaffected by surface alteration, however varying degrees of cortication were present on four pieces. Three pieces are broken.

The worked flint from Aylesbury Golf Course is typologically and technologically undiagnostic. The exception being the bladelet which may derive from a deliberate blade producing industry of the Mesolithic or earlier Neolithic. The significance of the assemblage lies in its demonstration of human activity at the site during prehistory, potentially during the Mesolithic or earlier Neolithic, with a possible focus of activity around Trench 100. Further work is not recommended however the assemblage should be included alongside any future work.