



THE BORDLEY RIPPLE-FLAKED ARROWHEAD

The photograph below is an excellent representation of this rare example of a fragment of a ripple flake, hollow base, transverse arrowhead dated between 2500 to 2100 BC (Dodsworth 2012). The ripple pattern is very low relief and has possibly been worked using a bronze tip at the end of an antler point (Evans, pers. comm. 2012). However, it has been suggested that it is similar to arrowheads associated with Grooved Ware pottery and therefore may be late Neolithic (Dodsworth, 2012).

Material

The flint is similar to that found in the chalk at Flamborough, North Yorkshire.

Use

Due to flints delicate nature the arrowhead was probably not used as a hunting tool but likely to be found in a high status burial context (Dodsworth, 2012).

Finally – many ripple-flaked arrowheads have been located in the UK but none as fine as the Bordley example.

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The Bordley Ripple Flaked Flint (Janis Heward)

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