

## SHORTER CONTRIBUTION

### AN UNUSUALLY LARGE NEOLITHIC FLINT ARROWHEAD FROM KEDINGTON

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An exceptionally fine and large Neolithic leaf-shaped arrowhead was found in 1999 in a garden in Kedington, on the east bank of the River Stour (reported by C.P. Smitheram; Suffolk Historic Environment Record no. KDG 026). The arrowhead is complete, bifacially worked and made of good quality dark grey flint, measuring 11cm in length x 4.1cm in width (Fig. 9). It belongs to Green's Type 1Bh. All Type 1B arrowheads are uncommon and have an interesting distribution – 16 examples are recorded from Ireland, but only 8 from East Anglia.<sup>1</sup>

Large leaf-shaped arrowheads are sometimes referred to as javelins and from its riverside findspot it is possible this particular 'arrowhead' was more of a javelin, being hafted onto a long wooden shaft and used to spear fish.

The arrowhead may be associated with a Neolithic polished stone axehead (KDG 002) found in the same area, and with the nearby cropmark of a Neolithic interrupted-ditch system (KDG 006) on a spur to the west of Hall Farm.<sup>2</sup>

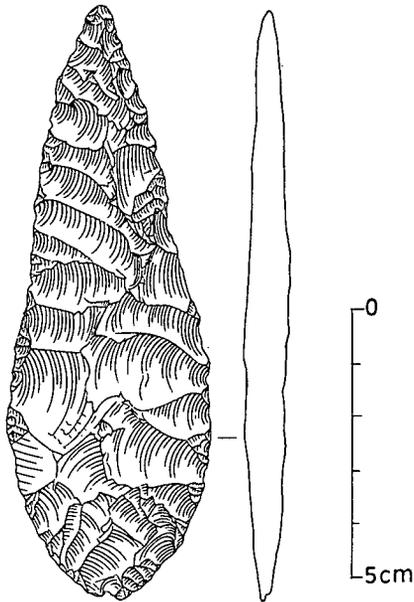


FIG. 9 – A flint arrowhead from Kedington.

## NOTES

- 1 Green 1980, part i, 69 and 215.
- 2 Charge 1982 and 1986.

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