

Bronze Age Ainsworth



**Barb and Tang Flint
Arrowhead**

Late Neolithic / Early Bronze Age Ainsworth

This Barb and Tang Flint Arrowhead, now held at Bury Museum, was found by Andrew Catterall in April 1961 in the small coppice at the bottom of Starling Rd.

It is the earliest evidence of human activity in the Ainsworth area and has been dated to the late neolithic/ early bronze age period, about 2500 bc. It has been suggested that no importance should be given to the site where the arrowhead was found and that it was probably lost on a hunting trip. There is speculation that a bronze age village stood on Cockey Moor but there is no evidence for this. There is however a substantial bronze age village at Edgeworth and it doesn't seem unreasonable to imagine late neolithic / early bronze age hunters ranging over Cockey Moor.

This does of course raise more questions.

Is it made from local flint?

If not where did it come from and how was it traded?

What was the landscape like 4500 years ago?

What kind of animals were being hunted?

If you are an expert in the late neolithic/early bronze age period of British history or you have an interest in this topic or you are Andrew Catterall we would love to hear from you.