

tiles were found with burnt wood still adhering to them and all the stones had been subjected to great heat. Scarth concluded that the villa had been destroyed by fire.

The internal evidence of the account indicates that the site, *Fig. 9, 4*, is at the extreme west end of the common almost into the outskirts of Lower Langford village but still east of the now disused railway. Several visits have been paid to the site but nothing definitely of Roman age can be seen. There is at the west edge of the common a very good water supply and there is evidence of an alteration of the road line prior to those made in the last 50 years. Also leading away south from near the west end of the common or green is Cophthorn Lane, *Fig. 9, 7*, which is continued up through

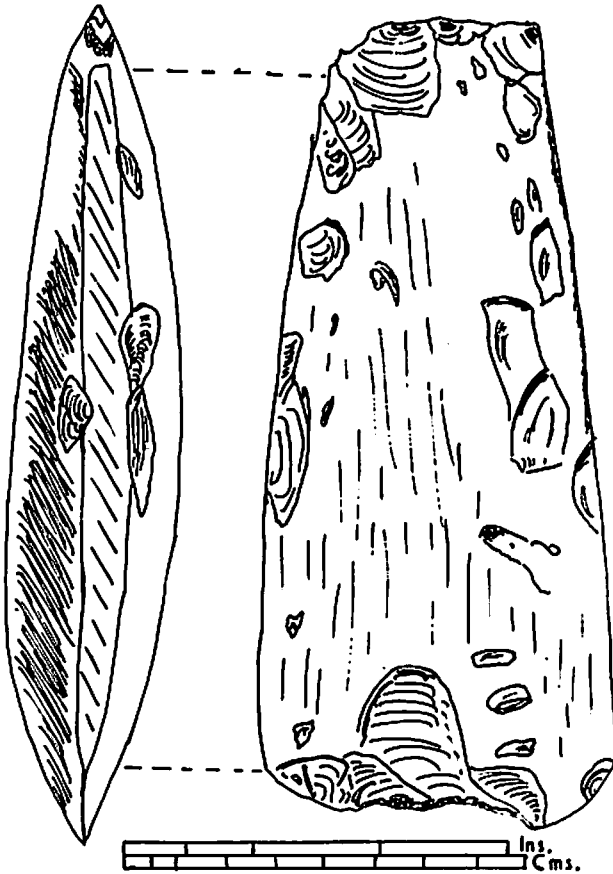


Fig. 11.—Polished stone axe.

Burrington village as Fry's Lane till it meets another old road known as 'The Link. This may have been the access road to the villa though, when viewed from Burrington Camp, the lanes have more the appearance of being mediaeval rather than Roman route. If these lanes are the Roman road there is no certain trace of it south of The Link and on reaching the top of the hill, south and east of Burrington Camp, and just east of Long Rock the road would have to make a turn to avoid Burrington Combe, though it would probably run parallel to the Combe, and thence presumably to Charterhouse. This route is purely speculative but the speculation receives some

support from the fact that the walls of the villa were of Limestone and the nearest source for that rock would be at the foot of Burrington Combe or from near the Long Rock.

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Polished Flint Axe. (Fig. 11). This axe was picked up in November, 1958, by Mrs. M. Masterman, who has kindly presented it to the society. It was found lying on some debris derived from a shallow road cutting in the Rowberrow State Forest. (Som. 18 N.W., N.G.R., ST 46035827.) A close examination was made of the sides of the cuttings but no evidence of a living site could be found nor any other implements in the spoil so the find seems to be a true stray. Most of the damage to the axe is ancient. The site is about 200 yd. south of the presumably Bronze Age cairn, T8, and on the edge of this cairn, also amongst road spoil, was found a leaf-shaped flint arrow head. Again there was no evidence of an occupation site.

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