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Subject: arrowhead

Dear Adam,

I hope that you can read this email.

The find is not I think early medieval, instead I still believe that the arrowhead is 13th or 14th century in date. Although with the new picture I will have a bit more of a think and get back to you.

It does however appear similar to:

An early 13th century find from Dublin (see Nicolle 1999 'Arms & Armour of the Crusading Era 1050-1350, Western Europe & the Crusader States' figure 261).

and

A 14th century find from London, currently held in the Museum of London (see Edge & Paddock 1988 'Arms and Armour of the Medieval Knight' p.93).

As well as to manuscript illustrations such as the arrow used by an archer in the 14th century Holkam Bible (see Strickland & Hardy 2005 'the Great Warbow' p.151 - the bottom left-hand figure). Strickland & Hardy also show similar arrowheads in two other 14th century mss illustrations (see pages 163 & 188, the Luttrell Psalter & The Romance of Alexander respectively).

As to use - the shape of the head, combined with the mss evidence points to its use on the battlefield/in warfare, rather than in a hunting context.

As for Anglo-Saxon archery finds see the now twenty year old: J. Maney 1985 'The Archer and the Army in the Late Saxon Period' Anglo-Saxon Studies in Archaeology and history 4, pp223-235 .

I hope that this is of some help.

Yours,  
Ian