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Conservation report



**Arrow head with leather revealed**

**MEL13 Test pit29 Context3 Topcliffe Mill. Arrow Head**

This item also had a white compact soil concretion. It was decided to x-ray the arrowhead (see images below) in order to identify it and as a guide to cleaning, the x-ray shows it to have squared barbs which are corroded and may break if cleaned. On cleaning it became increasingly evident that an organic material probably leather covered the object. The soil was removed using swabs of de-ionised water on a portion of the arrowhead to reveal the leather below. A mild acid was considered for aid removal of the soil but this was considered potentially harmful to the leather.



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