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TTDB. 2022.0470	TREASURE TROVE		No finds:
Artefact type: Macehead	Period/Culture: Neolithic	Date: 3100– 2200 BCE	1
Findspot (Private): N/A		NGR: NH 79246 90437	
Place (Public): Dornoch		Local Authority: Highland	
Method of discovery: Metal Detecting/Chance find			
Artefact(s) description: <p>An incomplete stone mace head dating to the Late Neolithic period (c.3100-2200 BC). The object is broadly rectangular and convex in shape with a slightly rounded edge, which is heavily chipped.</p> <p>The remains of a circular perforation are present at one edge of the now broken macehead. It appears as though the artefact has been broken down the longitudinal axis, as well as the whole of the butt portion being missing. It is uncertain whether the breakage was deliberate, and further research may help to ascertain this.</p> <p>It is probable that only a quarter of the original artefact is what remains. Based on the shape of the surviving edge and the slightly inward sloping sides, it could be suggested that this is a pestle type macehead. Though incomplete, it is nonetheless important as it adds to the corpus of Late Neolithic Scottish maceheads.</p> <p>The stone is an igneous rock that is light/mid grey in colour with one surface broadly flat, rough and heavily chipped and the other is surface is smoother.</p> <p>Length: 54.2mm, width: 53.2mm, thickness: 20.1mm, diameter of perforation: 26.9mm, weight: 90.92g</p> <p>References:</p> <p>Roe, F E S, 1968 Stone maceheads and latest Neolithic cultures of the British Isles, in J M Coles and D D A Simpson (eds) Studies in Ancient Europe, Leicester, Leicester University Press</p>			
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Museum allocation:

Estimate reward: £45

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