

The Mesolithic of the Kennet Valley

The book is A4 in size, 352 pages, organized into essentially twelve chapters and an appendix. There are 111 figures illustrating the flint artefacts, all drawn by the author, some 1600 artefacts are featured in approximately 1900 views, all at a scale of 1 : 1 (i.e. full size); there are a further 52 figures which include maps, excavation drawings such as plans and sections, together with diagrams to illustrate the analysis of the finds. Five major excavations conducted by the author are described together with a number of other more minor explorations. Additionally, the results of some fifty years of field walking by the author are set out. Further to the author's own work, investigations carried out by others is included and reviewed, some of this latter work has not been previously published. This book covers the whole of the Mesolithic Period, essentially continuously, from the earliest phases through to the latest, all of which have been found in a relatively small area. Whereas some chapters concentrate on one particular site, others are more wide ranging in their scope and yet other chapters attempt a synthesis of the previous chapters. The appendix sets out the author's thoughts on the basic science which underlies the process of the weathering and patination of flint.