

# Evidence from fieldwalking

## Introduction

Members of CAFG have carried out fieldwalking at Wimpole over the past 30 years.

We have covered most of the arable land on the Estate.

Our finds range from prehistoric flint (several thousand years old), through Roman, Saxon and Medieval pottery to modern items.

They provide information about past human settlement and activity on the Estate.

On some fields we used metal detectors.

The maps show the distribution of finds of different ages.



Eager to start .....



Heads down!



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## Summary

A scatter of worked flint across the northern part of the estate indicates the presence of people in the Neolithic and Bronze Age periods (4th-2nd millennium BC).

Roman pottery is concentrated in a band north of the lake and Cobb's Wood, but lighter scatters occur in the south of the estate.

There is some evidence for early to middle Saxon settlement (450-850 AD) north of Cobb's Wood and the lakes. Activity north of

Cobb's Wood greatly increases in the late Saxon and Medieval periods, suggesting rising populations.

Pottery of late Medieval date is far more thinly scattered, suggesting a lower population, probably resulting from the Black Death.

Early morning mist



Neolithic mace head, ~4000-2000BC



Roman quern stone, 2nd century AD



King John halfpenny, 1199-1216AD



Gilt bronze horse pendant, 12th century AD