

During our current fieldwalking at Lower Valley Farm, Fulbourn we have recovered numerous pieces of rust-coloured, heavy nodules of what appeared to be iron slag (see photograph). But were they?



A quick visit to the Sidgwick Geology Museum produced no clear cut answer, except they were not bits of a meteorite but could be marcasite (another form of iron sulphide). The suggested test was to break one open and check for radiating crystalline structure. Hammer to the fore, and the crystalline nature was obvious (right hand photograph). So they are marcasite (slag would have lots of gas bubbles and look molten all the way through) which is commonly found in chalk.

So not only a lot of worked flint but geological features as well!