

Manorfield Detectives.



Well, what on earth do you think this might be?

It's called a 'beehive quern stone,' it's very heavy and there is a hole through the centre of the top piece of stone. There is also a smaller hole on the right hand side. This was probably there so that a wooden handle could be inserted, to help do the job this is designed for.

The stone is millstone grit and it was found in 1951 during quarrying in Lane's Hill quarry (now Stoney Cove).

It dates from the Late Iron Age or Early Roman period, (100BC-42AD).

If we still used these today, you'd probably find them in or near the kitchen, they are needed for food production.

What food though, can you work it out?

If you're stuck, try these sites to help out.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/british_prehistory/ironage_tasks_gallery_10.shtml

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/the-iron-age>

https://www.ancientcraft.co.uk/Archaeology/iron-age/ironage_food.html