

Understanding Our Past: Exploring the Hidden History of Meldreth
Archaeological Test Pit Project, 2013

Results from Test Pit 25, The Old Bell, 51 High Street

Pottery

The pottery finds from this pit are summarised in the table below. It produced a large quantity of pottery, and it suggests that people first settled the site in the Saxon-Norman period, and it has been in use ever since.

Context	SHC		EMW		HED		HG		MG		LMT		GRE		HSW		SS		EST		SMW		VIC		Date Range
	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	
1							1	3g													1	1g	15	19g	1150-1900
2											1	1g	1	19g					1	5g			41	71g	1400-1900
3													2	5g	2	24g							28	93g	1550-1900
4	2	4g	1	3g	2	8g	7	22g	1	9g	11	65g	6	17g	1	3g	1	1g	1	1g	1	3g	50	227g	1000-1900
5			3	12g	1	1g	12	46g					2	14g									6	24g	1100-1900
6			3	20g	4	8g	9	29g	1	2g	1	4g													1100-1550
7							17	48g			2	2g													1150-1550

For an explanation of the abbreviations shown above, together with more information on the types of pottery found, please see our [glossary](#) or the full [pottery report](#).

Bone

An analysis of the bones found in this pit is provided in the table below. The complete [bone report](#) is also available.

Taxon	Context						
	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]
Cow	.	.	.	.	2	1	.
Sheep/ goat	1	1	4	2	2	1	.
Pig	.	1	.	1	.	.	.
Rabbit	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sub-total to species	2	2	4	3	4	2	.
Cattle-sized	.	.	.	1	3	.	.
Sheep-sized	2	2	3	11	4	1	2
Total	5	4	7	15	11	3	2

The abbreviation n.f.i. denotes that the specimen could not be further identified.

Flint

The flints found in this test pit are summarised in the table below. For additional information, please see the general [flint report](#).

Context	chip	irregular waste	primary flake	secondary flake	tertiary flake	blade	retouched flake	total worked	unworked burnt flint no.	unworked burnt flint weight (g)
2			1	2				3	1	14.5
3		1						1		
3				1				1		
4		1		1				2	1	35.7

Other Finds

Context	Ceramic (excluding pottery)	Glass	Metal & metal-working	Stone	Other	Date range
C. 1	three clay pipe pieces and one decorated bowl =5g	glass x7 =12g	metal nails x3 =10g	coal x17 =19g, stone and slate rubble =46g		
C. 2	clay pipe {10 stems, 3 bowl fragments} x13 =16g, tile and brick x20 =128g	glass {5 clear, 2 green, 3 blue, 1 pink/white} x11 =92g	metal {1 large piece, 5 nails} x7 =140g	coal x16 =19g, slate =3g	oyster shell =9g	
C. 3	clay pipe =1g, brick x27 =90g	glass x2 =1g	metal x9 =104g	charcoal x10 =14g, slate x3 =3g		
C. 4	clay pipe x3 =4g, brick and tile x11 =51g	modern green glass x18 =80g	metal {1 piece slag, 1 button} x3 =61g	coal =22g	oyster and mussel shell x6 =14g	
C. 5	clay pipe bowl =1g			charcoal =2g	shell x3 =4g	
C. 6					shell {1 oyster, 1 mussel, 2 garden snails} x5 =?	
C. 7	brick =26g			clinker =10g	shell {2 garden snails, 1 mussel} x3 =?	

Further [finds reports and maps](#) are available elsewhere on the site.