

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

Results from Test Pit 3, 57 Whitecroft Road

Pottery

The pottery finds are summarised in the table below. The single sherd of Roman pottery, found in Context 2, suggests that this site had a marginal use at that time, probably as fields. It then appears to have been abandoned until the early medieval period, since when it has been in continuous use.

Context	RB		SHC		EMW		HG		LMT		GRE		SS		VIC		Date Range
	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	
1					1	4g					1	1g	1	1g	5	5g	1100-1900
2	1	1g									2	2g	2	4g	6	9g	100-1900
3			1	7g	2	8g			2	7g					2	2g	1100-1900
4			1	1g	1	11g	2	2g									1100-1200

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]
Cow	.	.	.	.	.
Sheep/ goat	.	.	1	.	.
Pig	.	.	.	.	.
Chicken	.	1	1	.	.
Sub-total to species	.	1	2	.	.
Cattle- sized	.	.	.	.	.
Sheep- sized	2	1	.	.	.
Mammal n.f.i.		.	.	.	3
Bird n.f.i.		.	.	1	.
Total	2	2	2	1	3

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

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Flint

Information on the flints found in this test pit is 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)
4	2							2		
5				1	1			2		

Other Finds

Context	Ceramic (excluding pottery)	Glass	Metal & metal-working	Stone	Other	Date range
C. 1	clay pipe stem =2g, brick and tile x11 =35g	clear modern glass =0.5g		slate x3 =5g, coal and charcoal x10 =12g, cinder x2 =9g	plastic x3 =0.5g, plaster =1g	
C. 2	brick and tile x34 =25g	glass =3g	{metal button x1, metal scraps x4} =6g	coal x19 =15g		
C. 3	brick and tile x4 =11g		nails x2 =7g	coal =0.5g	natural coprolite x2 =0.5g, battery core =1g, chalk =0.5g	
C. 4	clay pipe =<1g, brick =3g			charcoal =1g		
C. 5				{coal x1, stone x1} =4g		

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