

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

**Results from Test Pits 9 and 11, 14 High Street**

**Pottery**

The pottery found in both test pits is summarised in the table below. Most of the pottery found in Test Pit 9 was Victorian, other than two sherds of earlier medieval material. These suggest that the site may have had a marginal use between the 12th and 14th centuries, and was then abandoned until the 19th century. Test Pit 11 produced only Victorian pottery.

| Context | Test Pit 9 |    |     |     | Test Pit 11 |     | Date Range |
|---------|------------|----|-----|-----|-------------|-----|------------|
|         | HG         |    | VIC |     | VIC         |     |            |
|         | No         | Wt | No  | Wt  | No          | Wt  |            |
| 1       | 1          | 5g | 6   | 21g | 24          | 31g | 1150-1900  |
| 2       | 2          | 6g | 15  | 20g | 22          | 42g | 1150-1900  |
| 3       |            |    | 12  | 24g | 15          | 18g | 1800-1900  |
| 4       |            |    |     |     | 8           | 9g  | 1800-1900  |
| 5       |            |    |     |     | 5           | 39g | 1800-1900  |

*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 these pits is provided in the tables below. The complete [bone report](#) is also available.

| Taxon                | Test Pit 9: Context |          |          |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------|----------|
|                      | [1]                 | [2]      | [3]      |
| Cow                  | .                   | .        | .        |
| Sheep/ goat          | .                   | .        | .        |
| Pig                  | .                   | .        | .        |
| Horse                | .                   | .        | .        |
| Rabbit               | .                   | 1        | .        |
| Chicken              | .                   | .        | .        |
| ?Wader               | .                   | .        | .        |
| Sub-total to species | .                   | 1        | .        |
| Cattle-sized         | .                   | .        | 1        |
| Sheep-sized          | 2                   | .        | 1        |
| Bird n.f.i.          | .                   | .        | .        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>2</b>            | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> |

| Taxon                | Test pit 11: Context |     |     |   |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----|-----|---|
|                      | [1]                  |     |     |   |
|                      | [2]                  | [3] | [5] |   |
| Cow                  | .                    | .   | .   | . |
| Sheep/ goat          | .                    | .   | .   | . |
| Pig                  | .                    | .   | .   | . |
| Sub-total to species | .                    | .   | .   | . |
| Cattle-sized         | .                    | .   | .   | . |
| Sheep-sized          | 2                    | .   | .   | . |
| Bird n.f.i.          | 1                    | 2   | 3   | 4 |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>3</b>             | .   | .   | . |

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

## Flint

One worked flint chip was found in Test Pit 11, as recorded in the table below. For additional information on the flints found in the other pits, 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    |                 |               |                 |                |       |                 | 1            |                          |                                 |

## Other Finds

### Test Pit 9

| Context | Ceramic (excluding pottery) | Glass  | Metal & metal   | Stone  | Other   |
|---------|-----------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| C. 1    | clay pipe stem =0.5g        | glass x7 =5g   | metal x9 =57g   | brick and stone x27 =139g, coal and charcoal x10 =16g, slate x6 =10g | button =0.5g  |
| C. 2    | clay pipe =<1g              | glass x9 =18g  | metal x8 =34g   | slate x4 =9g   | button =<1g, shell x5 =14g, battery core =1g, miscellaneous rubble x36 =72g |
| C. 3    |                             | glass {8 clear pieces, 1 small green piece, 1 small multi-colour, 1 small pale green piece} x11 =26g | metal {1 large flat piece, 3 rusted nails/screws, 1 metal fragment} x5 =83g | clinker x6 =16g, stone x13 =86g                                      | concrete and brick building rubble x11 =48g                                 |

### Test Pit 11

| Test pit 11 | Ceramic (excluding pottery) | Glass   | Metal & metal-working   | Stone   | Other  |
|-------------|-----------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| C. 1        | clay pipe =<1g              | glass x8 =14g                                 | metal x9 =86g   | stone and brick x8 =27g, coal and charcoal x10 =24g | plastic x2 =23g, shell x2 =1g                                    |
| C. 2        | brick x6 =75g               | glass x14 =31g                                | metal (1 large tack, 2 nails) x3 =35g, foil milk bottle top =<1g, | coal x2 =3g   | mortar and asbestos x6 =76g, plastic x2 =<1g, shell x2 =<1g      |
| C. 3        | china dolls head =2g        | glass {4 bottle and window glass, 1 red bead} | metal x6 =22g   | coal x5 =27g  | clay (piece with makers name, 1881 date) x3 =3g, rubble x3 =104g |
| C. 4        | brick x2 =8g                | glass x2 =5g                                  | metal {LNER button, 2 nails, part of latch and small} x5 =16g     | cinder =3g, slate x3 =8g                            | lead for pencil =?, battery core =3g                             |
| C. 5        | brick and tile x3 =8g       | clear glass =4g                               |   | slate x3 =12g, charcoal and coal x4 =4g             |  |

*Further finds reports and maps are available elsewhere on the site.*