

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

Results from Test Pit 10, Fieldgate Nurseries

Pottery

The finds from this pit are summarised in the table below. The small assemblage of Roman pottery from Contexts 2 to 5 shows that the site was in use at that time, although it probably had a marginal function. It then appears to have been abandoned until the early medieval period, and again before the 15th century. It was then largely unused until the 19th century. This is a similar pattern of occupation to that suggested by the pottery finds from [Test Pit 21](#), which was located nearby.

Context	RB		SHC		EMW		HED		HG		SS		VIC		Date Range
	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	
1			1	2g			1	1g	4	13g	1	5g	1	3g	100-1900
2	3	6g											4	4g	100-1900
3	1	1g			1	5g	1	1g	1	4g					100-1400
4	1	8g	3	12g	2	10g	1	3g							100-1400
5	2	7g													100-400

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

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

Flint

No worked flints were found in this test pit. For information on the flints found in the other test pits, please see the general [flint report](#).

Other Finds

Context	Ceramic (excluding pottery)	Glass	Metal & metal-working	Stone	Other	Date range
C. 1			metal tacks x4 =13g		burnt material x3 =14g, brick, tile, stone x50 =281g	
C. 2			large square handmade nail =17g		tile, shell, stone x40 =187g	
C. 3					rubble x30 =65g	
C. 5				stone x2 =2g	natural material (pipe shaped) x4 =6g, shell =<1g	

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