

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

**Results from Test Pit 12, Meldreth Primary School, High Street**

**Pottery**

The pottery finds from this pit are summarised in the table below. The three sherds of prehistoric pottery found in Context 7, show that the site was in use at that time, perhaps as fields. It then appears to have been abandoned until the Saxo-Norman or early medieval period, before once again falling from use in the 14th century, and remaining largely unused until the 19th century.

Context	BA		SN		SHC		EMW		HED		HG		GRE		EST		VIC		Date Range
	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	
1											1	1g					1	1g	1150-1900
2					3	17g					2	7g					3	3g	1100-1900
3					1	1g	1	3g	2	6g	4	14g			1	9g	2	3g	1100-1900
4			3	12g	3	20g	8	21g			9	49g	1	1g					900-1600
5					8	37g	10	55g			10	79g							1100-1200
6			1	3g	1	4g			1	8g									900-1400
7	3	7g	2	5g	2	2g	1	12g			5	8g							1200BC-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					
	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]
Cow	.	2	.	.	.	.
Sheep/ goat	.	1	.	.	.	1
Pig	.	.	.	.	1	.
<b>Sub-total to species</b>	.	<b>3</b>	.	.	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Cattle-sized	.	.	1	2	.	.
Sheep-sized	2	.	1		.	1
Bird n.f.i.	.	.	.		.	.
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

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

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## Flint

Details of 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)
1				1				1		
2								0	1	1.9

## Other Finds

Context	Ceramic (excluding pottery)	Glass	Metal & metal-working	Stone	Other	Date range
C. 1				coal x3 =9g	masonry =28g	
C. 2	brick x8 =80g	glass =<1g	metal {2 nails, 1 George II farthing coin, buckle piece} x4 =8g	coal =2g	mortar =1g	
C. 3	brick x4 =5g		metal =4g		oyster shell x2 =3g, mortar x2 =3g	
C. 4					shell and stone x3 =3g	
C. 5			metal nail =5g	pumice stone x3 =660g	shell and stone x3 =2g	
C. 6			metal =5g			

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