

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

Results from Test Pit 19, Flambards Green

Pottery

The pottery finds from this test pit are summarised in the table below. The single sherd of Roman pottery 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, at which point people appear to have started living there. The site then seems to have been largely abandoned by the 15th century. Similar stories are suggested by the finds from test pits 7 and 8, which were also located on Flambards Green.

Context	RB		SN		STAM		SHC		EMW		HED		HG		LMT		VIC		Date Range
	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	
1									1	6g									1100-1150
2							2	15g	4	44g	11	33g	32	118g	3	30g	2	2g	1100-1900
3							4	10g	9	53g	30	96g	34	229g					1100-1400
4							7	71g	23	217g			14	95g					1100-1200
5			1	3g			2	10g	1	11g			13	119g					1000-1200
6	1	1g			1	1g	24	121g	1	5g			2	5g					100-1200
7							5	12g					1	4g					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](#).

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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	.	3	2	2	.	.	.
Sheep/ goat	.	3	3	1	.	.	.
Pig	1	6	8	5	2	.	.
Red deer	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Chicken	.	.	.	3	.	.	.
Wader	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
Sub-total to species	1	12	14	12	2	.	.
Cattle- sized	.	3	3	2	1	3	.
Sheep- sized	.	6	26	15	3	3	3
Mammal n.f.i.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bird n.f.i.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
Total	1	22	44	29	6	6	3

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

Flint

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

Other Finds

Test pit 19	Ceramic (excluding pottery)	Glass	Metal & metal-working	Stone	Other	Date range
C.1	brick and mortar x7 =174g		metal screw =9g	charcoal x2=<1g	oyster shell =<1g	
C. 2				charcoal x2 =<1g, stone and slate x3 =10g	oyster shell x6 =16g	
C. 3	brick and other building material x13 =140g, clay pipe stem =?		various metal including nails x5 =26g		shell {7 oyster, 1 whelk} x8 =27g	
C. 4			metal nails x4 =24g	stone x8 =18g, chalk spindle =10g		
C. 5			metal tack =4g	charcoal =<1g, stone =24g	oyster shell x2 =<1g	
C. 6			metal nail =3g	stone x3 =4g	shell x3 =1g	
C. 7				charcoal x2 =<1g, stone x4 =9g	oyster shell =<1g	
C. 8				charcoal x2 =<1g	snail shell x3 =6g	

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