

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

Results from Test Pit 2, 17 Chiswick End

Pottery

The pottery finds are summarised in the table below. The single sherd of Roman pottery, found in Context 4, 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		EMW		HG		LMT		GRE		SS		VIC		Date Range
	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	
1							1	42g					4	12g	1400-1900
2					3	20g							2	2g	1150-1900
3									5	52g			6	13g	1550-1900
4	1	4g							2	34g	1	3	6	32g	100-1900
5			1	5g			2	17g	2	25g			1	2g	1100-1900
6					3	98g	2	5g			1	1	1	2g	1150-1900

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 this pit is provided in the table below. The complete [bone report](#) is also available.

Taxon	Context				
	[1]	[2]	[3]	[5]	[6]
Cow	2	.	.	.	.
Sheep/ goat	1	1	.	.	.
Pig	1	.	.	.	.
Chicken	.	.	.	.	.
Sub-total to species	4	1	.	.	.
Cattle- sized	.	.	.	.	1
Sheep- sized	.	2	1	1	2
Mammal n.f.i.	.	.	.		
Bird n.f.i.	.	.	.		
Total	4	3	1	1	3

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

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)
1					1			1		

Other Finds

Context	Ceramic (excluding pottery)	Glass	Metal & metal-working	Stone	Other	Date range
1	{yellow brick x2, red brick x5} =74g	light blue glass =1g	{metal nails x3, straight metal pieces x2} =20g	coal x10 =21g		
2	brick, stone and tile x15 =278g	glass =4g	metal tacks and nails x7 =15g	charcoal x8 =18g		
3		glass (1 milk bottle bottom, 1 frosted piece, 1 small brown piece) =13g	{metal nails x4, top of metal tube x1, lead soldier x1} =29g	burnt material (clinker) x21 =70g	oyster shell x2 =10g, building rubble x33 =203g	
4		glass x5 =103g	metal fragments x3 =165g	charcoal x15 =99g	shell =<1g, mortar and stone x6 =66g	
5	clay pipe =2g		metal =0.5g		oyster and snail shell x2 =8g, stone and brick x3 =24g	
6		glass x3 =3g		stone x3 =9g	{oyster shell x2, shell x2} =19g	
Spoil heap			{1957 coin, insulator, metal lump} =26g			

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