



### Test Pit 4: 7 Main Street, SK 39440 05000

Test Pit 4 (Figure 1) was excavated in the front garden of 7 Main, set back 65m on the north side of Main Street. The current house and outbuildings are shown on maps dating from the mid-19th century and were altered in the early 21st century.



Figure 1: Test Pit 4 during excavation. Looking north



Figure 2: Test Pit 4 fully excavated, looking north

During the excavation, 0.1m of turf and greyish brown silty clay topsoil (Layer 1) was removed (Figure 2). Beneath was 0.4m of brownish grey sandy clay subsoil (Layers 2-5) and greyish brown clay (Layers 6). The natural substratum, greyish orange clay, was reached 0.6m below the ground; no archaeological features were recorded.

In all, 578 individual finds (2.942g) were recovered from the test pit (Table 1). A small but significant assemblage of High Medieval pottery (13th-14th century, Figure 3) was found, along with a single sherd of Late Medieval pottery (15th-mid-16th century) and a large assemblage of post-medieval and modern pottery (17th-19th century). Other finds included modern building material, typically fragments of handmade brick and tile made locally from the late 18th century onwards. Hand- and machine-made iron nails, pieces of clay tobacco pipe (including a pipe bowl dated to c.1610-40), modern bottle glass and plastic garden waste were also found. Unique items included a brass bolster from a tool handle and a ceramic electrical terminal block. A small group of animal bone and mussel shells was also present.



Figure 3: Some of the medieval pottery from Test Pit 4

The test pit was sited to assess the potential extent of medieval and post-medieval activity to the north of Carlton Green. The pottery suggests that there was activity in the vicinity in the 13th-14th centuries and from the later 17th or 18th century onwards. The medieval pottery, and 13th-century pottery recovered during an archaeological watching brief on Shackerstone Walk (Morris 2011), suggests that medieval activity around Carlton Green started in the 13th century. The absence of High Medieval pottery from other test pits on the green and to the west of the green suggests that this activity was dispersed and that the green was much larger in the medieval period than it is today. This activity is later than that identified to the east around the church and suggests that Carlton Green was an expansion of an older settlement to the east. The disparity between High Medieval and Late Medieval pottery in this test pit may be significant and could suggest that activity ceased for a period in this area in the late 14th / 15th century. Elsewhere around the green, however, there is evidence of activity in the 15th century and this may be a localised event.

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Table 1: The finds from Test Pit 4

Layer	Category	No	Description	Phase*	Comments
1	Bone & shell	1	Misc. animal bone	Undated	

Layer	Category	No	Description	Phase*	Comments
1	Building material	17	Red ceramic building material	Modern	Typically small fragments of handmade brick and tile, probably made locally from late 18th century onwards
1	Building material	1	Cement roof tile	Modern	
1	Glass	9	Clear bottle glass	Modern	
1	Pottery	3	Iron-Glazed Earthenware	Post-medieval	Chilvers Coton / Ticknall 17th-19th century AD
1	Pottery	1	Staffordshire Slipware	Post-medieval	AD 1680-1750
1	Pottery	7	Modern earthenwares	Modern	AD 1800+
2	Bone & shell	4	Mussel shell	Undated	
2	Bone & shell	3	Misc. animal bone	Undated	
2	Building material	3	Cement roof tile	Modern	
2	Building material	1	Cement	Modern	
2	Building material	77	Red ceramic building material	Modern	
2	Building material	1	Iron ring	Modern	1" diameter, 5mm thick, 15mm long
2	Building material	8	Iron nails, bolts and screws	Modern	Machine-made
2	Clay pipe	3	Clay tobacco pipe bowl fragments	Modern	Including rear of pipe bowl with stem, 2.4mm bore
2	Garden waste	1	Foil bottle top	Modern	
2	Garden waste	1	Smartie tube lid	Modern	Orange lid, stamped 'ROWNTREE' and 'F', 1980s-early90s
2	Glass	2	Brown bottle glass	Modern	
2	Glass	1	Green bottle glass	Modern	
2	Glass	18	Clear bottle glass	Modern	
2	Household	1	Brass bolster	Modern	Bolster from a tool/knife handle
2	Industrial	1	Melted aluminium	Modern	
2	Pottery	1	Chilvers Coton 'A' Ware	High Medieval	Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire AD 1250-1395
2	Pottery	22	Modern earthenwares	Modern	AD 1800+
3	Bone & shell	1	Mussel shell	Undated	
3	Building material	3	Cement roof tile	Modern	

Layer	Category	No	Description	Phase*	Comments
3	Building material	39	Red ceramic building material	Modern	
3	Building material	1	Brown-glazed ceramic drainage pipe	Modern	
3	Building material	1	Iron nail	Modern	Shaft only
3	Garden waste	1	Modern plastic	Modern	plant label
3	Glass	6	Clear bottle glass	Modern	
3	Glass	1	Green bottle glass	Modern	
3	Pottery	12	Modern earthenwares	Modern	AD 1800+
4	Bone & shell	2	Misc. animal bone	Undated	
4	Building material	4	Cement roof tile	Modern	
4	Building material	88	Red ceramic building material	Modern	
4	Building material	4	Iron nails	Undated	Handmade, square shafted
4	Building material	1	Iron nail	Modern	Machine-made, 1.5"
4	Building material	2	Iron pipe fragments	Modern	10mm bore
4	Clay pipe	1	Clay tobacco pipe stem fragment	Modern	2.4mm bore
4	Garden waste	7	Modern plastic	Modern	Plastic wrapper, plastic tree guard, plastic-coated wire
4	Garden waste	2	Foil bottle top	Modern	
4	Glass	11	Clear bottle glass	Modern	
4	Glass	1	Brown bottle glass	Modern	Base of bottle/jar, stamped 'M 348, C 4 OZ 4, HCB'
4	Household	1	Ceramic terminal block	Modern	Electrical, 2-way ceramic terminal block. Base stamped 'CR, REF MJ5, BRITISH MAKE'
4	Pottery	1	Chilvers Coton 'A' Ware	High Medieval	Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire AD 1250-1395
4	Pottery	1	Midland Yellow Ware	Post-medieval	Ticknall AD 1500-1725
4	Pottery	6	Iron-Glazed Earthenware	Post-medieval	Chilvers Coton / Ticknall 17th-19th century AD
4	Pottery	18	Modern earthenwares	Modern	AD 1800+
5	Bone & shell	1	Misc. animal bone	Undated	
5	Bone & shell	1	Mussel shell	Undated	

Layer	Category	No	Description	Phase*	Comments
5	Building material	1	Cement roof tile	Modern	
5	Building material	57	Red ceramic building material	Modern	
5	Clay pipe	1	Clay tobacco pipe bowl	Post-medieval	Oswald type 7, bowl with milled rim & spur, 3mm bore, c. 1610-40
5	Glass	2	Brown bottle glass	Modern	
5	Glass	1	Clear bottle glass	Modern	
5	Pottery	1	Chilvers Coton 'A' Ware	High Medieval	Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire AD 1250-1395
5	Pottery	9	Iron-Glazed Earthenware	Post-medieval	Chilvers Coton / Ticknall 17th-19th century AD
5	Pottery	14	Modern earthenwares	Modern	AD 1800+
6	Bone & shell	4	Misc. animal bone	Undated	
6	Building material	2	Cement roof tile	Modern	
6	Building material	50	Red ceramic building material	Modern	
6	Clay pipe	3	Clay tobacco pipe stem fragments	Modern	2.4mm bore
6	Glass	2	Clear bottle glass	Modern	
6	Pottery	5	Chilvers Coton 'A' Ware	High Medieval	Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire AD 1250-1395
6	Pottery	4	Chilvers Coton 'C' Ware	High Medieval	Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire AD 1200-1475
6	Pottery	1	Cistercian Ware	Late Medieval	AD 1450/75-1550
6	Pottery	4	Iron-Glazed Earthenware	Post-medieval	Chilvers Coton / Ticknall 17th-19th century AD
6	Pottery	1	Staffordshire Manganese Mottled Ware	Post-medieval	AD 1680-1780
6	Pottery	12	Modern earthenwares	Modern	AD 1800+

\* Phasing: Bronze Age (2600-700 BC), Roman (AD 43-410), High Medieval (1100-1400), Later Medieval (1400-1550), Post-medieval (1550-1800), Modern (1800-present)