



Test Pit 1: Jasmine Cottage, Sutton Lane, SK 42607 02274

Test Pit 1 (Figure 1) was dug in an area of waste ground to the south of Jasmine Cottage. Built in 1863, Jasmine Cottage was formerly the village school until it was turned into a home in 1953. The 1840 tithe map shows the property as open ground owned by the parish and leased to Thomas Fletcher as a garden.



Figure 1: Excavation of Test Pit 1, looking north-west



Figure 2: Test Pit 1 post-excitation, looking north

During the excavation, 0.5m of dark brownish grey clayey silt topsoil (Layers 1-5) was removed. Beneath was 0.1m of orangish yellow clayey sand subsoil (Layer 6). The natural substratum, greyish yellow clayey sand, was reached 0.6m below the ground; no archaeological features were recorded (Figure 2).

In all, 278 individual finds (6.696kg) were recovered from the test pit (Table 1). A large assemblage of post-medieval (mid-17th-18th century) and modern (19th-century – present) was found. Other finds included modern building material, typically fragments of handmade brick and tile made locally from the 18th century onwards. Pieces of modern bottle glass, modern garden waste and a small assemblage of animal bones were also present. The cottage's former use as the village school was evident in parts of two slate pencils, and part of a Welsh slate with red painted lines, all possibly school equipment.

The test pit was sited to assess the potential extent of medieval and pre-medieval activity in Cadeby. Finds suggest that this area of ground was marginal to activity in the village and unused before 17th/18th century. The absence of finds earlier than the 17th century might suggest that this was an area of pasture for a prolonged period of time. Increased material from the 17th century onwards suggests that the area was being cultivated, with some habitation nearby. This is consistent with its description as a garden in 1840. The majority of the finds can be attributed to the site's use as the village school from the mid-19th century onwards, and its present use as a dwelling.

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Table 1: The finds from Test Pit 1

Layer	Category	No	Description	Period	Notes
1	Building material	1	Cement	Modern	
1	Building material	1	Concrete	Modern	
1	Building material	16	Red ceramic building material	Modern	
1	Garden waste	1	Metal disc	Modern	aluminium, flat, 1mm thick, 20mm diameter
1	Garden waste	1	Modern plastic	Modern	Green plastic
2	Building material	32	Red ceramic building material	Modern	
2	Building material	1	Welsh roof slate	Modern	
2	Building material	1	Yellow ceramic building material	Modern	Tile with reduced surface
2	Garden waste	2	Modern plastic	Modern	Inc. melted white plastic & piece of plant label
2	Glass	4	Clear bottle glass	Modern	
2	Glass	1	Clear window glass	Modern	
2	Household	1	Welsh slate	Modern	Red painted lines 8mm sq
2	Pottery	1	Black glazed earthenware	Post-medieval	AD 1650-1750
2	Pottery	6	Modern earthenwares	Modern	AD 1800+
3	Bone & shell	1	Misc. animal bone	Undated	Pig tusk
3	Building material	1	Brown-glazed ceramic pipe	Modern	

Layer	Category	No	Description	Period	Notes
3	Building material	1	Iron staple	Modern	65x40mm
3	Building material	44	Red ceramic building material	Modern	
3	Building material	3	Wire nails	Modern	
3	Garden waste	2	Modern plastic	Modern	Energy bar wrapper & two-wire electrical connector
3	Glass	4	Clear bottle glass	Modern	
3	Glass	1	Pale green bottle glass	Modern	
3	Household	1	Slate pencil	Modern	Blunted tip, 38x4mm
3	Pottery	1	Black glazed earthenware	Post-medieval	AD 1650-1750
3	Pottery	12	Modern earthenwares	Modern	AD 1800+
4	Building material	4	Blue ceramic building material	Modern	Reduced tiles, 16mm thick
4	Building material	29	Red ceramic building material	Modern	Inc. 17mm thick tile
4	Building material	1	Welsh roof slate	Modern	104mm wide, punched hole
4	Building material	1	Worked sandstone	Modern	
4	Fossil	1	Belemnite	Mesozoic	
4	Glass	5	Clear bottle glass	Modern	Inc. base of jar
4	Pottery	7	Black glazed earthenware	Post-medieval	AD 1650-1750
4	Pottery	12	Modern earthenwares	Modern	AD 1800+
4	Pottery	1	White Salt-Glazed Stoneware	Post-medieval	Staffordshire AD 1730-1770
6	Bone & shell	2	Misc. animal bone	Undated	
6	Building material	30	Red ceramic building material	Modern	
6	Building material	1	Yellow ceramic building material	Modern	Tile with reduced surface
6	Garden waste	1	Iron wire	Modern	2mm diameter
6	Glass	12	Clear bottle glass	Modern	Inc. bottle neck & complete jar, handblown, circular, 95mm diam & 133mm tall "N 12" on base
6	Glass	2	Green bottle glass	Modern	
6	Household	1	Slate pencil	Modern	Shaft, 5mm diam. x 28mm

Layer	Category	No	Description	Period	Notes
6	Pottery	4	Black glazed earthenware	Post-medieval	AD 1650-1750
6	Pottery	5	English Brown Salt-Glazed Stoneware	Post-medieval	Staffordshire AD 1670-1900
6	Pottery	18	Modern earthenwares	Modern	AD 1800+
6	Pottery	1	Staffordshire Slipware	Post-medieval	AD 1680-1750

* Phasing: Mesozoic (252-66 million years ago), Mesolithic/Early Neolithic (10000-3300 BC), Roman (AD 43-410), Saxo-Norman (AD 850-1100), High Medieval (1100-1400), Later Medieval (1400-1550), Post-medieval (1550-1800), Modern (1800-present)