



### Test Pit 9: Daisy Cottage, 3 Main Street, SK 42523 02426

Test Pit 9 (Figure 1) was dug in the rear garden of Daisy Cottage, 25m to the east of Main Street. The property is part of a terrace of three brick cottages built in the 19th century. A fourth cottage formerly stood in the garden, and was demolished in the 1930s. The 1840 tithe map lists three houses, a foldyard (enclosure for livestock) and garden. Two of the houses were occupied by Thomas Moggs and John Dawson, the third was untenanted.



Figure 1: Excavation of Test Pit 9, looking west



Figure 2: Test Pit 9 post-excitation, looking north

During the excavation, 0.4m of turf and greyish brown sandy silty topsoil mixed with building rubble (Layers 1-4) was removed. Beneath was 0.5m of greyish orange silty sand subsoil (Layers 5-9). The

natural substratum, reddish orange clayey sand, was reached 0.9m below the ground; no archaeological features were recorded (Figure 2).

In all, 532 individual finds (9.653kg) were recovered from the test pit (Table 1). A large assemblage of High Medieval pottery (12th-14th century) was found, along with a single sherd of Late Medieval pottery (15th – mid-16th century) and large assemblages of post-medieval and modern pottery (mid-17th century – present). Other finds included a large amount of modern building material, typically fragments of handmade brick and tile made locally from the 18th century onwards. Modern bottle glass, modern household and garden waste, iron slag and a small assemblage of animal bone and shell was also present. The oldest find was a piece of worked flint of possible Mesolithic/Early Neolithic date.

The test pit was sited to assess the potential extent of medieval and pre-medieval activity in Cadeby. The pottery suggests very strongly that this site was settled during the High Medieval period, most likely during the 12th century. The near total absence of later medieval and early post-medieval pottery also suggests that the site was more or less abandoned at some point in the later 14th or 15th centuries until the later 17th or 18th century. The majority of the post medieval and modern finds are consistent with occupation of the extant late 19th century cottage, and the cottage which formerly stood in the garden. The large amount of building material most likely comes from the demolished cottage.

The worked flint (a core piece) was debitage, waste material from tool manufacture and maintenance. The presence of a core piece does indicate flint-working in the area, rather than chance losses, and suggests there may be a focus of activity nearby.

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Table 1: The finds from Test Pit 9

Layer	Category	No	Description	Period	Notes
1	Bone & shell	2	Misc. animal bone	Undated	
1	Building material	1	Blue ceramic building material	Modern	Reduced tile, 14mm thick
1	Building material	2	Iron hinge leaf	Modern	20mm wide, tapered, nail holes
1	Building material	93	Red ceramic building material	Modern	
1	Building material	13	Wire nails	Modern	1½ - 6"
1	Garden waste	1	Modern plastic	Modern	Hard black plastic
1	Glass	44	Clear bottle glass	Modern	Inc. jar lid stamped 'IMPROVED KILNER LID', 65mm diameter; glass stopper stamped 'IS', base of a rectangular bottle stamped 'J.L.', 44x26mm; circular perfume bottle base, 12mm diameter, some fire affected/melted
1	Glass	1	Dark blue bottle glass	Modern	Prob. Poison bottle, melted
1	Glass	3	Green bottle glass	Modern	

Layer	Category	No	Description	Period	Notes
1	Glass	1	Red glass	Modern	
1	Household	1	Clay sphere	Modern	Ceramic baking bean?
1	Household	1	Iron pipe fitting	Modern	Very corroded, part of a water tap?
1	Household	1	Lock plate	Modern	Lock plate with hinged cover, possibly from cabinet
1	Personal adornment	1	Button	Modern	Stud from a button
1	Pottery	2	Black glazed earthenware	Post-medieval	AD 1650-1750
1	Pottery	36	Modern earthenwares	Modern	AD 1800+
1	Pottery	1	Potters Marston ware	High Medieval	AD 1100-1300/50+
1	Pottery	1	Staffordshire Manganese Mottled Ware	Post-medieval	AD 1680-1780
2	Bone & shell	2	Burnt bone	Undated	
2	Bone & shell	2	Calcined bone	Undated	
2	Bone & shell	5	Misc. animal bone	Undated	
2	Building material	1	Blue ceramic building material	Modern	Tile, 14mm thick
2	Building material	17	Forged nail	Undated	
2	Building material	27	Red ceramic building material	Modern	
2	Garden waste	1	Grommet	Modern	14mm diameter, from groundsheet etc.
2	Garden waste	1	Iron object	Undated	Too corroded to identify
2	Glass	11	Clear bottle glass	Modern	Some melted
2	Household	1	Carbon rod from battery	Modern	Copper contact, 5mm diameter, 35mm long
2	Pottery	1	Black glazed earthenware	Post-medieval	AD 1650-1750
2	Pottery	27	Modern earthenwares	Modern	AD 1800+
3	Bone & shell	20	Misc. animal bone	Undated	Inc. fish vertebrae
3	Bone & shell	1	Oyster shell	Undated	
3	Building material	3	Cement	Modern	
3	Building material	33	Forged nail	Undated	1½-3½"
3	Building material	1	Iron ring	Modern	Corroded, 34mm diameter
3	Building material	1	Lead window came	Undated	

Layer	Category	No	Description	Period	Notes
3	Building material	1	Painted plaster	Modern	Black paint
3	Building material	14	Red ceramic building material	Modern	
3	Building material	2	Wire nails	Modern	1½"
3	Garden waste	1	Iron block	Modern	Square block of iron, 85x75x20mm
3	Glass	12	Clear bottle glass	Modern	Inc. melted glass & broken Codd-necked bottle
3	Glass	1	Dark blue bottle glass	Modern	Prob. Poison bottle
3	Glass	2	Green bottle glass	Modern	
3	Glass	4	Pale blue bottle glass	Modern	Heat affected
3	Glass	3	Pale green bottle glass	Modern	
3	Household	2	Carbon rod from battery	Modern	Copper caps present, 55x6mm
3	Household	1	Iron grill	Modern	Flat sheet, 30x25mm
3	Personal adornment	1	Button	Modern	machine stamped 2-hole button, 11mm diam.
3	Pottery	5	Black glazed earthenware	Post-medieval	AD 1650-1750
3	Pottery	1	Chilvers Coton 'C' Ware	High Medieval	Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire AD 1200-1475
3	Pottery	1	English Brown Salt-Glazed Stoneware	Post-medieval	Staffordshire AD 1670-1900
3	Pottery	2	Medieval sandy ware	High Medieval	Unclassified, AD 1100-1400
3	Pottery	56	Modern earthenwares	Modern	AD 1800+
4	Bone & shell	1	Misc. animal bone	Undated	
4	Building material	1	Cement	Modern	
4	Building material	18	Iron pipe	Modern	Very corroded remains of pipe?
4	Building material	1	Painted plaster	Modern	Black paint
4	Building material	6	Red ceramic building material	Modern	
4	Building material	1	Welsh roof slate	Modern	
4	Garden waste	1	Copper alloy sheet	Undated	Iron corrosion adhering to surfaces
4	Household	1	Door handle	Modern	Lever handle, 90mm long

Layer	Category	No	Description	Period	Notes
4	Industrial waste	1	Iron slag	Undated	
4	Pottery	1	Black glazed earthenware	Post-medieval	AD 1650-1750
4	Pottery	2	Modern earthenwares	Modern	AD 1800+
5	Garden waste	1	Iron vehicle part	Modern	Part of leaf spring from vehicle?
5	Building material	1	Red ceramic building material	Modern	Field drain?
5	Household	1	Iron tin	Modern	Base of tin, 82mm diam. Very corroded but possibly a paint tin
5	Pottery	2	Black glazed earthenware	Post-medieval	AD 1650-1750
5	Pottery	1	Potters Marston ware	High Medieval	AD 1100-1300/50+
6	Bone & shell	2	Misc. animal bone	Undated	
6	Building material	1	Red ceramic building material	Modern	
6	Pottery	1	Midland Purple Ware	Late Medieval	AD 1370-1550
6	Pottery	6	Potters Marston ware	High Medieval	AD 1100-1300/50+
7	Bone & shell	1	Misc. animal bone	Undated	
7	Building material	1	Forged nail	Undated	5"
7	Building material	2	Red ceramic building material	Modern	
7	Pottery	3	Potters Marston ware	High Medieval	AD 1100-1300/50+
8	Building material	1	Iron object	Undated	Probably a nail
8	Pottery	2	Medieval sandy ware	High Medieval	Unclassified, AD 1100-1400
8	Pottery	2	Potters Marston ware	High Medieval	AD 1100-1300/50+
8	Stone	1	Small core on patinated chunk	Mesolithic/Early Neolithic?	Opaque pale grey, Wolds material?

\* 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)