

Borough Viaduct
Extracts from MOLA archive report – WB on geotechnical pits

Test Pit 3

Site code: BVV09

2 Bedale Street

Test pit 3 was located within the north-east corner of the building and measured 1.20m by 0.70m by 1.60m deep. The earliest deposit was 0.50m thick and comprised a mid grey sand silt which contained Roman pottery; the top of this deposit was recorded at a height of 2.11m OD. This was overlain by a 0.90m thick layer of dark brown-black silty clay with occasional tile, at 3.01m OD. Above this was the concrete slab of the basement (3.21m OD).

<i>Test Pit 3</i>	
Location	Basement of 2 Bedale Street
Dimensions	1.20m by 0.70m
Top of slab	3.21m OD
Base of slab	3.01m OD
Depth of archaeological deposits seen	1.40m
Level of base of deposits observed	1.61m OD
Natural observed	N/A

Test Pit 18

Site code: BVV09

2 Bedale Street

Within the basement of 2 Bedale Street a hand-dug test pit and window sample were undertaken. These were combined to produce the following results. The natural sand and gravel was reached at 2.60m below the basement slab. This was overlain by a 1.30m thick dark brown clay silt with occasional brick fragments, clinker and chalk with bone and coal fragments, the top of which was recorded 1.30m below the basement slab. This layer was overlain by 1.15m thick dark brown-black clayey silt with occasional brick fragments, some 0.15m below the concrete slab.

<i>Test Pit 18</i>	
Location	2 Bedale Street
Dimensions	0.30m sq
Modern ground level/top of slab	3.21m OD
Base of modern fill/slab	0.61m OD
Depth of archaeological deposits seen	N/A
Level of base of deposits observed	N/A
Natural observed	0.61m OD

Test Pit 19

Site code: BVV09

3 Bedale Street

Within the basement of 3 Bedale Street a 0.30m square hand-dug test pit was excavated. The natural sand and gravel was not reached. The earliest deposit was a 0.25m thick patch of mid orange silty sand within a mid brown clayey silt which produced a sherd of Roman pottery. This was reached at 1.25m below the basement slab. It was overlain by 1.10m thick dark brown slightly clayey silt with occasional brick fragments, animal bone and pottery. This was overlain by the 0.15m thick concrete slab.

<i>Test Pit 19</i>	
Location	3 Bedale Street
Dimensions	0.30m sq
Modern ground level/top of slab	3.19m OD
Base of modern fill/slab	3.04m OD
Depth of archaeological deposits seen	1.35m
Level of base of deposits observed	1.69mOD
Natural observed	N/A (not observed)

Test Pit 20

Site code: BVV09

4 Bedale Street

Within the basement of 4 Bedale Street a 0.30m square hand-dug test pit was excavated. The natural sand and gravel was not reached. The earliest deposit was a 1.35m thick mid brown clayey silt containing 16th-17th brick fragments, and tile and shell fragments. This was overlain by the stone slab for the base of the building.

<i>Test Pit 20</i>	
Location	4 Bedale Street
Dimensions	0.30m sq
Modern ground level/top of slab	3.48m OD
Base of modern fill/slab	3.38m OD
Depth of archaeological deposits seen	1.50m
Level of base of deposits observed	1.98m OD
Natural observed	N/A (not observed)