

# NAYLAND TEST PIT DIG

An aerial photograph showing a large group of people, mostly older adults, gathered on a grassy field. They are arranged in several long rows, some standing and some sitting at long white tables. The people are dressed in casual outdoor clothing. The background shows a line of trees and a path. The overall atmosphere is one of a community gathering or event.

PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM  
5th-7th October 2012

A community project which involved digging test pits to discover more about Nayland's early history drew an enthusiastic response over the weekend of October 5-7.

The archaeological event was run by Dr Carenza Lewis, formerly of Channel 4's Time Team, and her team who were on hand to advise diggers.

Thirty-four pits were dug at sites all over the village and over three days a huge range of objects was unearthed.

On October 7 a tea party was held at Carvers' Barn, Mill Street, to display the finds which included medieval pottery, coins, brick and tile fragments, animal bones, metal and a range of bottles

Dr Lewis said there were very little prehistoric and no Roman or Anglo-Saxon materials. She added: "Nayland was a new town in the 13th century and went on from there. A fantastic range of people have been involved this weekend and it gives us a much clearer idea of the village."

She thanked Andora Carver, who co-ordinated the whole project, her own team and everyone who took part.

Mrs Carver, secretary of Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society, said: "It's been a wonderful experience for everyone involved and a great community event. There was a buzz about the village all weekend and people really enjoyed working together."

The finds will be washed, recorded and retained for analysis before being returned to the owners, if requested.

The event is part of the lottery-funded Managing a Masterpiece scheme.





*Dr Carenza Lewis at the  
briefing meeting at  
Nayland Primary School  
on Friday 5th October*







*Site 24 at Mill House,  
Mill Street*

*Lunch break at Mill House;  
volunteer diggers are joined  
by some of Carenza's team.*







*Site 7 at Parkers, Bear Street.  
Andrew Gowen and Tony Price  
seem to have been very  
enthusiastic digging their hole*



*Site 29 Chris Hunter,  
Newlands Lane*





*Site 15 at the United Reformed Church*



*Site 28 at Alston Court.  
Susan Wolsten-Croft,  
Andrew Parker and  
Mary George.*





*Site 34 behind the Anchor  
(Courtesy of the Tendring  
Estate)*

*Site 31 Allotment Field  
(Courtesy of the Parish  
Council)*







*Sites 4 & 5  
The Vicarage garden*





*Gathering the finds for display at Carvers' Barn, Mill Street*



*Several interesting finds were uncovered including some fragments of pottery, worked flints, coins, tiles and a lot of Victorian artefacts and glass bottles.*





*Dr. Carenza Lewis giving the Saturday briefing at Carvers' Barn, Mill Street*







*Andora Carver and Dr Carenza Lewis at the BBQ lunch on Saturday at Mill House for all involved in the dig.*



*Briefing meeting at the Carvers' Barn*



*Visitors viewing all the  
interesting finds that had  
been unearthed*







*Site representatives give summaries of their digs and the finds as part of Dr. Carenza Lewis's final summing up before the tea party on Sunday 7th October.*







*An aerial view of the tea party at Mill House, Mill Street at the end of the weekend*

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*The tea party at Mill House,  
Mill Street at the end of the  
weekend*

