



Lily Grist from Southampton, who joined the event while on holiday in the area, unearthed a poison bottle from the early 1900s

Children hit the Indiana trail

FUN ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVENT IN SUTHERLAND

CHILDREN were yesterday given the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of fictional archaeologist and adventurer Indiana Jones at a fun event at a Sutherland museum.

The youngsters, aged from five years, were invited to dig for treasure in a sandpit behind the Historylinks Museum in Dornoch and found pieces of broken pottery, bones and other artefacts.

Sue Higgins, of Historylink, said the aim of the mock dig was to give the children a fun introduction to archaeology.

She said: "The children were able to dig up the items and then take them to a table, so they could identify what they had found and draw a picture or write a poem about them. A few years ago, we ran a project, which involved making replica Bronze Age pots, and one had broken so we put the bits of that in the

sand pit so the children could find them and reconstruct the pot. We also buried bits of bone and fossilised stones so they could learn about the

difference between things manmade and natural." She said this was the second year they had run the event, which had proved very popular.