More than 40 youngsters gave Sawtry the Time Team treatment on Thursday (May 21) when they took part in an archaeological dig around the village.

Led by Carenza Lewis from Channel Four's Time Team crew, the dig was part of a Cambridge University educational programme.

The Year 9 and 10 pupils were from schools including Sawtry Village Academy and several residents allowed them to dig test pits in their gardens.

Dr Lewis said: “Our young investigators made some important finds, including 11th century pottery, medieval floor tiles and 18th century clay pipes – all of which we will be assessing with them at Cambridge University.

“Our diggers make a genuine contribution to the university’s research into historic development of rural communities and the impact of events such as the black death.”