

ISLE OF WIGHT FOLLIES - RESTRICTED CASE FILE

THE SHANKLIN ZOMBIES

THE UNDEAD BIRDWATCHERS

MYTHICAL CLASSIFICATION: UNDEAD ORNITHOLOGICAL OBSERVERS

RESTRICTED - PASS HOLDERS ONLY!



F.O.L.L.I.E.S. REF: SHK-ZOM-24



MOANS, BINOCULARS AND DRAMA

CREATURE	The Shanklin Zombies
PRIMARY RANGE	Old Village, Chine and Esplanade
APPEARANCE	Shabby, pale and spectacularly patient
KNOWN CLUES	Footprints, seaweed, feathers and tea cups
SPECIAL SKILLS	Birdwatching and soap-opera prediction
CASE STATUS	Odd neighbours; wildlife code agreed

THE F.O.L.L.I.E.S. BRIEF

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Shanklin has some remarkably still birdwatchers. They rarely blink, never complain about drizzle and can hear a television cliffhanger from three streets away.



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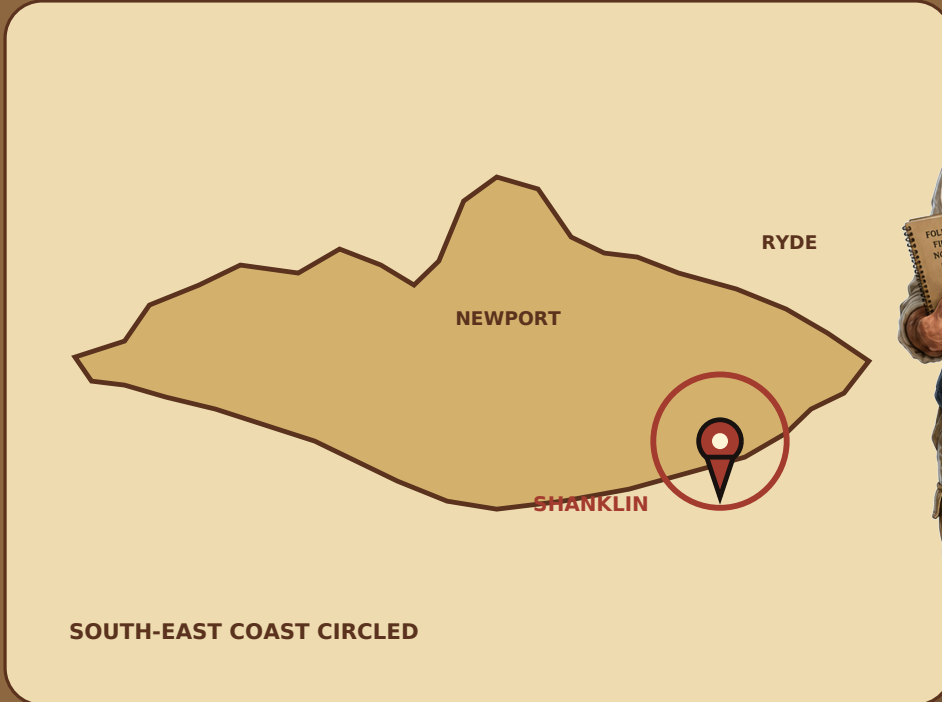
Observe quietly. Protect every bird. Never wander into a ravine alone.



THE SHANKLIN SIGHTING BOARD

BINOCULAR CAP

SPARROW FEATHER



DAMP FOOTPRINT

TEA CUP

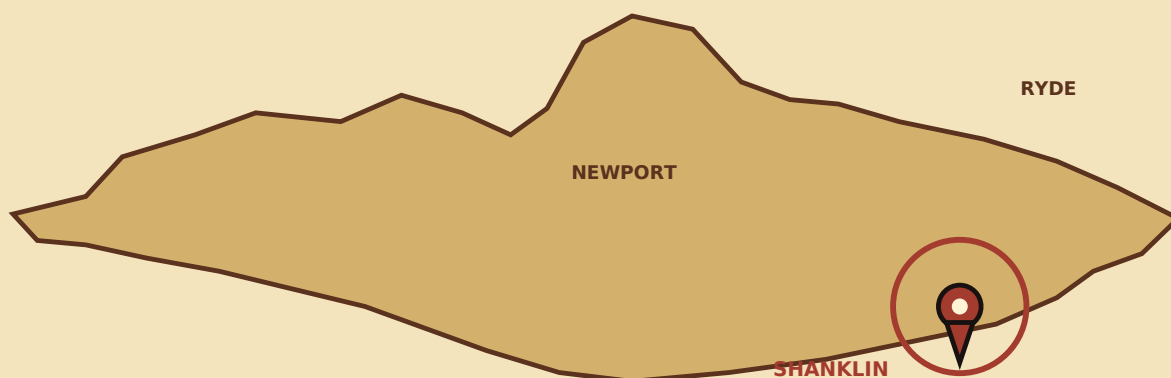


Professor Follies linked the sightings to a short route: Shanklin Old Village, down through the wooded Chine, to the sandy beach and Esplanade.

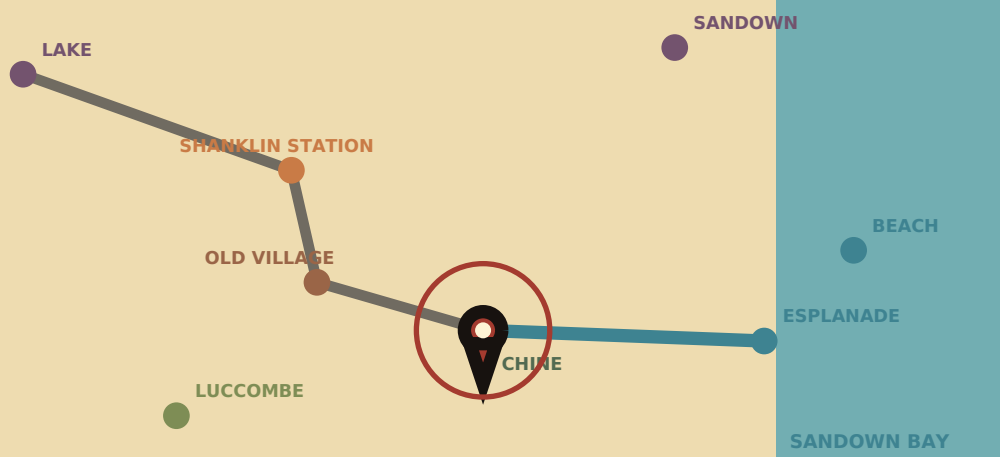
The evidence shelf holds binocular parts, one feather, a damp footprint and a tea cup abandoned during a particularly dramatic television episode.



ISLAND LOCATOR + SHANKLIN INSET



FULL ISLAND: SHANKLIN LIES ON THE SOUTH-EAST COAST



LOCAL CHECK: Shanklin Chine cuts from the Old Village down to the sandy beach and Esplanade. Lake and Sandown lie north; Luccombe lies south.

SPOTTER GUIDE: SHANKLIN ZOMBIE

1

EXCELLENT STILLNESS

Can wait longer than almost any birdwatcher.

2

BONE-DRY HUMOUR

Most jokes arrive several minutes late.

3

SERIOUS BINOCULARS

Sometimes pointed backwards.

4

SOAP-OPERA INSTINCT

Predicts betrayals with one long moan.

CLASSIFICATION: Undead seaside observer with unexpected hobbies.

SIGHTING 01: OLD VILLAGE AT DUSK



“Zombies!” whispered a child. Then everyone noticed what the undead were actually watching.

Two sparrows were building a nest. The Zombies stood as still as statues, barely daring to moan. Fear softened into curiosity, and curiosity became wonder.

UNDEAD BIRDWATCHING KIT



BINOCULARS

Focus before moaning.



NOTEBOOK

Record shape, colour and behaviour.

3

QUIET BOOTS

Tread softly near nests.

4

FLASK

Warm tea for living companions.

Best equipment of all: patience, distance and respect for wildlife.

SIGHTING 02: THE ILLUMINATED CHINE



Down in the wooded ravine, lanterns glowed beside the waterfall—and three Zombies began the slowest nature survey in history.

One sketched a robin. One pointed at a wren. One had the binoculars backwards and was extremely impressed by a gigantic-looking mushroom.

THE FOUR-STEP BIRD CHECK

1

1. STOP

Stand still and listen.

2

2. LOOK

Notice beak, size and colour.

3

3. RECORD

Sketch what the bird is doing.

4

4. LEAVE SPACE

Never crowd a nest.

A good sighting leaves the bird exactly where it was—safe, calm and free.

EVIDENCE 03: THE EERIE GARDEN



The abandoned garden looked spooky until the moon revealed feeders, nesting boxes and fresh water.

The Zombies had turned cracked fountains and ivy-covered walls into a sanctuary. Children watched from the gate with an adult, and every bird remained safe.

FROM EERIE TO EXTRAORDINARY

CRACKED FOUNTAIN



Clean water bowl

OVERGROWN IVY



Shelter and nesting cover

EMPTY WALLS



Nest boxes

SILENT PATHS



Quiet observation points

The cleverest haunting is one that improves the neighbourhood.



After sunset, the bird books closed and the Zombies gathered for their favourite soap opera.

“She cannot marry him after THAT!” groaned one viewer. Tea trembled. Cushions were clutched. Nobody had looked this shocked since the backwards-binocular incident.

THE SOAP-OPERA DRAMA METER

MILD

Someone loses a teacup.

WORRYING

A secret letter arrives.

SHOCKING

The long-lost cousin returns.

MAXIMUM MOAN

A wedding AND a cliffhanger!

Scientific conclusion: undead patience disappears completely during the final five minutes.

PROFESSOR FOLLIES' MOAN TRANSLATOR

Mmm-oaan?

Was that a robin?

MOOOOAN!

The binoculars are backwards!

Urrr-ghhh...

Please pass the tea.

MOOOAAAN?!

Surely that is not the final episode?

Translation accuracy: probably 62%. Tea-related results are more reliable.

THE SHANKLIN ZOMBIE CODE

1

BIRDS FIRST

Keep nests, chicks and feeding places safe.

2

PEOPLE TOGETHER

Children explore with a responsible adult.

3

CHINE CARE

Stay on paths and follow visitor guidance.

4

QUIET MOANS

Volume down near wildlife and after bedtime.

Being unusual is welcome. Being responsible is essential.



By summer, the undead birdwatchers were leading the quietest supervised nature walk in Shanklin.

Families scanned Sandown Bay while sparrows and gulls flew overhead. One Zombie remembered every bird. Another remembered only the previous night's cliffhanger.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Why did the family stop feeling afraid?

2. What makes the Zombies good birdwatchers?

3. Which garden change helped birds most?

4. Why should nests be given plenty of space?

5. What would your “maximum drama” moment be?

6. Which hobby would surprise a monster most?



Professor Follies says: Curiosity is brave—but safe curiosity brings an adult and respects the wildlife.



RESTRICTED FILE CLOSED

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may be a robin—or an extremely dramatic television ending.

PASS HOLDERS' CASE MATERIAL

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