

ISLE OF WIGHT FOLLIES - RESTRICTED CASE FILE

THE WOOTTON TROLL

OLD GRUMBLETOOTH

MYTHICAL CLASSIFICATION: TEN-FOOT TRAFFIC TRICKSTER

RESTRICTED - PASS HOLDERS ONLY!



F.O.L.L.I.E.S. REF: WOO-TRO-22



BIG GRIN - BIGGER POTHOLES

CREATURE	Old Grumbletooth - woodland troll
PRIMARY RANGE	Wootton Bridge to Quarr Hill
HEIGHT	Approximately ten feet
KNOWN CLUES	Club marks, mossy fur, impossible potholes
SPECIAL POWERS	Immense strength and disruptive ingenuity
CASE STATUS	Local character; road rules now agreed

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

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A ten-foot prankster, a suspicious wooden club and a road surface with more craters than the Moon. Cones ready. Sense of humour checked.



FIELD RULE

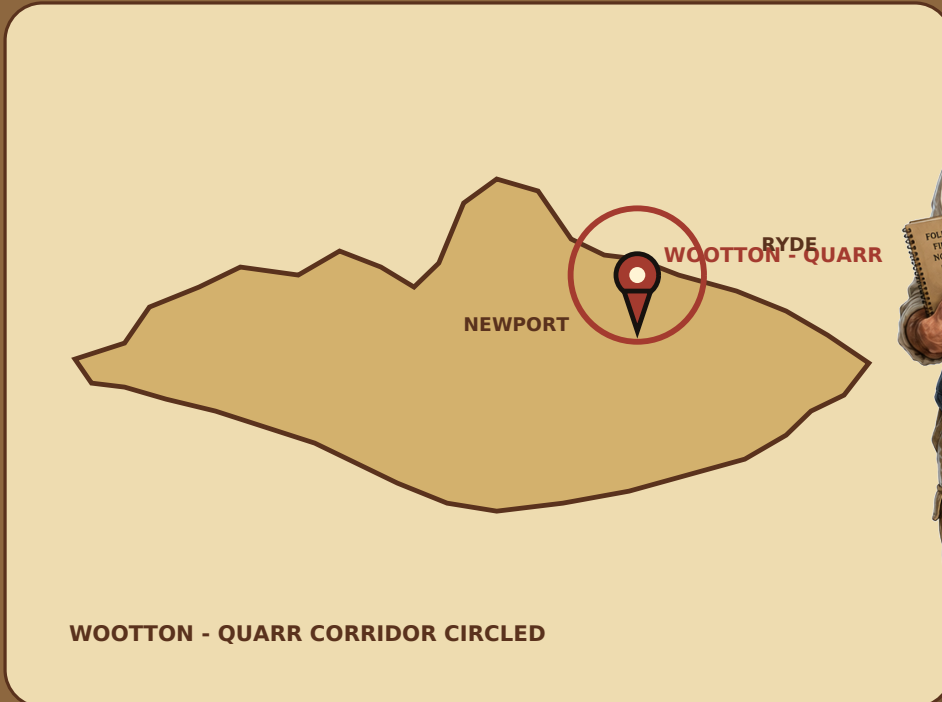
Laugh with the Troll - but never copy a dangerous prank.



THE TRAFFIC MISCHIEF BOARD

MOSS SAMPLE

SIGNAL BULB



CLUB SPLINTER

ROAD CONE

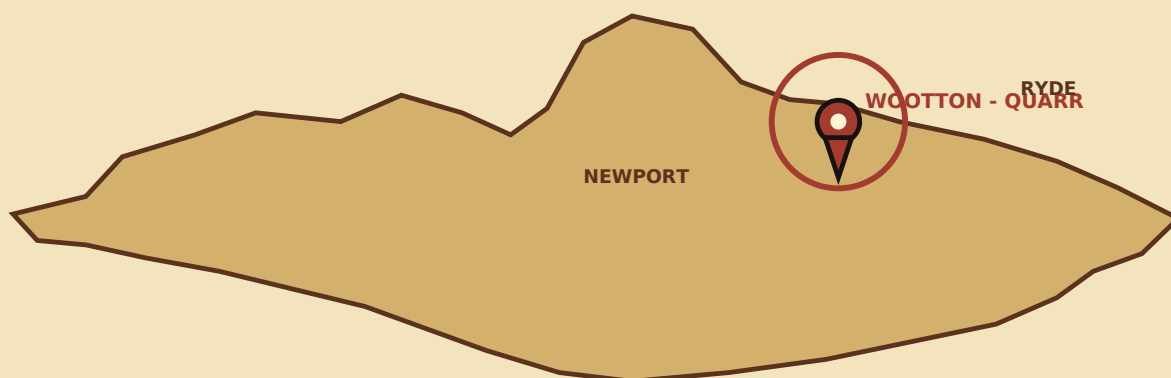


Professor Follies linked every clue to the A3054 corridor: Wootton Bridge in the west, Fishbourne, Quarr Hill and then Binstead and Ryde farther east.

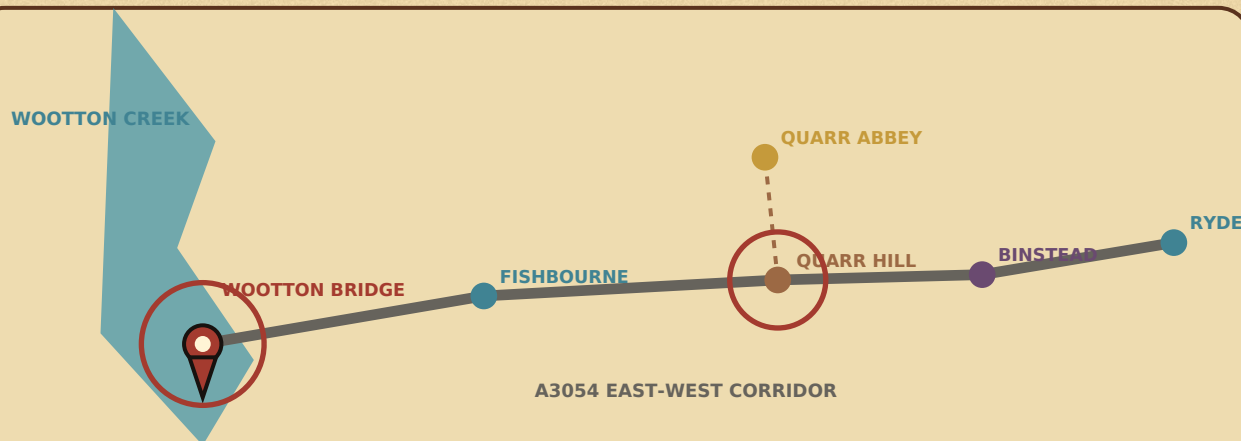
The evidence shelf holds a club splinter, moss, a signal bulb and one cone with a suspiciously large bite mark.



ISLAND LOCATOR + ROAD INSET



FULL ISLAND: WOOTTON AND QUARR LIE ON THE NORTH-EAST SIDE



LOCAL CHECK: The corridor runs east from Wootton Bridge through Fishbourne to Quarr Hill, then Binstead and Ryde. Quarr Abbey lies north of the road.

WHAT MAKES A WOOTTON TROLL?

1

TEN FEET TALL

Large enough to see over a local bus.

2

MOSSY FUR

Brown and green camouflage for Quarr woodland.

3

CROOKED NOSE

Excellent for detecting hot stew.

4

TREMENDOUS STRENGTH

Useful for chaos - or community repairs.

CLASSIFICATION: Powerful woodland trickster with roadwork potential.

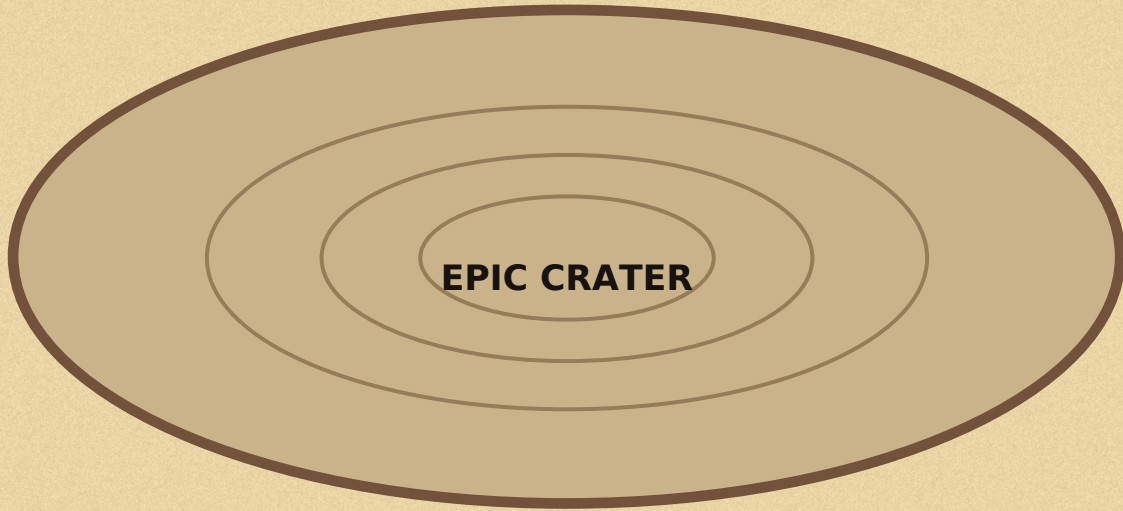
EVIDENCE 01: THE IMPOSSIBLE POTHOLE



THUD! Old Grumbletooth struck the road and admired a crater big enough to inconvenience an entire timetable.

The bus stopped well back. Cones appeared. The road worker sighed. The Troll grinned as if he had invented the world's least useful swimming pool.

POTHOLE OR TROLL-HOLE?



WIDTH

Approximately one startled bus.

DEPTH

Deeper than a postman's patience.

EDGE

Club-struck and extremely inconvenient.

Official conclusion: funny to draw, expensive to drive around.

EVIDENCE 02: EVERY LIGHT IS GREEN



Old Grumbletooth discovered traffic lights and immediately chose the most chaotic possible experiment.

Every signal turned green. Fortunately, the villagers stopped, looked and took turns. The Troll learned that a green light is not magic permission when the junction is unsafe.

WHEN THE SIGNALS LOOK WRONG



1 STOP

Do not enter a confusing junction.



2 LOOK

Check every direction carefully.



3 LISTEN

Follow a responsible adult or traffic marshal.



4 MOVE

Continue only when the route is clearly safe.

A signal helps. Your eyes, ears and judgement still matter.

WITNESS ACCOUNT: FIRESIDE CONFESSION



By the fire, Grumbletooth retold each prank with enormous hand gestures and several unnecessary sound effects.

The postman laughed, the landlady served a mountain of stew, and the villagers explained which parts had been funny - and which parts had frightened people.

THE F.O.L.L.I.E.S. HUMOUR METER

EVERYONE CHOOSES TO JOIN

EVERYONE FEELS SAFE

SOMEONE FEELS WORRIED

SOMEONE COULD BE HURT

The best pranks leave a funny memory - not a repair bill.

IS THE PRANK ACTUALLY FUNNY?

DID THEY AGREE?

If no: choose another idea.



IS IT SAFE?

If no: stop immediately.



CAN IT BE UNDONE?

If no: definitely do not do it.



WILL EVERYONE LAUGH?

If yes: your joke may be ready.

Grumbletooth discovered that planning a kind joke requires real cleverness.



The same strength that made the crater could repair it. Grumbletooth lowered a stone patch into place as gently as a teacup.

Road workers guided him. Children watched behind the cones. The postman finally delivered his letters without needing climbing equipment.

THE GRUMBLETOOTH GUARANTEE

POTHOLES

Only on paper, in charcoal.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Hands off the mechanisms.

HEAVY LIFTING

Available for supervised repairs.

STORYTELLING

Sound effects strongly encouraged.

Being accepted does not erase responsibility. It makes keeping promises more important.

FROM TRICKSTER TO TEAMMATE

1

MISCHIEF

Grumbletooth wanted a reaction.

2

CONSEQUENCE

The village lost time and felt unsafe.

3

LISTENING

He heard why the pranks were a problem.

4

HELPING

His strength became genuinely useful.

Growing kinder did not make him less funny. It made the laughter worth sharing.



That autumn, visitors found a ten-foot Troll carefully directing traffic around a real repair.

The postman gave a thumbs-up. The bus passengers waved. Grumbletooth still loved surprises - but now the best surprise was how helpful he could be.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Which Grumbletooth prank caused the biggest problem?

2. When does a joke stop being funny?

3. Why did the villagers keep welcoming the Troll?

4. What useful job needs enormous strength?

5. Which traffic-safety rule matters most?

6. What harmless prank would make everyone laugh?

Professor Follies says: If your joke needs traffic cones, ask a responsible adult before proceeding.





RESTRICTED FILE CLOSED

The Wootton Troll

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Specialists

If the road rumbles near Wootton, locate the cones, check the
signals and listen for one extremely guilty chuckle.

PASS HOLDERS' CASE MATERIAL

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