

POOLE'S CAVERN

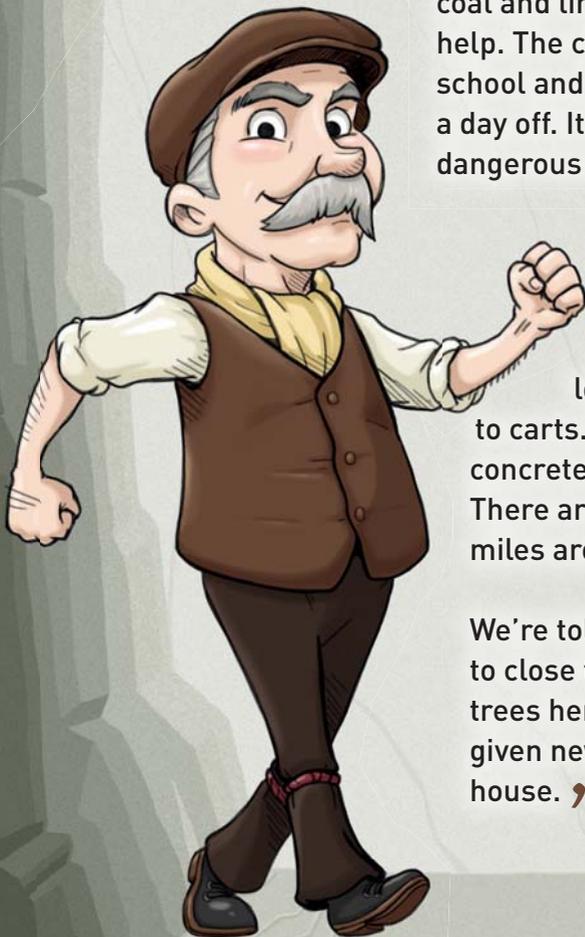
Meet the characters
of Poole's Cavern!



Charlie Limeburner

"Charlie's my name and it's 1820. I've worked in the quarries here since I was 8 years old. All of my children and my wife work here too."

“ I've been breaking rocks with a lump hammer all morning and now we are loading a limekiln with wood, coal and limestone. All of my family help. The children do go to Sunday school and they are allowed half a day off. It's back-breaking and dangerous work.



When the kiln burns it makes terrible, hot dust and lots of fumes! We have to load the lime powder on to carts. It's used for making concrete and fertiliser for farms. There are no trees growing for miles around with the pollution.

We're told the local duke wants to close the quarry and plant trees here. Hopefully we'll be given new jobs and a proper house. ”

Frank Redfern

"Welcome to the cavern. I'm Mr Redfern and I'm the custodian and guide. It's 1853 and the cavern is open for visitors."



“ Recently I've spent many weeks with my son, Francis, making a path through the cavern. To light the caves we have used lots of candles so that the wealthy ladies and gentlemen of Buxton can see the beautiful stalactites.

I've given all the stalactites names, such as the Lion, the Flitch of Bacon and the Poached Eggs. They all look rather splendid. I've also discovered many ancient tools from our Stone Age ancestors and beautiful Roman jewellery.

I've also found some silver coins dated 1440 and oddly a little metal has been cut from each one. I wonder who did this? ”

Poole the Outlaw

"I'm William Poole. Once I was the wealthy owner of a lot of the land around these parts, but nowadays I hide in the cavern from the local sheriff."

“ Some say I'm a giant who eats people. Some think I'm not real at all. But people are frightened to come near the cave in case I catch them. During the evenings I hide in the woods and rob coins from farmers as they return from the market. I've plenty hidden in the dark cave.

Some coins are made of silver and gold and I scrape a little metal from each to melt into ingots to make more money. No one can catch me hidden inside the cavern. ”

What is an ingot?

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