

Manorfield Detectives.



Guess where this is? You would probably recognise it more if it was filled with water.

What do you notice right in the middle of the picture, all the way down at the bottom of that huge hole in the ground? It looks to me like a horse and cart.

Firstly, it gives us an idea of the scale of the quarry, and then it reminds us just how long ago this photograph was probably taken.

So which quarry is it?

Just from the scale it is what is today known as Stoney Cove. In the 19th century it had been two separate quarries, as you can see from these maps below.



1886



1904

You can see in both maps there are the two quarries, you can also see how much they have expanded in the 18 years between the two maps being surveyed and published.

At some point, quite soon after 1904, was probably when those two quarries were blasted with dynamite into the one quarry we see today.

If you use this link you can read more about the history and see more historic pictures of the quarry. It also explains why the quarry is full of water.

<https://www.stoneycove.com/our-heritage.html>

This second link shows you an underwater map which is used by divers today to plan where and how long they can dive for, and just what is available for them to see down in the depths of the quarry.

It also shows that there are areas for beginners, areas for divers with more experience and the deepest are only for expert divers.

Diving can be an amazing hobby but it can also be very dangerous and strict rules apply to equipment and who can dive and for how long.

If you hover with your mouse over the map you will see extra information about the objects which have been deliberately placed there for the divers to discover.

<https://www.stoneycove.com/under-water-map.html>

If you compare the black and white photograph with the underwater map you should notice those shelves which are now submerged many meters down below the surface.

You can also discover all about the wildlife which lives in Stoney Cove.



Maybe you could produce an information leaflet, a poster or a Powerpoint presentation all about Stoney Cove.