

Mudford Smugglers' Run Audio Trail Transcript

1. STREETER'S WELCOME – WITH LOVEY

[Sea gulls in background]

JOHN [To the listener] Hello. Can you hear me? Oh...no, you won't be able to see me. It don't work like that, across time and space. I can see you, mind.

LOVEY [Rushing in] John Streeter! 'Across time and space' this ain't no ghost walk! You might greet people like that in Kent, but you've lived in Mudford long enough to know a proper welcome involves the inn!

JOHN Lovey Warne, storming in from the New Forest to cause trouble, young fry! I ain't introduced meself yet.

LOVEY Well, get on with it, then!

JOHN I am John Streeter.

LOVEY I said that.

JOHN Some say I'm the most well-known smuggler on the Christchurch coast/

LOVEY /Who exactly said that?

JOHN Folk. Rumour has it. It is said –

LOVEY [Groans]

JOHN I am trying to tell a story, Lovey. Go your ways!

No, not you, newcomer. You, friend, look like you've skills that could be put to good use around here. An' you're as fresh-faced as I when I blew into the harbour as a young lad, when there weren't much more than a few poor fishermen around here...

LOVEY Tell it straight, John!

JOHN There was another trade that thrived here...Perhaps you might be looking for such, er, employment?

LOVEY Come on to Haven House, we'll toast your welcome there!

JOHN No need to make your mind up yet. Walk with us a while... Tell me, how do you imagine the life of a smuggler?

[Sound of feet walking on sand/gravel path as if off to the inn. Sea gulls wheeling above.]