

# MAKE A BEASTLY THAUMATROPE

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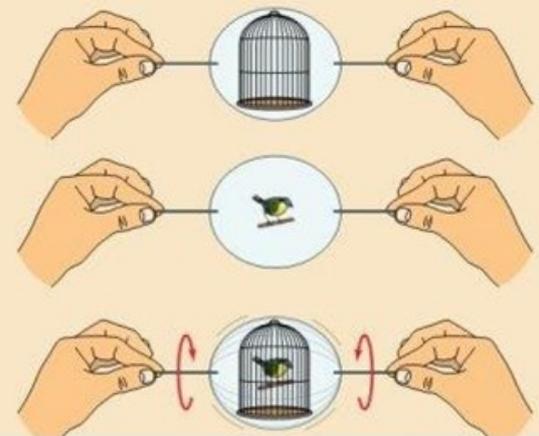
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The thaumatrope, considered to be an educational toy developed by the Victorians, is two pieces of card stuck together with a picture on each side, which is attached to two pieces of string. When the strings are twirled quickly the two discs spin round and animate the pictures!

Have a go at making your own 'boggart' thaumatrope by following the instructions below and our pictures on the next page.

### Instructions

1. Cut out two circles of card. You could draw round a cup to get a perfect circle. If you have thick card you could use one circle and draw on it front and back.
2. Now you can add your design. Draw your design onto your circles of card. You need to choose two images that will form an animation – like the scary spectre dog on one side and a big cage on the other; or you could design your own creature and draw what happens to him/her on the other side.
3. Use a glue to stick and cover the back of each card.
4. Cut a piece of string or wool about 20cm long and lie it onto the back of one of the cards with equal lengths either side. Place the other card glue face down to cover the string. Make sure the designs are upside down to one another and in the right position before applying pressure to the card in order to secure the string.
5. Wind the string up by twisting it between your fingers and then pull tight to release. As the circles of card spin around, watch the two pictures appear as one moving image!



- \* You will need:
- \* Cardboard
- \* Scissors
- \* Pencil
- \* Coloured pens
- \* String/wool
- \* Glue
- \* Your imagination!



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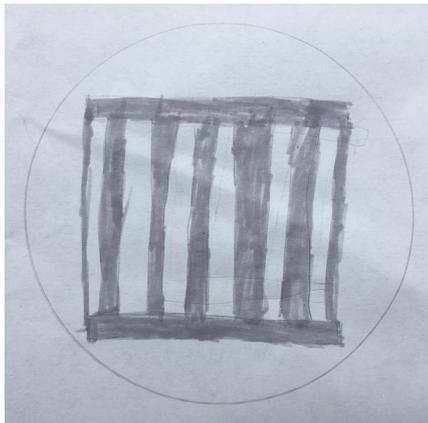
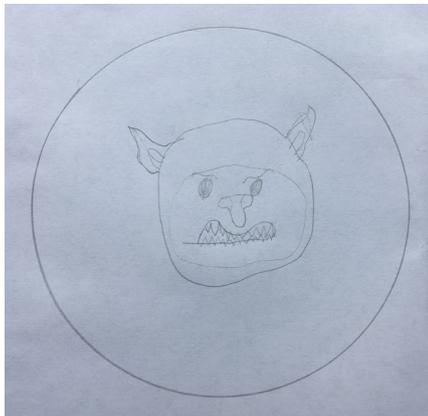


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**STEP by STEP photos, showing you what you need to do to create your drawings for your THAUMATROPE!**

Draw it! Colour it in and cut it out!



Once complete, glue the circles together, back to back and thread with string at each side!

**\*On the next page you will find some stories that we have uncovered for you from our Local Studies and Archive Centre, that will help you discover other mysterious tales about the Boggart of Godley Green and more!**



# A MEGA BEASTLY HAUNTING TALE



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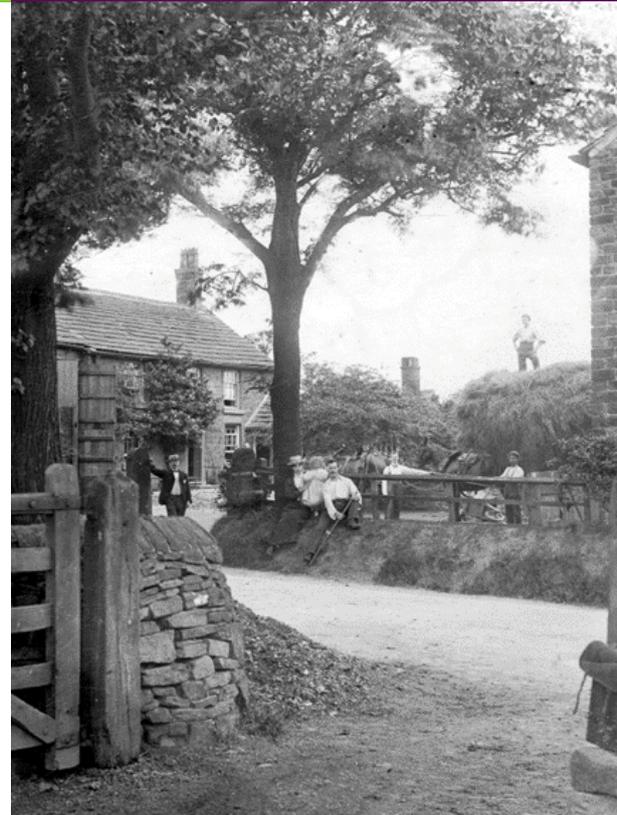
## The Hauntings of Godley Green.

Godley Green is a small group of buildings near Hyde comprising of farms and houses, many of which were demolished in the nineteenth century. One of these farms that no longer stands has a secret to tell, as it was said by many who live in the area, to be **HAUNTED!!**

The ghost or spectre looked like an enormous yellow dog the size of a bull, which nightly wandered the fields that once belonged to the demolished farm.

People who lived nearby would hear the grazing cows moo loudly in the dark and rush around as though they were being chased, and children returning from school in the winter hours when the night descends early, would run home as fast as they could after spotting the huge dog with snarling teeth and huge black eyes.

But why has this scary animal decided to haunt the locals? No one really knows but many think that it once belonged to someone who died in the old farm and say that before the farm was torn down, the flag stones in the kitchen had stains on them that although were scrubbed frequently, never disappeared. Some think that these marks could have been blood! The dog therefore regularly shows itself as the protector of the farm that no longer stands, and ferociously growls at anyone or any animal that dares to trespass.....**He will only cease his haunting when the crime is solved as to who or what killed his owner.**



However the ghostly dog has another spectre for company, its name being **The Boggart Of Godley Green!**

**Read about it on the next page.....**



# A MEGA BEASTLY BOGGART TALE



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## The Boggart of Godley Green.

**What is a Boggart?** In English folklore, it is an evil or mischievous spirit or ogre who wanders through houses and fields that it once knew, haunting the living and scaring them too. In the case of Godley Green, it is said that the area doesn't have just one Boggart, but a number of them.

Perhaps the most famous is that of **Nanny**, an old woman dressed as an old farmer's wife who is said to have lived in one of the houses at Godley Green. No one knows why she became a Boggart but is sure that she must have been a bad person when alive, and now her spirit cannot settle.

She has been known to appear in doorways of the house where she once lived, or stand in fields and gardens, startling the local farmers with her withered face, dressed in old-fashioned clothes with a white cap and a long apron that she flaps and shouts 'ish,ish,ish!'

**One thing is certain, Godley Green must be one of the best places to see mysterious monsters and ghostly figures, so don't venture out there when it's dark, unless you want to be frightened.....**



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