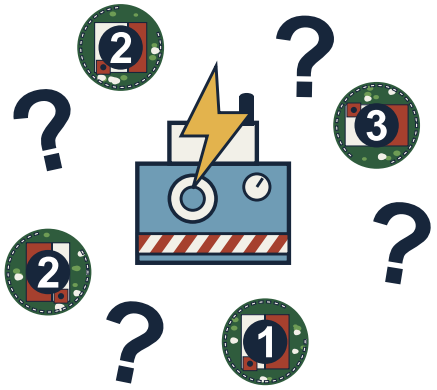
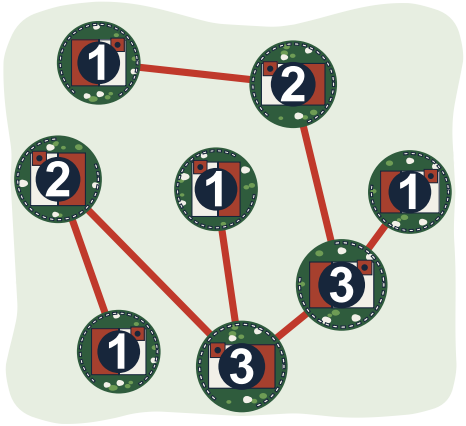
Well Connected Villages

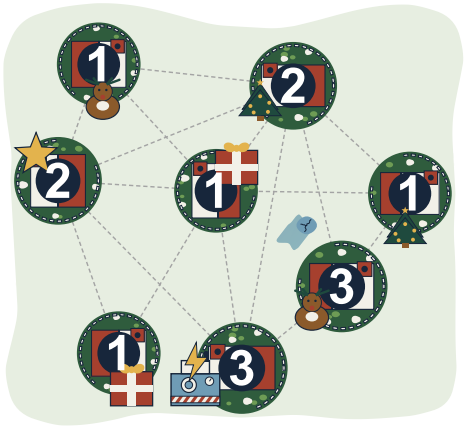
A Christmas Puzzle. The reindeer got hungry just past the River Yare and they chewed through the village wiring! Head Elf Jingles is in a flap, and he won't calm down until every decoration is lit again. Help him link every house to the generator.



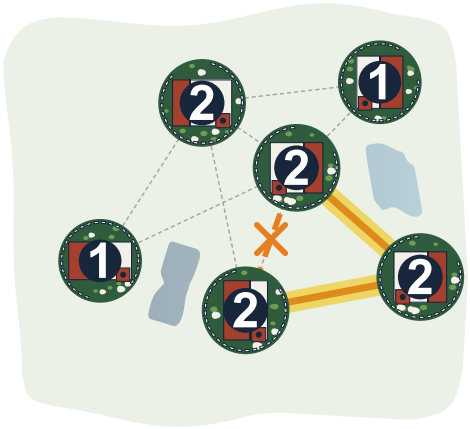
To solve each village. All houses must be joined up. Each house needs exactly its number of cables connected. No loops, no crossed cables. **Jingles promises you never need to guess.** At every step you can work out that a cable must go somewhere, or that it can't. Crossing out a dashed line is just as useful as drawing a cable.



Only use the dashed lines. The elves have already marked where cables can safely go, so those are your only options.

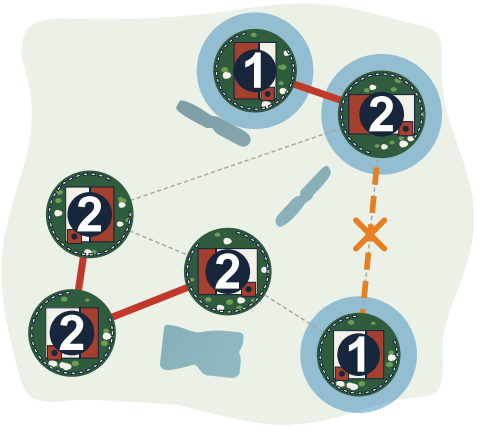


No short circuits. Never make a loop or you'll blow the fuses. Watch out for big loops as well as small ones.



No crossed wires! Sparks are dangerous, especially for elves. You can't put a cable across one you've already laid, it's one or the other.

Power every house. Connect every house to the generator, directly or through its neighbours. This means no isolated groups or they won't all be joined up.

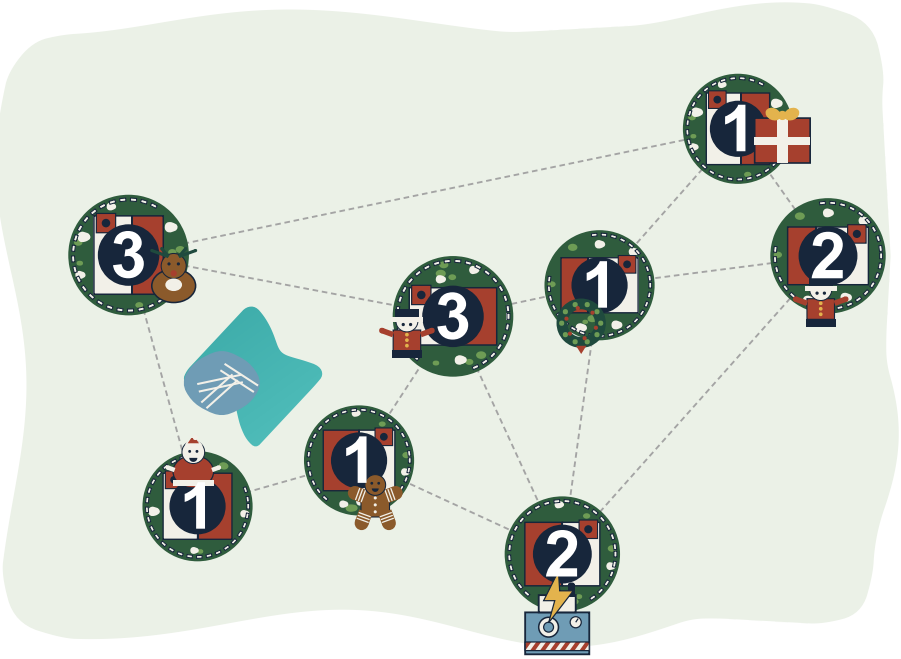


Ignore the decorations and the pond obstacles. They don't affect the puzzle. The location of the generator isn't important either, it's just a reminder you need to connect all the houses together.

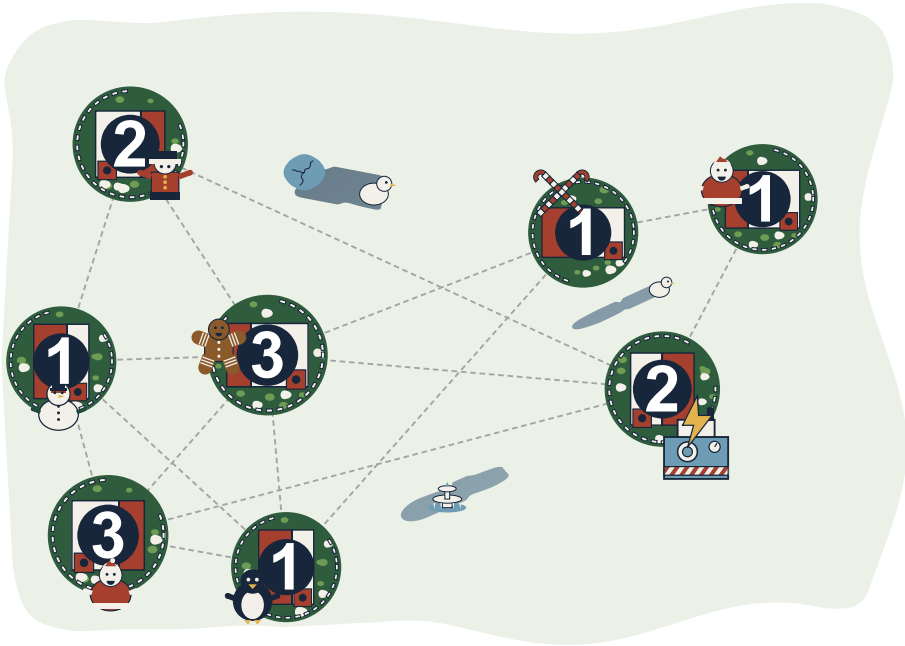


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Surlingham - I'd rather do a Sudoku, thanks.



Bergh Apton - Resistance is futile.



Kirby Bedon - Get the pub hooked up first!



Carleton St Peter - Elf and safety gone mad.

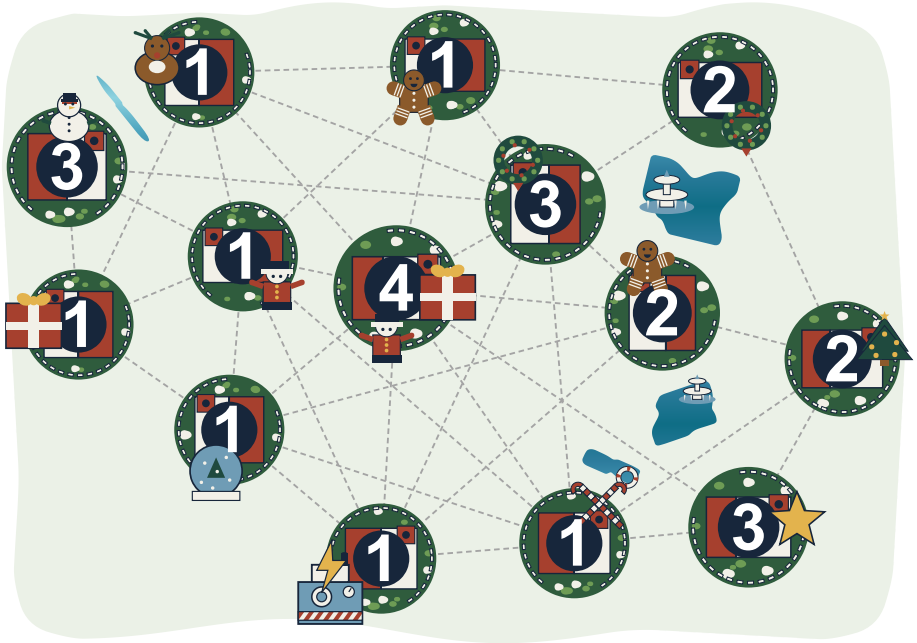


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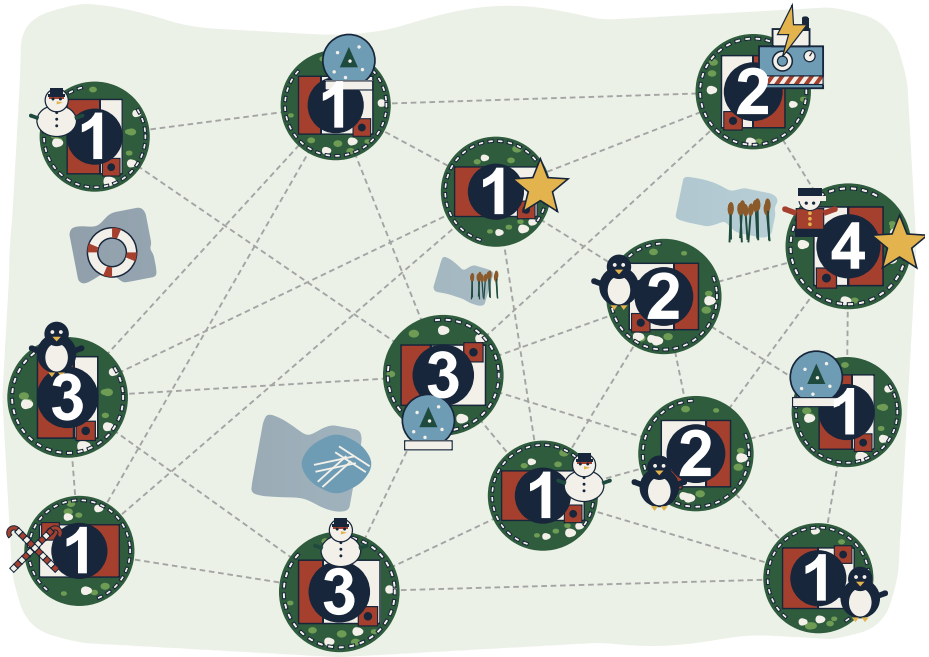
Framingham Pigot - My tinsel's all tangled.



Ashby St Mary - Driving Ohm for Christmas.



Rockland St Mary - Oh baubles, no power!

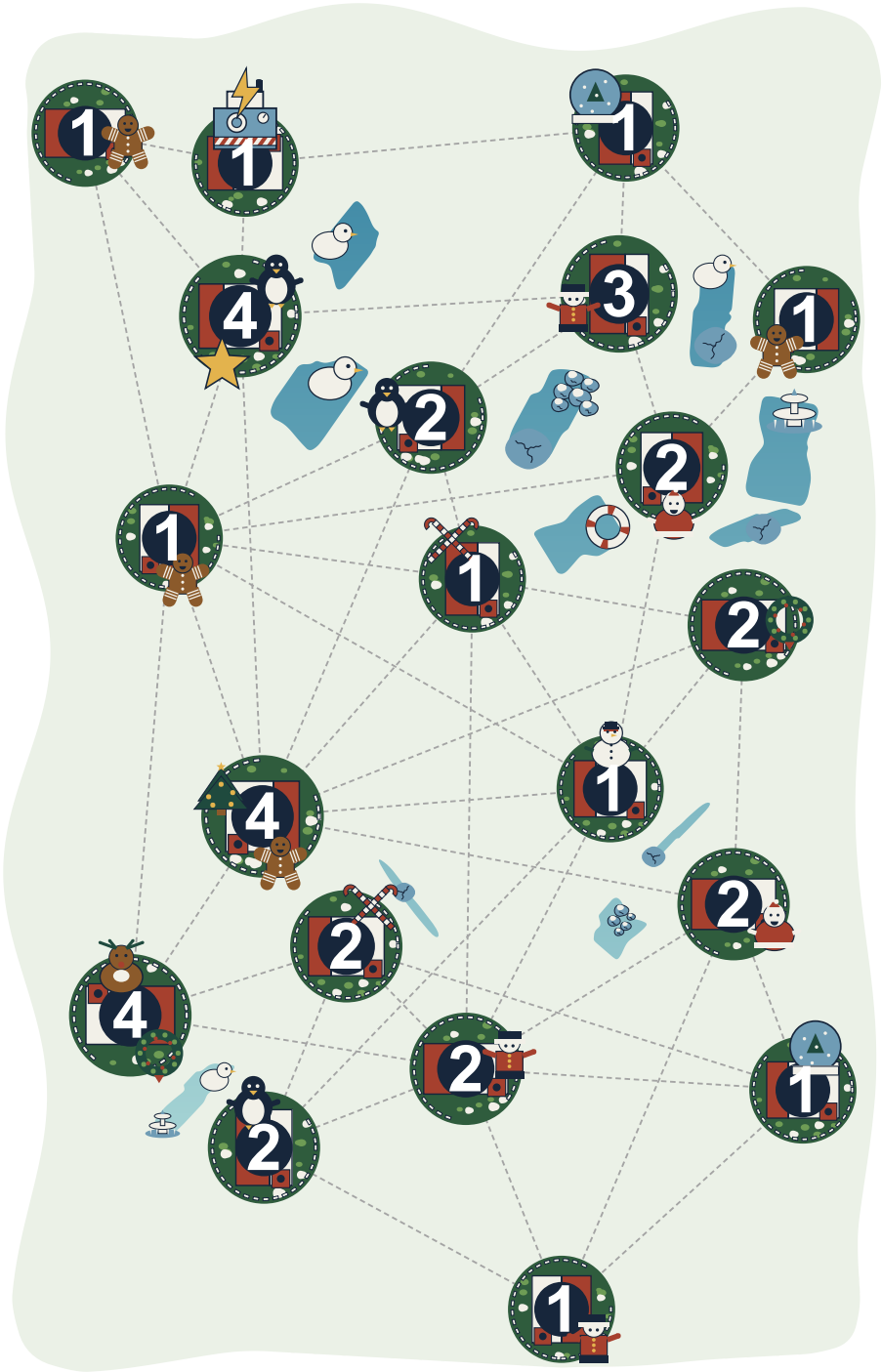


Bramerton - We've got Claus for concern.

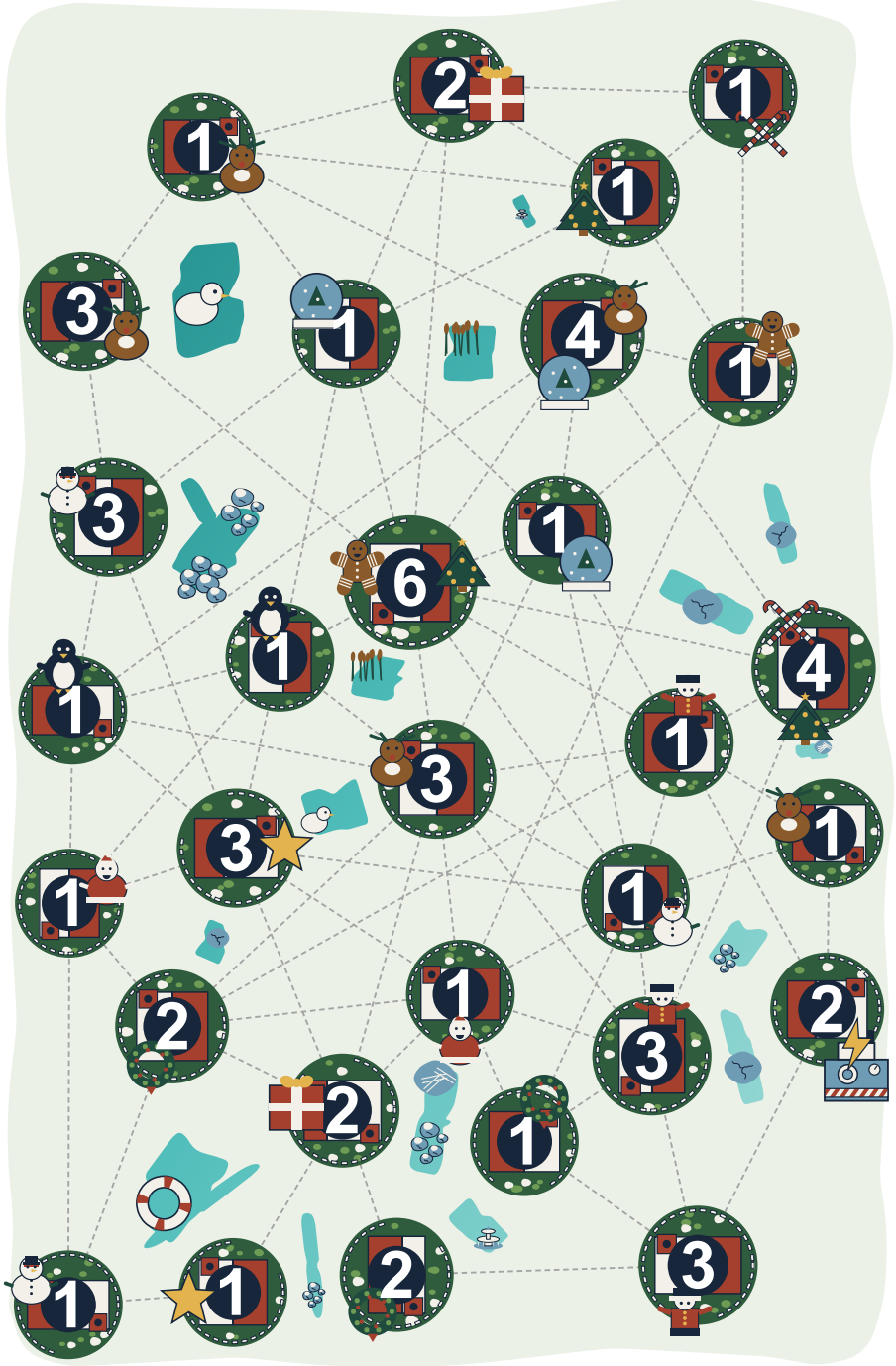


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Claxton - Mary had a little lamp. It's not working.

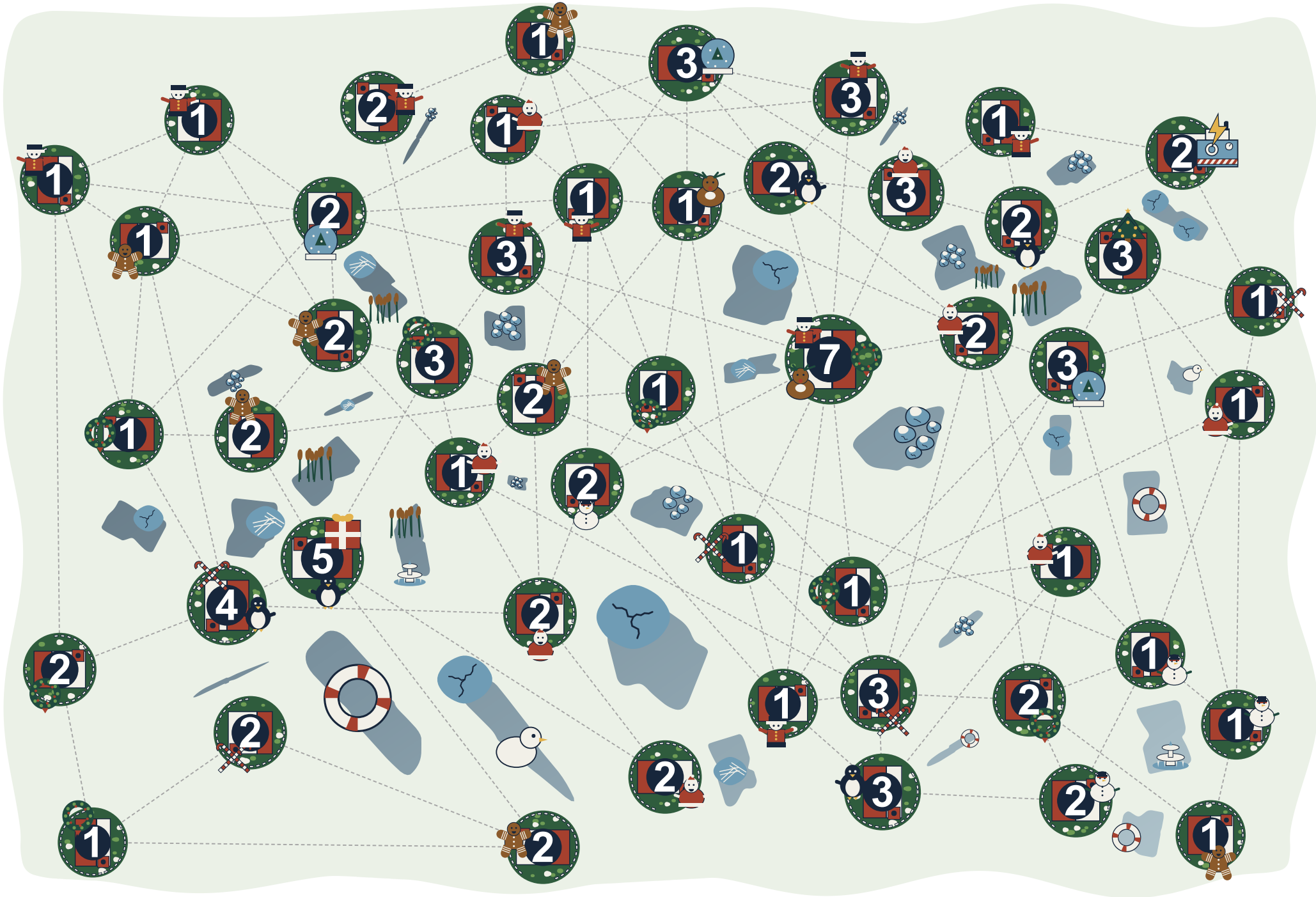


Thurton - Another sherry and I'll crack it.



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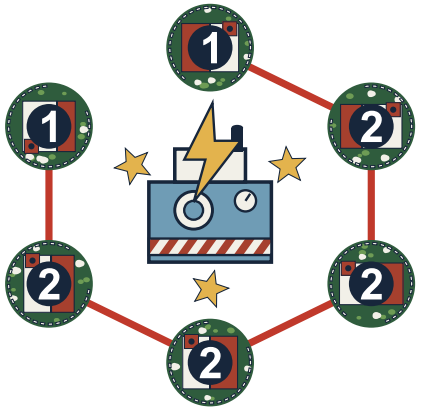
Alpington & Yelverton - Ho ho ho, oh no.



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Thank You!

We hope you enjoyed **Well Connected Villages**. If you solved every village, the decorations are all lit again and Head Elf Jingles has finally stopped flapping. If you got tangled in the tinsel along the way, we'd still love to hear how you got on.



We'll publish the answers, with step-by-step reasoning, on our village website at alpingtonwithyelverton.com/puzzles in the New Year. If you'd like to check yours before then, email us at wellconnectedpuzzle@gmail.com and we'll send you a copy.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Your Feedback

We're still developing this puzzle. As far as we know, it's the only puzzle game ever invented in our lovely group of villages, so it's very special to us, and we'd love your help to make it better if we publish a new one in future.

Send us your feedback if you have time. Too hard? Too easy? A favourite village? A rule that puzzled you? Anything else that would help us improve it?

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