

# PRE-INVESTIGATION REPORT



**Site Location** Luton, Princess Street, Princess Lodge

**Report Date** 14<sup>th</sup> March 2008

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## Background

These notes are the result of a meeting with the owners of the house, Faye and Dave. Faye is a former member of LPS and decided to call us in to investigate 'occurrences' which were unusual in nature. The text below was taken from notes recorded at the time of the initial meeting.

## Meeting Notes

Faye and David moved into the leasehold flat in March. They feel that the second night they were there was a warning of things to come. The flat is only one and a half years old yet there was mould around the windows, cracks in the walls and Pharaoh ants in the walls. The night they moved in they were told that the upstairs flat was empty. At 02:00 they heard a scream and shouting from a man coming from upstairs. This was followed by the sound of someone running from one end of the flat to the other and the sound of furniture being moved around. They called the police who later told them the screams were from a man in the upstairs flat who was well and truly 'out of it'. He has now moved out and the flat is definitely empty. Another time, at 4am, they were awoken by the sounds of running coming from upstairs. No one came down the stairs and the sound was not audible from just outside their front door.

Four to five months ago Faye was standing in the bathroom looking in the mirror when she saw something, a dark area that was not a mist or a shadow just a dark area, pass the door. She looked around but there was nothing there. This has been seen several times including by Dave but he has seen it less often than Faye. The dark area has also been seen more directly, out of the corner of the eye as well as reflected in the mirror.

Whilst watching television in the living room Faye distinctly heard someone tut then sigh. To date she has heard the sigh about three times and hears it more often than the tut. She says that she always tries to find a logical explanation for things but so far has failed with the sighs and tuts. The tuts, sighs and upstairs noises are all heard when they are in the living room, never in the bedroom apart from the common noises from the other flats.

One time, whilst in the bath, Faye heard a sound, which she described as being like heavy cones falling, just outside the bathroom door but when she went outside there was nothing there and she could not find anything that had fallen down.

At this point (19:24) in the conversation a distinct thud was heard which appeared to emanate from the walls. Dave said that the sounds he has heard are like that but ten times louder. They are used to the heating and water noises and the general background sounds which you hear when living in a flat.

By 09:00 both Faye and Dave have left for work with Faye returning at 16:30. When she has entered the flat she has discovered numerous 'strange' things, it is almost as if someone has been in the flat. These include a dent in the bed as if someone had been lying down, the radio station changed, pens and towels moved and the heat having been on when it wasn't set to come on (as if it had been off for only an hour and things were cooling down). DVDs have also gone missing and so has hand cream. It was put to them that someone may have a key but they feel this is unlikely as the most obvious choice is the landlord but he lives outside Luton (exact location not specified). It was suggested that something like talcum powder should be sprinkled inside the door to see if anyone enters during the day. Someone

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accessing the property could be an explanation as several things have been moved and even a cup of coffee has been made. It should be noted that nothing of value has, so far, gone missing. Things have also been moved in the top drawer of their bedside cabinet.

An odd noise has also been heard coming from the landing. One week after moving in they were still unpacking at 04:00. Faye was standing at the front door smoking (as she will not smoke inside the flat) when she heard a deep, five second long, human moan. This was odd as they say that you cannot normally hear sounds from the other flats when you are standing on the landing. The noise scared them both and they slammed the door shut. The sound had appeared to come from right in front of them, just outside the front door. Faye described it as being 'zombified'. She had been in the doorway for fifteen minutes before she heard it and had heard no other sounds before it occurred.

Faye reports that she does not feel uncomfortable in the bedroom but elsewhere in the flat they both feel drained of energy. This has become particularly bad over the last couple of months. Faye will enter the flat, sit down and then feel very heavy as if she had been hit, metaphorically, by a sledgehammer.

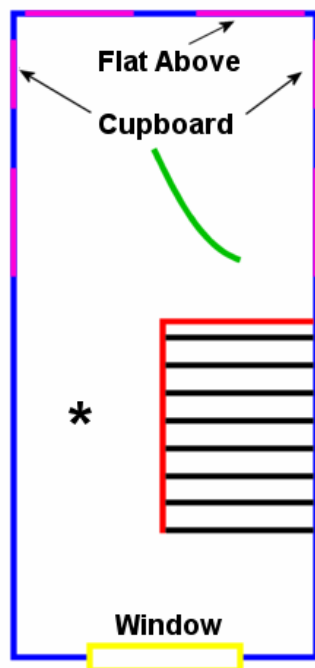
They have looked into the history of the site and found that originally there were four blocks, numbers 39, 41, 43 and 45. On Princess Street there used to be a hat factory with residential dwellings. Whilst researching the site on their laptop they had got to a certain year (they were unsure as to when and could only say it was a pre-1901 census) when they found a cold spot above the laptop. There was a distinct feeling of cold air which lasted for about ten seconds.

At present Faye is having difficulty sleeping for four nights out of seven which may be due to stress.

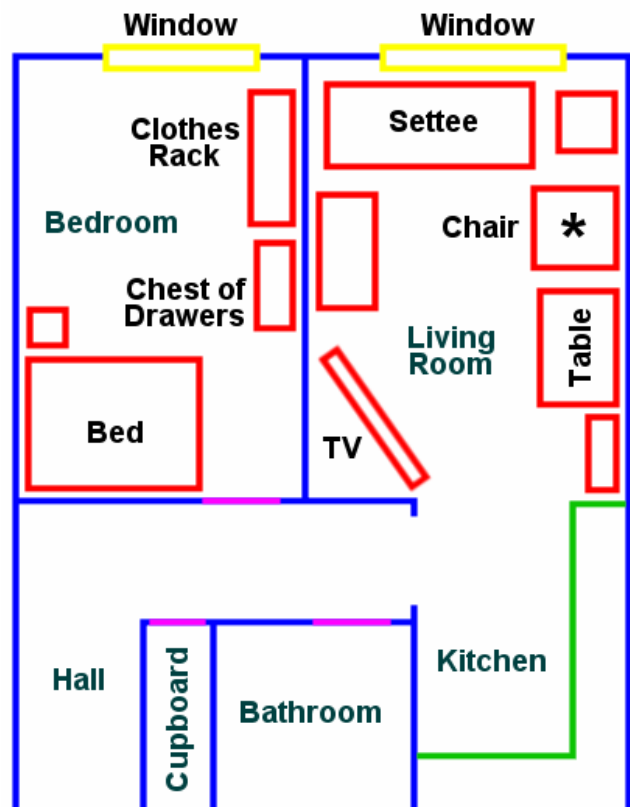
In general most of the events are occurring after midnight.

## General

At 20:52 Steph and I went upstairs to photograph the landing area. As we walked along the landing



beside the stairs Steph reported that she saw a dark shape about three feet high and two feet wide cross the landing towards the stairwell following the green path marked on the drawing on the left. At the time Steph was in the location indicated by the \*. I thought this was interesting as a few minutes earlier I had been up on the landing with Andy and smelt what appeared to me to be a new carpet smell in the same area.



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I found this odd as the carpets should be the same age as the flats, about one and a half years so there should no longer be any smell. The smell was only in one area and lasted around ten seconds.

Steph also told me that she felt 'weird' whilst sitting in the living room (she was sitting in the position marked with the \* on the drawing shown on the bottom right of the last page) and whilst she was upstairs. Whilst talking about the ants Elaine was outside the flat above Faye and Dave's and had a horrible feeling so that she had to go back downstairs as soon as she could. Once she was through the flat door she felt fine. All she knew was that she had to get away as quickly as she could. She felt there was an atmosphere and Steph felt the same.