

INVESTIGATION REPORT – Team 2



Investigation Site	Houghton House
Investigation Date	1 st May 2009
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Team Members	Steph, Dee, Sarah

Pre vigils

Dee's Notes: Despite the presence of a group of teenagers hanging around on the location upon our arrival, I spent some time wandering around the main level of the ruins to accustom myself to the atmosphere. It was difficult to do, however, due to the giggling and loud talking of the nearby teens. I purposely avoided any of the tourist information signs to prevent any psycho-suggestion.

However, when I went down the wooden steps into the lower part, I immediately sensed a difference in the atmosphere, not entirely due to its relative shelteredness, In the large open area I sensed what I can only describe as 'a busy place'. I backtracked up the steps in case I had been imagining it, but upon my return to the lower large area, I once again sensed a change in the atmosphere.

Vigil 1 - 20:50 to 21:40

A plan of the location of the team members' is given at the end of this report.

20:54 A humming sound like a boiler was heard by Sarah.

20:55 Dee hears a low mechanical rumbling which suddenly ceases. Sarah also notes the noise ceases.

20:59 Dee hears a long soft moaning sound on the ground just outside the doorway to the room.

21:00 Temperature 12°C. Steph gets the impression that there was a fire in this room and can feel heat on her face.

21:01 Dee hears a short 'oop' noise to her right.

21:02 Steph gets a mental image of a well dressed woman coming through the room. She has grey/white hair tied up in a bun. She has curly hair as Steph can see the curls at the end of her hair as it is up in a bun. Steph also notices she has a protruding lower jaw. She is checking the staff members are getting things prepared. Steph feels that she is a lady's maid.

21:05 Steph hears a tap in the corner to her right.

Dee hears the teenagers messing around.

Sarah was being drawn to look through the door and up to the first floor windows visible from her position- which was just inside the doorway looking into the room and out.

21:06 Dee picks up a strong smell of animals just outside the doorway to her right and notes this could possibly be from sheep/cattle in the neighbouring field.

Sarah heard a noise like a baby crying- but almost certain this was not a sheep.

21:07 As Steph is looking through the doorway she can see a spoked wheel leaning against the ... wall. The image is very faint but stays visible for some time.

Dee becomes aware of the low mechanical humming again which is like a boiler or something coming back on.

The humming sound like a boiler or car engine was heard again by Sarah.

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- 21:08 Dee notes the mechanical noise stops again.
- 21:10 Dee notes the teenagers leaving and that they are very noisy.
- 21:12 Dee hears the distinct sound of a door shutting in the distance.
- 21:13 Dee hears someone on the wooden staircase.
- 21:14 Steph hears soft footsteps on the gravel outside the room. It sounds like someone is approaching the doorway.
- 21:15 Steph hears another tap in the corner to her right.
Dee hears distinct movement on the ground in the corner to her left like crunching gravel.
Sarah hears some kind of drops on her plastic bag by her left hand side- there was no rain.
- 21:16 Steph hears a sound like someone clicking their tongue behind her. As she is noting this noise she feels something touch the top of her head. She puts her hand up to feel if anything has fallen on to her head but feels nothing. Steph tells the group what happened and Dee says she has become strongly aware that there is someone in the corner behind Steph.
- 21:18 Dee then asks if it feels colder in the corners of the room. Steph puts out her hand and reports that there does seem to be a very cold spot in the corner behind her.
- 21:19 Dee is convinced that there is someone in the corner behind Steph.
- 21:20 Dee sees a red flash close to the ground near the corner behind Steph.
- 21:21 Steph feels her coat hood being pulled gently and could also hear the material moving.
- 21:24 Dee sees several small flashes on the ground (not red, but white, like pinprick lights). She wanted to check that there was nothing there making noises or reflecting, so she switched on her torch and checked the whole area along the wall from corner to corner. There was nothing there, such as a small animal or shiny object.
- 21:26 Steph feels a significant temperature drop around her but finds the temperature has gone up by 1 degree to 13°C.
- 21:27 The name 'Ferdinand' comes strongly into Dee's mind.
Sarah saw a black shape of a head poke its head round the door frame at head height saw no body; twice between 9.27 and 9.30.
- 21:29 Steph's upper left arm feels like it is burning. This lasted for around 10 seconds then faded but left her arm with a warm sensation.
Dee's ears popped with a sudden change of pressure.
- 21:40 A larger group of teenagers arrived and the vigil was called to a close.

Post Vigils

Sarah was aware of a kind of mist in the courtyard area as she was leaving Houghton House to walk up the drive. It was hanging in front of the main doorway.

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On the way home from the investigation, Dee's ears didn't pop until she was near the Clophill roundabout.

