

INVESTIGATION REPORT – Team 1



Investigation Site	Salford
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Pre-Vigils

Before the vigils started we had a walk around the area so as to decide exactly how we were going to do the investigation. We parked our cars just north of the Swan on the Wavendon Road and set out at 21:30 heading southwest then turning into Brittens Lane (formerly Ford End Lane, where the Ford End Dog has been seen). We walked the length of Ford End Lane and at the north end turned east-southeast along Broughton Road where the Broughton Calf has been seen and heard. Walking 300m along the Broughton Road brought us back to the Wavendon Road and our cars.

Vigil 1: Brittens Lane – 21:50 to 22:35

For this vigil we position ourselves at the point where Brittens Lane turns a right-angle which allowed us to see along both sections of the road. Andy and Leana sat just off the road on the bend whilst I walked along the north section of the road. This is a very quiet area (in the sense of no traffic or pedestrians) with no footpath but the bend had a widened area where we could sit.

22:12 Temperature +2.5°C.

22:20 Andy reports that he has had the thought of a 15 year old boy walking down the lane from the north in the summer.

22:33 Temperature +2.5°C.

There was nothing else to report from this vigil. One thing about this area is the continuous noise coming from the nearby M1 and A21 roads (only 700m away) which was very loud. The area felt very cold but this was mainly due to the prevailing strong wind which was coming from the west.

Vigil 2: Broughton Road – 22:53 to 23:38

For this vigil we positioned ourselves in a hedgerow to the north of the Swan's car park. This site was chosen as it allowed us to sit just away from the edge of the road and was relatively sheltered as it was screened from the cold wind. This road is a busier one but still fairly quiet as we only encountered a car about every 3 to 5 minutes.

23:03 Temperature +1 to +1.5°C.

There was nothing to report from this site except from Andy who reported hearing a squeak coming from the hedgerow to the east. At first he described it as a bird but later decided it was more like a mouse. The area is a lot quieter than the previous site but the sound of the motorway was still very distinct.

Post-Vigils

After the vigils had been completed both teams walked the length of Broughton Road from the Wavendon Road to the Brittens Lane junction and back. This was done from 23:55 to 00:05 so as to span midnight which was when the calf was alleged to have been seen and heard. Unfortunately we (Team 1) saw and heard nothing.