

INVESTIGATION REPORT – Team 1



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Pre-Vigils

When we first arrived at the site we had a walk around and tried to confirm that we were actually in the hill fort. Last year we had investigated in an area of multiple mounds and ditches which we assumed was west of the hill fort before doing a final investigation in a clearer area which we thought was to the south of the hill fort. When we arrived this time we found the description board which we believed was the one we had started from in last years investigation then headed west to find a large bank and deep ditch. Whilst the team remained in this area Bill walked along the inner edge of the rim heading south to try to see if he could find the opposite rim of the hill fort which he did. Now knowing where the north, west and south edges were we knew that the first area we investigated last year was actually to the north of the hill fort and the last area was just inside the north rim so we didn't actually investigate much of the hill fort.

General

The weather was clear with low amounts of cloud and a slight breeze. There was no moon so the site was quite dark. As the night drew on the breeze level varied but was never very strong and the air became misty under the trees.

Vigil 1: 20:21 to 21:00

Just before the vigil started Bill left a sound recorder in a tree (designated No. 09929). which was located on the northern edge of Loughton camp just inside the outer bank (east by north of Bill's first vigil location).

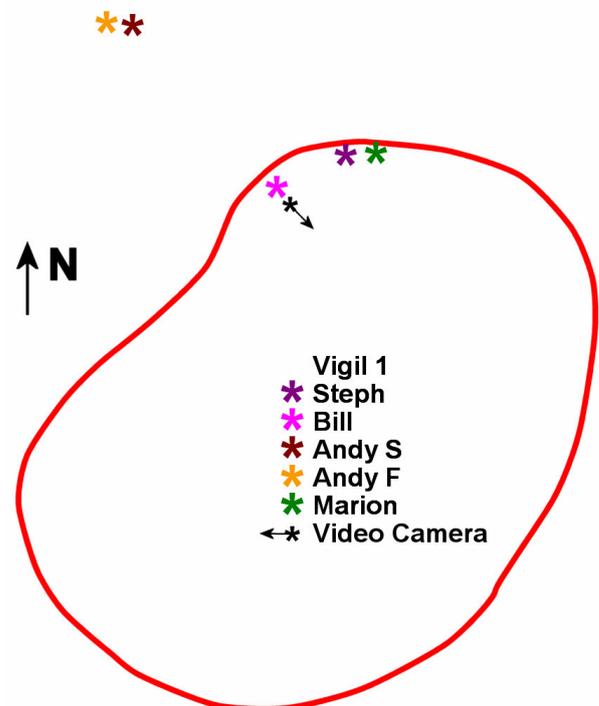
Bill set up a video camera to do a recording at 20:25 but the image in the view screen suddenly went dark as if the infrared lamp had gone off but it hadn't. He had to turn the camera off and on again then it was alright (this has not happened before). The camera was left facing towards the centre of the hill fort (a lighter area as there are less trees and more undergrowth).

During the vigil Bill was seated so as to face southeast.

20:24 Bill measures the temperature at +9.5°C. The breeze is still very slight and coming from the north.

20:43 Something fell out of the tree and landed in the leaf litter about 2 metres from Bill. This will be a common occurrence because of the time of year.

20:44 Something large hits the ground to the southeast of Bill about 3 metres away and just beyond his video camera.



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- 20:46 The sound of a helicopter can be heard coming from the south-southwest and heading west.
- 20:52 Bill sees a red flash of light in the trees to the south; he felt that it was about 100 metres away.
- 20:56 Bill sees a bright but diffuse glow southwest by south of his location. It was very large and appeared very briefly (seen out of the corner of his eye).
- 20:58 Bill hears a loud noise coming from the direction of the two Andys.
- 21:00 Bill measures the temperature at +9.5°C. Vigil ends.

Vigil 2: 21:10 to 21:50

Bill sets up his video camera at the new location facing south by west.

During the first part of the vigil Bill was seated so as to face southeast.

21:19 Bill measures the temperature at +9 to +9.5°C.

21:21 A sound, a bit like a combination of a sniff and a squawk coming from the south is heard by Bill. A few seconds later he heard an almost identical noise but this time coming from the northeast.

21:25 Bill kept having the urgent desire to look over his shoulder. Eventually he had to stand up and face behind him, away from the hill fort to the northwest. During this time he felt decidedly chilly this, at first, he thought may be due to the cold breeze.

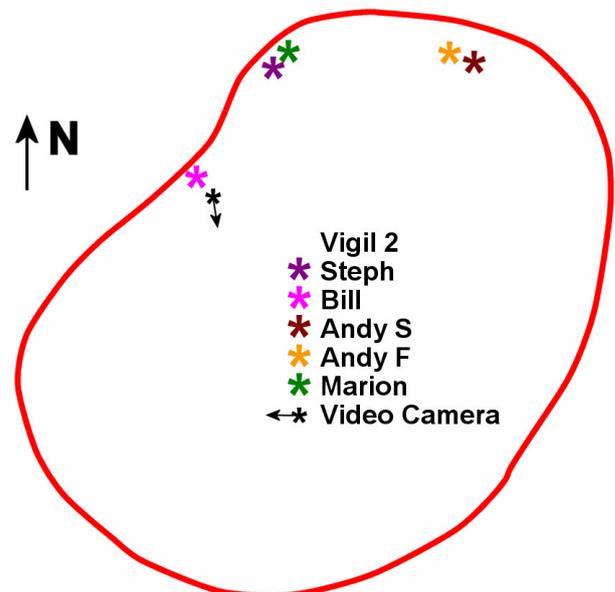
21:27 Bill notes that the breeze has increased slightly so that it is now moving the tree tops and is coming from the north-northwest. Even though the breeze had freshened he did not believe that the feeling of cold he was having was due to the breeze as he had been sitting with his back to the wind, in a chair with a back and he was wearing a thick fleece and his tool jacket.

21:30 Temperature at +9°C measured by Bill. This is virtually the same as the last vigil and would not account for his feeling of cold. By now he was getting cold shivers up his back and neck. When facing east he could feel the cold breeze on his face then he suddenly felt warmth on his face (more that just due to the breeze dropping).

21:32 The sound of fireworks coming from the southeast is noted by Bill. The wind feels cold but Bill keeps getting a warm feeling on his face like you would get from a fire. He is still getting cold shivers on his back.

21:35 Bill decides to relocate his video camera so it is pointing behind where he was sitting (facing northwest).

21:37 Bill accidentally kicks the video camera's tripod.



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- 21:38 The cold shivers that Bill had been experiencing are now quite strong; they have been there all the time but at a lower level. Bill hears three odd clicking sounds, almost metallic, coming from the north.
- 21:39 Bill sees a red flash in the trees to the north. He feels the warmth on his face again. Just as this happened and as he was writing his notes a leaf falls right in the middle of the page making him jump.
- 21:41 The sound of a sneeze is heard by Bill coming from the direction of Steph and Marion.
- 21:44 Bill's cold shivers continue.
- 21:46 The temperature is measured by Bill at +9.5°C.
- 21:48 Bill still has cold shivers.
- 21:49 The cold shivers that Bill has been having are starting to subside.
- 21:50 Vigil ends.

Between Vigils

Bill suggested to Steph and Marion that they undertake the next vigil in the same area where he did his last vigil and where he had the strange feelings. As Bill approached the area, and whilst still about 7 metres to the north, he started getting cold shivers again. This was even before he knew he was close to the location. Marion and Steph were about 20 metres away to the northeast as they did not know exactly where the location was. Bill went to fetch them, then all three walked to the site, as they approached Bill again got cold shivers.

Another thing happened to Bill when he was chatting to Marion and Steph just before they all walked to Bill's last vigil location. As he turned round to walk away he felt something pull on his trousers around the middle of his calf as if they had got caught on a bramble. When he looked down he saw that the ground was flat with nothing apart from leaves and certainly nothing that could have got caught on his trousers.

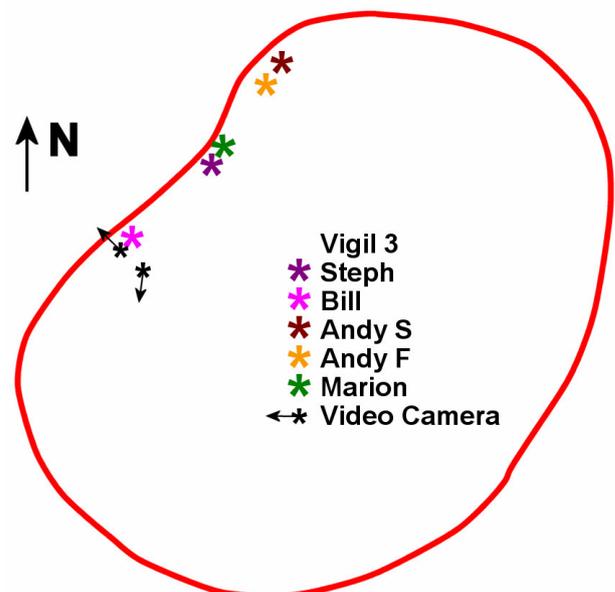
Vigil 3: 22:10 to 22:50

As Bill was setting up his video camera something white flew across in front which he saw on the monitor screen. As he looked around his torch lit up something small moving very fast through the trees about 3 metres off the ground. It was moving too fast to identify it.

22:16 Temperature measured by Bill at +9.5°C.

22:31 Bill sees a small bright spot of light on the ground about 2 metres from him and to the west. He turned to look at it and it quickly faded away only to reappear briefly before fading again.

22:34 Temperature measured by Bill at +9.5°C.



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22:36 At this time Bill reports that he has had no more cold shivers even though he feels the chill in the air as the night is not overly warm and there is a cold breeze.

22:44 Temperature measured by Bill at +9.5°C.

22:46 Bill sees a scintillating ball of light about 2 metres from him to the northwest. When it appeared he was looking about one metre away to the left but had time to turn and look straight at it as it lasted for a second. It was accompanied by more cold shivers. The ball was yellowish in colour and about 15 centimetres across with arms like bolts of lightning coming from it which looked a bit like the image on the right.



22:50 Vigil ends. Just before the end of the vigil Bill could hear what sounded like Andy F's voice which continued after the end of the vigil.

Between Vigils

After the third vigil it was decided to try and find the area where last year Steph and Andy had seen lights that could not be accounted for. We headed back to the site description board which lay to the north of the hill fort as we believed this was one we had started from during last years investigation.

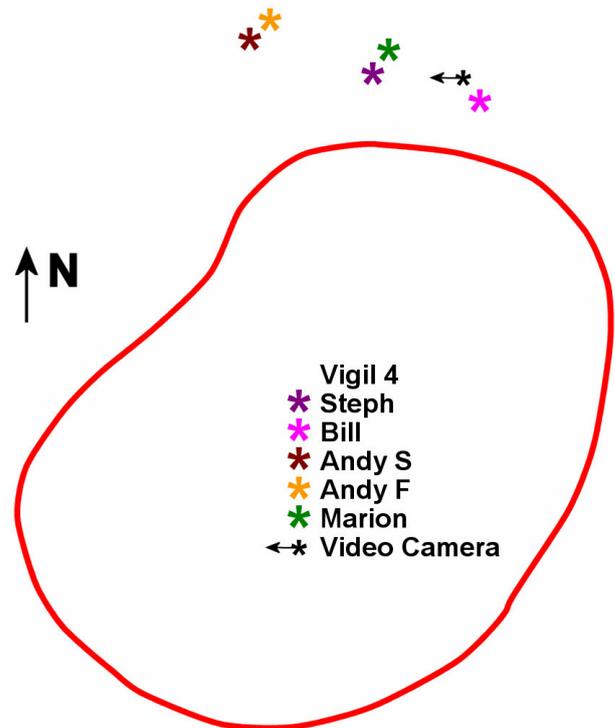
As we passed the board Andy S, Steph and Marion were by the board whilst Bill and Andy were just to the east and heading east with Andy just in front of Bill. Bill turned round to look behind him and saw a dark figure walking passed a second post ('No Cycling') which lay to the west and about 10 metres away. The figure was very dark as if clad in dark clothes (the face was lighter but Bill did not notice any features) and had long hair. The figure was walking quite quickly and heading north and was visible for a couple of seconds before fading into the dark background.

From the description board we headed in what we thought was the correct direction and eventually found the large set of earthworks we had explored last year when looking for the lights Andy and Steph had seen. Heading back towards the board we found the vigil site from last year.

Vigil 4: 23:28 to 00:00

For this vigil Marion and Steph sat in the area where Steph had undertaken the vigil last year whilst Andy F and Andy S went to the area where Andy F had done last year's vigil.

Bill set up his video camera to record the post where he had seen the figure and with the camera facing in the same direction. As a result of having to change



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the camera battery and tape he did not start the vigil for 5 minutes. For the vigil he sat about 3 metres south of the camera and facing the post.

This site was the darkest of the night with very little being visible, even close by things were hard to see.

23:33 Bill measures the temperature at +8°C.

23:39 Bill sees a dot of bright light almost west-northwest of his position. This could have been one of the Andys who may have been walking around. A few seconds later a red, laser, dot was seen confirming it was one of the team.

23:51 Temperature measured by Bill at +7.5°C.

23:52 Bill hears the sound of footsteps on leaves which could have been one of the Andys.

23:58 Bill sees a fast moving, faint patch of light about 3 metres away to the west-southwest and heading approximately northwest.

00:00 Vigil ends.

Post Investigation

The following day Bill and Steph went back to Loughton Camp to explore the area and take some photographs. They walked counter-clockwise round the inner edge of the hill fort starting at the north edge. Just to the south of the place where Bill did his second vigil he again got cold shivers.

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Plan of the Area

