

INVESTIGATION REPORT – Team 1



Investigation Site	Tilsworth, Blackgrove Wood
Investigation Date	15 th August 2009
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Team Members	Bill, Andy F, Billie

Background

Blackgrove Wood is said to be haunted by the ghost of a murder victim. The unknown girl was murdered one hundred and seventy years ago and the identity of her killer was never discovered. The body was found by James Bunker of Bury Farm in Tilsworth. The long knife that had been used to kill her was found near the body and was on display in a local pub for many years afterwards. The body was carried away on a door and afterwards, on the anniversary of the murder, blood would appear on the door. At the same time blood would be seen coming out of the tree near where the girl was murdered. During the Second World War two lads saw the ghost sitting on a stile at the entrance to the wood. Both men were killed in the war.

Pre-Vigils

For the first part of the investigation all of the teams took a walk through the wood, to just beyond where Team 1 had done a vigil during the last investigation, and had a general explore of the area. On the way there, just as we passed what looked like a rabbit warren, Dee felt dizzy, this was quite near the edge of the wood on the east side. After a few minutes of walking through the trees to our destination Billie noticed that she felt light-headed (within the same moment that Dee verbalised that she felt dizzy).

When the group came to a stop, Billie looked down and saw that the arm of her Oakley's was in an unusual direction. Billie lifted her sunglasses off her chain and noticed that both arms had been cleanly removed. One arm was completely missing and the other arm was resting against the frame.

General

The evening was a clear one and quite warm. There were clouds on the horizon to the southeast and clear to the north, northwest and overhead. At the start of the investigation there were some bird noises and the sounds of traffic from the Leighton Buzzard bypass. There was also some shouting coming from the direction of Stanbridge to the northwest.

Vigil 1: Stile – 19:56 to 20:45

For the position of the team members see the plan at the end of this report.

For the first vigil the team positioned themselves around the stile at the corner between Stanbridge Wood and Blackgrove Wood. Bill positioned himself on the access path to the south of the stile whilst Andy and Billie sat in the field to the north of the stile. There were some horses in the field but they were far away from us. The horses did not appear interested in our presence and remained far away throughout the investigation.

During the vigil Bill set up his video camera to record the stile starting at 20:04.

20:10 Bill measures the temperature at +13.5 to +14°C.

Andy takes a temperature reading of +22°C.

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Bill notes that there was very little breeze but there was still the occasional sound of rustling from the woods, like a gust of wind going by. The wind level was too low to determine the direction from which it was coming.

Billie heard sounds of someone walking on gravel. This happened twice for very short periods. There was no gravel in the area.

Following the gravel sounds, the sentence “not from here” kept repeating in Billie’s mind. Whilst this was being spoken Billie saw the image of a slim white woman with long brown/black wavy hair and full lips.

20:12 Billie felt a heavy sensation in both of my hands. The sensation was that the bones in her hands had been smashed. It felt numb and heavy.

20:20 Billie felt a very light sensation on the back of both of her hands like very light rain falling upon them and her lower legs and feet felt very damp and cold.

20:24 Billie heard two noises of jingling metal; the sound a moving chain would make. Billie checked the position of the horses and they were far away and had no metal/chains on them. Billie could see that Andy was sitting very still.

20:30 Following a birdcall, which took place further away above the field, a single white feather landed to the left of Billie a few metres away. Billie looked up and watched this fall; there was no bird in sight. However we were sitting close to some trees and it could have come from there.

20:32 Bill hears the sound of a beep coming from Andy’s radio.

Two men entered the field from the other side and walked towards the horses. They did not come within any significant distance to the investigation area.

20:33 Bill measures the temperature at +13 to +14°C.

Two people walk across the field that Andy and Billie are in (they were about 100 metres away).

20:35 Andy takes an EMF reading, shows no activity and Andy and Billie observe walkers going across the field.

20:43 Through the bush to the right of the stile Billie saw a figure moving through some small gaps in the bush, this was seen several times but this could have been Bill; as this was just prior to the closure of the vigil. Note from Bill – for a long time before the end of the vigil I was sitting on a stool and did not get up and move around until I had called the end of the vigil at 20:45.

During the vigil Bill kept asking any presences to let him know they were there preferably by putting a picture into his head. At first he saw the name *Ann*, then *Anne* followed by *Anne Brown*.

Pre-Vigil

20:55 While Team one is moving to the second location Andy observes what he feels is mist/fog coming through the trees in the woods. He also feels drawn to this area and wants to sit down.

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Vigil 2: Southwest Corner Between the Woods – 21:00 to 21:45

Bill sets up his video camera with a large infrared source facing towards the path between the woods.

In this area there is more road noise from the Leighton Buzzard bypass and lots of noise from either rooks or crows in the woods. The wind is now brisk and coming from the south-southwest.

21:04 Bill measures the temperature at +13°C.

The birds are now very noisy as they start to roost in the trees.

21:05 Andy takes an EMF reading, it is zero.

Andy gets a sudden thought in his mind that the female victim had been lying dead for a few hours by this time on the actual day of the murder. She was lying on her back with her eyes staring open wide.

21:10 Bill again asks any presences to let him know they are there preferably by putting a picture into his head as he did in the last vigil.

21:12 Billie saw flashing light-mist come down from Blackgrove Wood. This light came down with a diagonal movement through the trees close to their top and this light entered the trees of Stanbridge woods. The light was distinctive and misty in appearance. This light lasted for a few moments only. There were no aircraft in the sky at the time that could have produced such a light.

21.13 The same light occurred as at 20:12 and lasted for a few moments only.

21:16 After a couple of minutes of meditation and opening himself up, a phrase from a song come into Bill's head unbidden. At the time his mind was empty and the song was not one he would normally have thought of or had even heard for years and years. The phrase was 'Owner of a lonely heart' from the song of the same name (sung by the progressive rock band Yes).

The same lights are again seen by Billie, as at 20:12 and 20:13, and lasted for a few moments only.

21:19 Bill measures the temperature at +12.5 to +13°C.

21:23 Bill keeps asking any presences to let him know they are there.

21:25 Andy takes an EMF reading, it is zero.

21:29 Bill suddenly feels warm air on his face (the wind was a very cold one) then he sees a flash of light (a streak) reflected in the right lens of his glasses. At first he thought it might have been Billie or Andy who were behind him but they had no lights on. At the time he was facing southwest with Andy directly to his right and Billie slightly in front of a line between Bill and Andy and midway between the two of them.

21:33 Bill measures the temperature at +12 to +13°C.

21:40 Andy is sitting with his eyes shut. Andy tries to make mental contact with spirit and asks for spirit to come closer to him. At this point Andy hears the sound of a twig or branch snapping as if trod on in the wooded area to Andy's left.

Billie could see a stream of red light emanating from the side of Stanbridge Wood. These lights emerged horizontally and lasted for a few moments.

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Vigil 3: In Woods 22:05 to 22:55

For this vigil we positioned ourselves in the woods where Team 1 had done a vigil during the last investigation.

Bill sets up his video camera with bright infrared source facing towards where he saw something the last time. Bill sat under the same tree he sat under last time with Andy to the east by south and Billie to the northwest by west. There was very little breeze at ground level but there was still a lot of noise coming from the canopy above. As we were near the edge of the wood and now facing the A5 and the Leighton Buzzard bypass there was still quite a bit of road noise.

22:15 Andy take an EMF reading of 0, and a temperature reading of +18.3°C.

22:20 Andy takes an EMF reading of 0.

22:26 Bill sees a brief streak of light to the northeast which he estimated as being about 10 metres away and about 1.5 metres off the ground. The distances were hard to judge as it was very dark in the woods, a lot darker than last time.

22:27 Andy takes an EMF reading of 0.

22:32 Again to the northwest Bill sees a moving patch of light. This one seemed to be only 2 metres away and about one metre off the ground. It was pale blue in colour.

During the preceding ten minutes Bill had observed numerous flashes of light to his left (to the northwest by north). He tried closing his eyes but he could no longer see them but as soon as he opened his eyes they returned so they were not internally generated.

22:34 Billie experienced a sudden drop in temperature and this was more prominent in the area from her knees to her feet. Billie also experienced the sensation of light rain on the back of her right hand. On Billie's left index finger she felt a sensation like a short stroke.

22:35 Bill measures the temperature at +13°C.

Andy hears the sound of branches on the floor nearby breaking in the area behind him.

22:36 Billie saw a small red light, a small orb in front of her and to the left and thus across from Andy/Bill. Billie checked to see if either of them were using their laser lights and neither were.

22:37 Andy observes car lights from the road nearby.

22:38 Andy again hears the sound of twigs breaking from the area behind him.

22:39 The tune Men of Harlech keeps going through Bill's mind with no reason why.

22:43 Billie felt the energy of the space move from a one of peacefulness to something that felt unsettling and a bit ominous.

22:45 Andy hears the sound of footsteps approaching from the area behind him and puts on his torch. The sound of footsteps stops.

22:45 The energy continued to feel a bit unsettling as described in the 22:43 entry. At this point Billie kept seeing an image of a boar dragging or feeding on a human leg.

22:47 Bill measures the temperature at +13 to +13.5°C.

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22:51 Bill sees a large flash of light to his right (south). It was red in colour. When Bill looked at his hands they were glowing red.

All Saints Church

After the investigation at the wood the teams visited the church of All Saints to view the grave of the unknown murder victim. It was intended that we hold a séance around the grave. When we got there it was decided that an investigation was not practical due to the activity of local residents.

Post-Investigation

Andy has no paranormal evidence on either DVD or photographs. Andy's sound recordings are still to be checked.

