

# INVESTIGATION REPORT



<b>Investigation Site</b>	Aldbury Nowers
<b>Investigation Date</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> May 2012
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<b>Team Members</b>	Bill, Steph, Andy, Elaine, Dee, Sarah, Richard

## Background

In 1891 three men went poaching in Aldbury Nowers wood which belonged to the Stocks estate. Unfortunately for them they were surprised by two of the estate's gamekeepers and a violent confrontation took place. After a struggle both of the gamekeepers were killed. The men were caught and two of them were sentenced to death. The day of execution, 18<sup>th</sup> March 1892, sparked a leading article in The Times and a debate in parliament. Afterwards children would not go near the woods where the gamekeepers were murdered because they believed that ghosts walked the area.

## Pre-Investigation

Before the investigation Elaine gets the number 36 and does not know if this is an age or amount of people.

## General

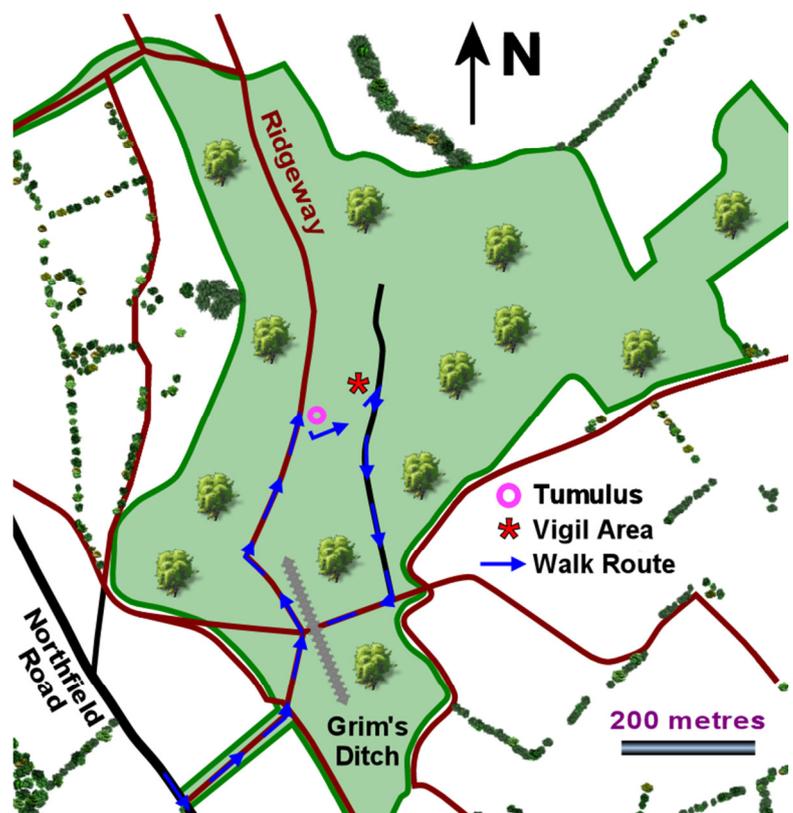
It was a clear, cold, dry night with stars being visible through the trees. The moon was waning and 70% full. It was noticeably misty as we walked through the wood but this cleared later. It was quite breezy outside the wood and on the Ridgeway path where it passed close to the edge of the wood. Deep within the wood there was very little wind. The woods themselves were dense and very dark.

At this site there was traffic noise coming from the northwest and west from the direction of Northfield Road. There were also occasional aircraft noises, occasional breezes/rustling of leaves both on the surrounding trees and on the interior floor and very few animal sounds.

Sarah's notes – It had been a lovely sunny day, but the sun and temperature were dropping fast by the time we walked up to the Nowers. A breeze was also picking up. The mood was quite light hearted, but we were aware of an atmosphere.

## Initial Walk

After meeting in a parking area in Northfield Road the team walked along the footpath that leads to Stocks Hotel and Aldbury as far as the ancient earthworks Grim's Ditch as shown on the plan on the right. From there we turned north-northeast along the Ridgeway path until we reached the tumulus just to the east of the path at the path's highest point through the wood. The team then spent a



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little while around the tumulus area before deciding to start with a séance.

About half way up the track towards the destination on top of the hill, Dee briefly senses horses! Once everyone was at the top of the hill, between two small tumuli, Dee hears several sounds (non-regular or rhythmic) that remind her of someone kicking a football. They seem to emanate from a clearing behind the higher tumulus. Dee also hears a definite movement behind the tumulus near the clearing and is drawn that way. She tries to see if there are any animals around, but can find nothing and hears no further noises from that area. However, Dee is feeling a little unnerved, like she shouldn't be in the woods.

While we was walking up the steps to the investigation site Elaine was behind everyone else and starts to feel uneasy, she looks around and sees a white figure standing by the tree at the bottom of the steps.

## **Séance: North Tumulus – 21:23 to 22:18**

For the first part of the investigation the team formed a circle just to the northwest of the highest tumulus and near the clearing where Dee had been drawn earlier. Several members of the team placed their sound recorders, EMF meters and Electrosmog meters on top of a bag in the centre of the circle.

21.48 Dee isolates a 'humming/singing' on the recording (to which no one reacts) for referral for possible EVP – see separate notes at the end.

21.51 While Bill is calling out for any spirits present to put thoughts into members' minds, Dee gets a sudden chill up and down her spine and clearly sees *rabbit* in her mind's eye. Richard mentions *Crimestoppers* and *murder* and Dee then gets a very strong, urgent "*That's true!*" in her mind, which she subsequently says aloud. Dee is absolutely sure that whatever incident Bill is referring to in his calling out is 'not an accident'.

Bill then asks for any spirits present to say how many were involved in the incident. Dee tries to focus on 'how many' and finds Richard's words coming back to her very strongly. Dee says "Crimestoppers...Stopping a crime" out loud. She states that it is "definitely violent" and gets vague notions that '3' is significant.

22.00 Dee thinks she sees the lights on both meters flash at the same time, but no one else can confirm that. Dee also mentions that she is getting images of rabbits in her mind's eye. This is a very persistent image and becomes "run, rabbit, run – that's what I'm getting in my head".

Richard begins mentioning that he is getting '17', but Dee persists that she's seeing '3' as significant.

22.03 While Bill calls out again, Dee hears a knocking noise about 3 meters behind Steph and Bill and notes that it doesn't sound like branches.

22.09 During Bill's calling out requesting for any spirits present to "move the green lights on the bag on the floor in the middle", Dee sees a bright green light near (but separate from) the meter closest to her, which fades quite slowly. Bill sees a light also, but it appears to him to be in a different position. Dee wonders if reflection in her glasses could cause the illusion of the same light appearing in a different place to the one seen by Bill.

When Bill saw the light it was to the left of Richard's Electrosmog meter which was placed on the bag at the furthest point to his left as shown in the drawing at the top of the next page. The light was a similar shade of green to that on the Electrosmog meter but a lot brighter. The light

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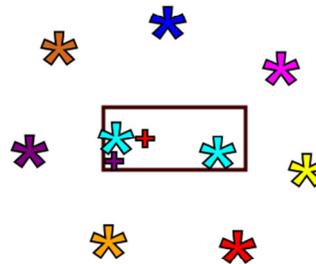


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Dee saw was beyond the Electrosmog meter when viewed from her location. On the plan the red cross is where Bill thought he saw the light and the purple cross is where Dee saw it.

22.12 Dee isolates a sound on the recording during a pause in Bill's calling out request for any spirits to make the green light appear again. The sound seems to be much closer to the microphone, for referral for possible EVP – see separate notes at the end.



- \* Bill
- \* Steph
- \* Andy
- \* Elaine
- \* Dee
- \* Sarah
- \* Richard
- \* Electrosmog

Elaine mentions that she has feelings that she “shouldn't be somewhere”. Dee mentions that she had the same feeling earlier – that she's “somewhere she's not supposed to be”.

22.18 The séance ended when a man walked passed on the Ridgeway path. We do not know whether or not he saw us but it would be odd if he didn't as we were less than 10 metres from the path and the lights on the equipment we were using were clearly visible from the path (as confirmed by Andy). As he walked past we were completely silent. The man was wearing a head torch and it always pointed in front of him, so maybe he didn't see us (not quite sure what he would have made of a number of people standing in a circle in a dark and lonely wood.

During the séance, Steph gets the impression of very thin, dirty men in rags being ‘herded’. She also hears what sounds like men whispering behind her.

During the séance Andy observes a light that appears to be moving just behind the nearby earth mound and trees. It does not appear and disappear but is constant for a few seconds and appears to be about one and a half metres off the ground. Also during the Séance Andy gets the number 9 pop into his head.

Elaine feels really uneasy about being in this part of the woods as if we should not have been there. Elaine is drawn to the tree to her right and was waiting for something to happen.

Sarah picks up on *James* and has images of fires burning under trees and seeing the red glow under leaves and up the bark.

Sarah saw a red light and a blue flash in the trees behind Richard.

## Pre-Vigil

While we were all in the woods Elaine saw a black figure run between the trees to her right.

## Vigil: Deep in the Wood 22:30 to 23:15

For this vigil the team walked deeper into the wood to the northeast of the tumulus. This area of the wood is one of the youngest as the trees were clear felled around 40 years ago and later replanted. The team scattered themselves around the site covering an area of about 4,000 square metres just to the south-southwest of the top of the hill.

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Bill walked east until he reached a dirt road which runs from the south to the top of the hill. He then walked north a little way along the track until he was within 100 metres of the top of the hill and to the northeast of the rest of the team before settling down for the vigil facing north-northeast along the track.

Dee positions herself with her back to a large tree and faces approximately west. Andy is in front of her some distance away, but is in her direct line of sight. Sarah was positioned behind her on the other side of the tree. It had become a bit misty and very cold. Dee placed her voice recorder on a tree root to her right.

Andy is sat on a large branch on the ground and opposite him is Dee with other members just near to her.

Richard sat facing northwest by west.

22:30 Andy takes a temperature reading of +6°C.

22:34 Steph measures the temperature as +7.2°C.

Sarah could hear the creaking of a tree bending back and forth in a breeze.

Richard measures the temperature at +7.7°C.

22:35 As Bill was about to sit down he looked to the north-northeast and saw several moving lights about 30 metres away and just to the west of the path. They were large pale patches, one being rectangular in shape, and moving in different directions. At the time there were no team lights shining in that direction and Bill's torch was off.

22:36 Andy hears a dog barking in the distance.

Elaine hears the creaking of a tree.

22:37 Bill measures the temperature at +8.5°C on his infrared thermometer.

Dee notes that she is feeling uneasy and has the urge not to be seen, like she needs to hide.

Steph hears a tree creaking somewhere in front of her where the other team members are.

22:38 A red dot of light is seen on the ground in front of Elaine.

22:39 Bill notes a whooshing noise coming from the east. It was short-lived and quite loud. It could possibly have been the wind in the trees or cars on Stocks Road which runs north from Aldbury to Ivinghoe, though it did not sound like a car.

22:40 The same noise he heard at 22:39 is heard again by Bill coming from the same direction. It appeared to be coming from the east-northeast and kept repeating.

Dee gets a sudden piercing pain in the back of her head to the left.

Sarah saw lots of glows and flashes behind Richard again to the east, this continued until 22:50.

Richard's left hand burns slightly, whereas his right hand does not.

22:41 Richard also felt a brief warm breeze, from behind him.

22:42 Elaine has the feeling of being hunted with flaming torches.

Steph picks up the words *saw too much*.

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- 22:44 Dee is experiencing a strong feeling of pursuit - run, rabbit, run - three people, maybe five.
- 22:45 Elaine sees angel wings and walking through the woods full of bluebells.
- 22:46 Richard has a sharp cold shiver, on the right-hand side of his torso, along with a sharp pain – like being “stabbed.”
- 22:47 Bill sees a patch of red light directly in front of him along the path to the north, then 30 seconds later he saw a pale patch of light just to the left of the path and about 3 metres away.
- 22:48 Steph picks up the words *in the ravine*.
- While looking in Andy’s direction Elaine sees a black figure walking towards Andy then disappear.
- 22:49 Bill notes the sound of something walking through the wood behind him and to his right (roughly to the southeast).
- Dee tries to focus to making sense of what she is ‘hearing’ and ‘feeling’. She then hears “*murder, crime, birds, rabbits*” clearly in her mind, but does not understand the meaning.
- 22:51 Dee suddenly begins seeing chess boards and keys in her mind’s eye, but can make no sense of it.
- A lot of rustling is heard by Richard appearing to come from the east - perhaps a deer nearby?
- 22:52 A bright patch of light is seen by Bill out of the corner of his eye to his left in the same place as an earlier patch.
- Steph hears something behind her. First there was a couple of thuds on the ground then the sound of something running and stopping abruptly behind her. She then hears a couple of noises to her left. She looks round but can’t see anything so she stands up and looks with her torch. She still cannot see anything and thought this may have been Bill coming over to her. (**Editor’s Note:** It wasn’t.)
- 22:54 Dee sees a distinctly reddish mist float past about 3 metres in front of her (from left to right). It is the size and speed of maybe two people walking side-by-side.
- Richard appears to hear a sound that sounds like a ‘neeeerrgh’ to his right – approximately 25 to 50 meters in front, slightly to the right?
- 22:55 Elaine hears footsteps to her right.
- The words *crossed the line* came to Sarah’s mind.
- 22:58 Dee experiences a sudden flash of surprise, which jolts her.
- 22:59 Bill sees a small cluster of lights to the north-northeast to the left of the path and about 30 metres away. This was the same area as the lights he saw at 22:35.
- Richard notes that it feels far warmer on his left hand and arm, than on his right. This was happening throughout the vigil (left hand noted at +30.8°C, right hand at +27.3°C). The temperature was taken at the same spot on both hands, on the middle of the palm.
- 23:00 Sarah was aware the tree had stopped creaking. Sarah saw three flashes in the trees to the east behind Richard (the direction Sarah was facing), Sarah thought three flashes, three people, three gun flashes.

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23:02 Sarah heard a loud crack from the trees where the flashes were and could hear faint voices from behind Richard. Fires burning again came to mind.

Richard's legs are absolutely shivering; although not cold anywhere else. Also at this time Richard senses two extra people hanging around the wood, but also thinks of the number "3" but not sure why this is.

23:03 Andy can hear a duck squawking and takes a temperature reading of +6.6°C.

23:04 A bright, irregular patch of light, almost like an animal, is seen on the ground about 20 metres away to the northeast by north by Bill. It was just to the right of the path but when Bill illuminated the area with his torch he found there was nothing there.

23:05 Elaine gets the words *Go away or harm will come to you.*

To Richard's left he believes he briefly heard what sounded like people shouting, and some heavy clomping some distance away.

23:07 Bill looked over his right shoulder for a second and when he looked back he saw a patch of orange light just to the left of the path about 20 metres away and again to the north-northeast.

Dee notes that she is very, very cold – numb fingers and toes.

23:08 Bill measures the temperature at +8.7°C on his infrared thermometer.

23:09 Two flashes of white light are seen on the floor to Elaine's right.

Sarah heard a dog barking and a rustle in the trees.

23:10 As Bill turned his head to look left he saw a bright light out of the corner of his eye on the path to the north-northeast.

Dee gets a sudden, sharp, deep pain under her left shoulder blade. It lasts for about a minute and is so strong that it makes her breathe in short breaths.

23:11 A small patch of light is seen by Bill to the right of the path (to the northeast) and about 4 metres away.

A dog barking is heard by Richard.

23:12 Dee hears a dog barking followed soon after by what sounds like footsteps in the undergrowth several metres away over her left shoulder.

23:14 Steph hears something moving behind her again, this time it is a short dragging sound. She looks again with her torch but cannot see anything.

Richard spots numerous blue dots appearing occasionally to his right.

## Post-Vigil

23:15 Just as he was putting his equipment away Bill saw a bright patch of light just to the left of the path and 3 metres away. It was roughly rectangular in shape and was accompanied by cold shivers.

Richard's spine feels like it's been trodden on or been kicked hard – along with his ribs, which were not a problem before arriving on the investigation.

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23:16 Bill measures the temperature with his infrared thermometer and finds that it is +7.7°C, only a 1°C drop in 8 minutes.

23:16 Elaine gets the impression of a devil.

## Post-Vigil

Steph is informed by Bill that there was something moving through the trees in the area. Although Steph did not see anything she concludes this must have been a deer to make such loud thuds.

Richard sensed numerous red lights at different times throughout the investigation – in and around the local wooded area. He is not sure what they were.

As the investigation was essentially over the team reassembled on the track Bill had walked along before heading south along the track to return to the cars. Just before the team left the vigil area Bill broke with tradition and told the team what had actually happened in the wood

## Post-investigation

Sarah captured orbs on two pictures, which will be sent to Bill for analysis; although she is aware it was misty at the top of the hill.

Andy has nothing paranormal on audio or photographs. However on a period of six minutes of film, Andy has picked up five light anomalies on his camcorder and feels he can account for most of these as members of LPS but this needs further clarification and analysis.

Elaine reported that nothing was seen on camera and she is still through her sound recordings.

Dee's review of her voice recordings from the séance at Aldbury produced a couple of sound queries for referral.

Dee also notes that her digital voice recording for the vigil in the woods lasted for 4 seconds then switched off. Dee can think of no reason why this would happen; it had never happened on previous investigations and the battery was working fine (and still is at the time of writing).

Upon review of her sound recordings, Dee submitted the following for consideration/debunking.

### Clip 1 (DeeAldbury2012-Clip01.mp3):

Séance – 00m24s clip taken from the full 37m11s recording.

00m14s (21.48pm) – Andy mentions not knowing any Roman songs, to which Bill says “Roman songs?” Just after that there is a faint singing.

Reason for referral: Dee listened to the clip through different types of media and different software, but was still unable to determine whether the phrase/singing is actually another LPS member. Dee is referring it for further examination because no one reacted to the singing, and a couple of members had mentioned hearing a ‘humming’ earlier on. It might be clearer on someone else's voice recorder so we can determine who it is.

### Clip 2 (DeeAldbury2012-Clip02.mp3):

Séance – 00m29s clip taken from the full 37m11s recording.

00m14s (21.48pm) – In the pause after Bill says “...then please try,” there is a throaty noise.

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Reason for referral: Dee listened to the clip through different types of media and different software, but was still unable to determine exactly who or what the noise is. The reason for referral is that the sound seems to be much closer to the microphone than any other sound in the whole recording – its quality of sound is different. Dee noticed it first when listening through headphones and it was noticeably louder than all of the other members' chatter etc. Dee would not have submitted it for referral had she not known that everyone was standing up around the recorder during the whole séance.

## Equipment List

Andy      Digital Camera: Panasonic Lumix DMC-FS15  
              Digital Camcorder: Sony DCR-DVD306E  
              Digital Voice Recorder: Olympus WS-560M  
              Dictaphone: Sanyo TRC-525M  
              EMF meter: K-II  
              Digital Infrared Thermometer: IR-102  
              Digital Compass/Altimeter/Thermometer: WS110  
              Laser Matrix Pen  
              Notepad, pen, torch and watch

Bill        Digital Camera: Samsung WB700  
              Digital Infrared Thermometer: Karknee DT-300  
              Electrosmog Meter: Cornet ED-7  
              Compass: Silva Type 7 NL  
              Notepad, pen, torch and watch

Dee        Digital Voice Recorder: Olympus VN-5500PC  
              Notepad, pen, torch and watch

Elaine     Digital Camera: Kodak C913  
              Digital Voice Recorder: VN-2100PC  
              Notepad, pen, torch and watch

Richard   Digital Camera: General Electric E1486TW  
              Digital Voice Recorder: Olympus WS-210S  
              Digital Infrared Thermometer: Fluke 361  
              Digital Compass/Thermometer: Maxview  
              Electrosmog Meter: Cornet ED-7  
              Notepad, pen, torch and watch

Sarah C    Digital Camera: Sony DSC-H50  
              Notepad, pen, torch and watch

Steph     Digital Camera: Samsung PL81  
              Digital Voice Recorder: Olympus WS-560M  
              Gauss Meter  
              Digital Infrared Thermometer: INS-TOOL09  
              Notepad, pen, torch and watch