

INVESTIGATION REPORT – Team 2



Investigation Site	Bovingdon Airfield and Boxmoor Common
Investigation Date	2 nd May 2008
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Conditions

A fairly clear evening with slightly hazy skies after the initial clouds had cleared. Very little wind. Slight ground fog at one point in very localised areas on the adjoining fields. A lot of road noise coming from the southwest and south-southeast. Voices heard from the south-southeast coming from the area of the adjoining prison. A lot of metallic noises heard coming from people working in the market area on the eastern half of the runway.

General

On arriving we split roughly into two teams. Our team stayed at the west end of the east-west runway whilst Team one headed off along the runway in the direction of Bovingdon Market.

Pre-Vigils

We entered the airfield following the public footpath which runs alongside the White Hart public house. As we entered the airfield, at about 20:40, through a kissing gate about 200 metres from the west end of the east-west runway Leana had a strong feeling of foreboding.

When I took out my walkie-talkie I found that the time had been reset and the display was showing 12:17. This is odd as the radio had been fully charged and the correct time set earlier that afternoon. The only way the clock could have changed is for the battery to have gone flat or been removed which would have been obvious (and virtually impossible as the battery compartment closes with a strong catch and the battery fits tightly into the compartment). As this was at 20:50 the clock had reset at 20:33, 10 minutes after Leana and I had parked just north of the White Hart and had joined the rest of the team just south of the public house.

Just before the vigils started I left a sound recorder just off the northern edge of the runway and about 80 metres from the western end. This was not collected until the end of the investigation.

Vigil 1: West End of Runway – 20:55 to 21:30

The vigil positions are shown in the drawing on the next page. For the first vigil Leana and I positioned ourselves approximately 30 metres from the west end of the runway, Marion sat about 80 metres from the end and Andy S positioned himself about 250 metres down the runway. The position of the sound recorder is also shown in the drawing on the next page along with the positions from which I did video recordings and the directions the recorder was facing.

I kept hearing voices coming from the other end of the runway. This turned out to be people setting up in the Bovingdon market 750 metres away (sound that night was being carried a long distance in the moist and still air).

21:00 Leana wants to face along the runway but she keeps feeling as if she should be facing towards the northwest corner where a concrete track heads north from the runway.

21:06 Leana picked up on the name Jake. After saying the name out loud she wanted to cry as she felt very sad.

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21:17 Leana picks up on the name Daniels and something about gallows.

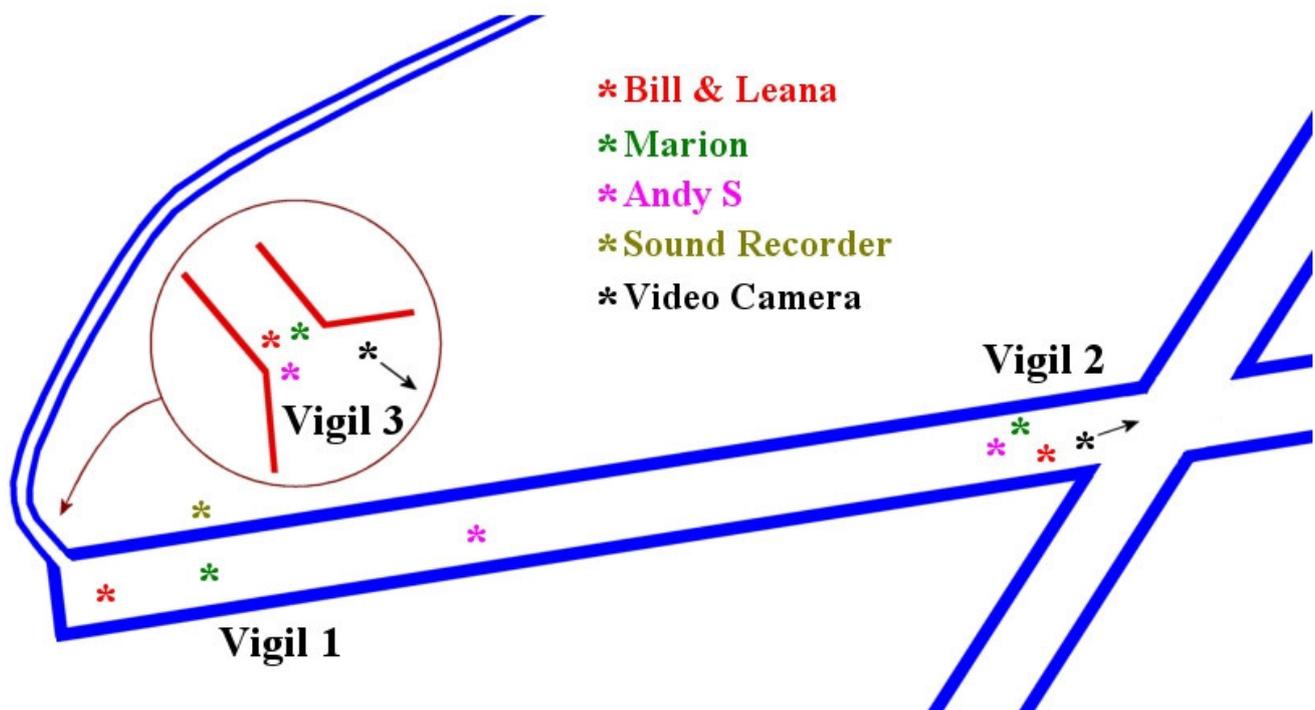
At this point we decided to relocate to the concrete track to the northwest of the runway.

21:27 Leana reported that she had developed a bad headache over her left eye and that she was feeling grumpy and sick. Her change in mood was very noticeable.

Vigil 2: Concrete Track to Northwest – 21:30 to 22:20

I went and saw Marion and suggested she join us on the northwest track due to Leana's experiences. Andy S also joined us.

21:35 Leana feels that everyone around her is suspicious because this is her space. Everyone refers to the other team members. She also says that she still feels like a grumpy old man.



21:38 Leana keeps getting a pain just below her ribs on her left. She feels as if there is something wrong. At the time I was 5 metres away across the runway to the south. As she walked over to me she almost instantly stopped feeling grumpy and by the time she reached me her mood was much lighter.

21:43 Leana feels like running around in what she described as a 'wheeee' sort of way. This was in the area where we first entered the runway in the southwest corner.

21:45 We walked towards the point where we had accessed the runway, as we did Leana felt sadder and sadder. We got about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way across the 44 metre wide runway then stopped because of the way Leana felt.

21:47 Leana decides that she does not feel sad but more like sombre. She feels that she should be running around and be very happy, like childish innocence, but this is tempered with sadness. She describes it as being like having a really good day then finding out that something bad has

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happened. She says that she is looking on like a third person who knows they have to tell the person that something bad has happened and knowing that the one they are to tell will have to grow up very quickly. Leana feels that she is the other person (the bringer of bad news). She does not know what the bad news is but it is really, really bad. She feels that the teller is female but she does not know the gender of the one she has to tell.

At this point we carried on walking down the runway along the southern edge to a point about 250 metres from the western end of the runway. We then crossed to the other side of the runway and walked back to the vigil location along the northern edge.

21:59 Temperature measured at +4.5°C at a point 235 metres from the western end of the runway and on the southern edge.

22:05 As Leana walked back to the vigil site she smelt shampoo and wet hair at a point about 120 metres from the western end of the runway and about 5 metres from the northern edge.

Between Vigils

22:24 As we were walking up the runway towards the third vigil site and just before a large white square on the northern side of the runway (positioned 235 metres from the western end) and about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way across the runway (from the southern edge) Leana felt the bottom of the left leg of her trousers being tugged. She walked back and forth over the area but could not find anything that could have caused the tug. After finding nothing she started to walk up the runway again whereupon the portable chair in a shoulder bag she was carrying (in her right hand) was also pulled. This is very unlikely to have been caused by vegetation as there is very little on the runway (just a few tufts of grass growing between the flat concrete slabs, and the bottom of the bag was about 30cm off the ground at the time. We could find no reason for either tug.

Vigil 3: Centre of the Airfield 22:40 to 23:15

I set up my video recorder close to our vigil location and facing across the east-west runway towards the runway which runs to the northeast.

22:46 Leana reported that she had seen the face of a woman which looked like that of a statuette made of wood. She could not say if it was literal (a representation of a real statue) or metaphorical (an image used to represent something else). She felt it was more likely to have been a metaphor representing someone, their personality or strengths. The statuette was not located at the place where we were hence the feeling that it was a metaphor.

22:50 Something large and white drifts past my vision. I felt it was about 3 metres away but could not accurately judge due to the lack of light.

22:52 Measured temperature +1.5 to +2.5°C.

23:01 Leana was trying to persuade herself she was warm (positive visualisation) and had put both hands up her sleeves to warm them up. When she took them out her left hand was still cold but her right hand was very warm. Even her right arm was warm which was odd as the cold breeze was coming from our right (the east) and hence blowing on her right arm whilst her left was sheltered from the breeze.

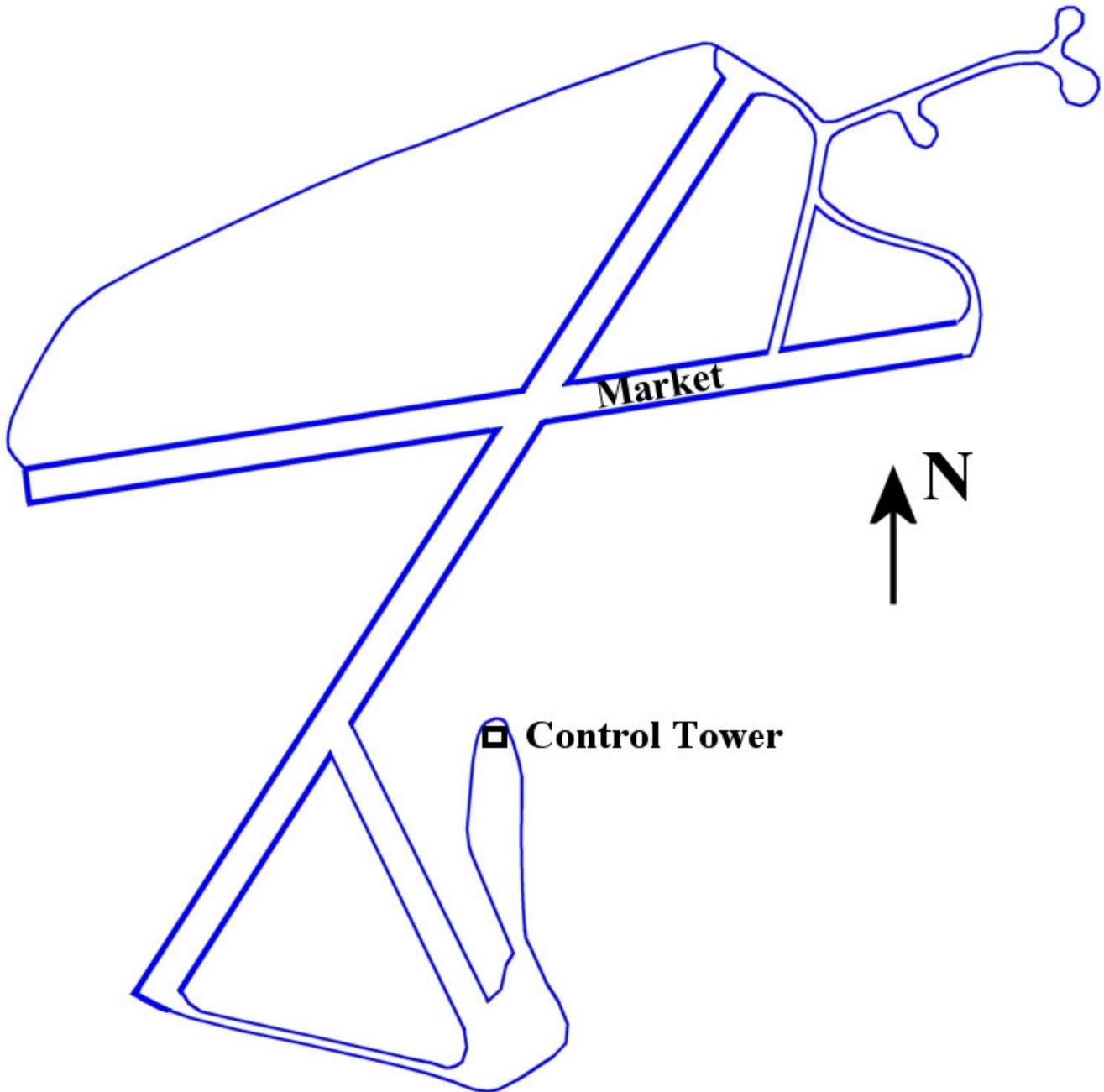
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Plan of Bovingdon Airfield



Post Bovingdon Vigils

After the vigils we took a team photograph then returned to our cars. For the return trip we took a slightly different route as the field we had crossed was full of cows and a bull and was rather messy to cross even in daylight. To avoid the mess etc. we took a path which heads north from the western end of the runway. This, unfortunately, made our return trip longer than expected which had an impact on the time we arrived at the site of our second investigation for the night.

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Second Investigation: Snook's Grave

We had planned to arrive at the second site before midnight but delays led to us getting there until 00:03. The reason for the midnight target was that if you dance three times around Snook's grave on Boxmoor Common at midnight then Snook's will join you for a Danse Macabre (the dance of death). Unfortunately no member of the team was willing to perform the dance so we held a séance around the marker stones instead.

The site of the grave is just 43 metres to the north of the London Road and south of the A41 and is accessed via a public footpath from the London Road. Unfortunately the presence of the A41 makes this a very noisy site and made it difficult to hold the séance (the noise was too much of a distraction).