

Investigation Report		
Investigation Site	Derby Gaol	
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Brief History of Derby Gaol

The old "Derby Gaol" can be found under numbers 50 and 51 Friargate in Derby. It is said to be one of the most haunted spots in the country. The jail ("gaol" is an old-fashioned variant of the word) was used between 1756 and 1828 and was originally (it's believed) two separate cell blocks - in fact, it's thought the facilities could continue under neighbouring properties, too). It is now a museum and much of the jail has been restored to its former condition.

The **Vernon Street Prison** served as the County Gaol from 1843 to 1919, at which time it was demolished. The last public execution at Derby of Richard Thorley for the murder of Eliza Morrow took place here in 1862. From 1919 to 1929 the prison acted as a military prison

Equipment used:

Sarah: Sony DSC-H50 camera and KII meter, notebook, pen and torch.

Andrew Fazekas: Digital Camera: Panasonic Lumix DMC-FS15 Digital Camcorder: Sony DCR-SR75E Digital Voice Recorder: Olympus WS-560M Olivus3 EMF meter: K-II Digital Infrared Thermometer: IR-102 torch and watch

Pre - Investigation Tour of site

Derby Gaol

While members were standing waiting for everyone to arrive. Elaine was looking at the building from the car park and sees a face at the top window which she captures on her camera along with Andy G.

The one Andy G saw seemed to have a mask on similar to something made out of cardboard. On entering the building Andy G had a strong feeling of my neck being pulled very tightly. Both my neck and shoulder areas ached until we left the building to walk to the other sites.

The weather was warm although getting colder and as other members arrived the mood was excited and jovial. One of the members of staff took the team on a short walk to Vernon Gate, Martello Towers, and the original front of the Victorian Gaol which was built when the small Derby Gaol discontinued its use.

Just before the actual investigations started both Dee and Sarah went and sat in the Debtors cell for around five minutes. Nothing significant happened however on replaying the voice recorder they got a distinctive whistling sound moving past the door. To check this was not the sound of the creaking door opposite (toilet door) we recorded the door opening and closing. As I stepped inside the toilet area there was again another distinctive whistle, this time between Dee standing outside the door and myself, just inside the doorway.

Vernon Gate

As Dee and Sarah were standing outside the Vernon Gate building Sarah had a strong feeling of having a bag put over my head. It later transpires that this was the area the hanging s took place.

Going inside the small ground floor chamber, the atmosphere was very heavy and oppressive. This was where prisoners were led to the gallows. The second tower had a steep stone spiral staircase leading to a room at the top of the tower. When Loretta climbed the ladder to the hanging room, As soon as they were up the top both Grahame and Lorretta went light headed and slightly disorientated.

Investigation Derby Gaol Site

Holding Cell

21:02: Andy F Andy G Elaine E Richard and Rachel W conduct a Séance.

21:15 Andy F Sound recorder switches off

21:20 The Team made contact with a possible sailor where the name (A?) was relevant along with the place of Plymouth. The EMF meter kept fluctuating from 0.3 to 0.5 but when Plymouth was mentioned it went up to 1.0. Andy G Was in contact with the spirit which seemed to be fascinated that a lady was in there. The team then conducted a séance where a few bits of information came up and they did notice while asking questions at times the EMF Detector rose from .4 to 1.8. This happened on numerous occasions especially when the name Archibald was said and also anything to do with the navy. The only other bit of information was 'prisoner 164'.

Debtors Cell

Dee and Sarah sat on the back bed facing towards the door. Marion and John sat on the other bed facing the wall and Elaine sat on the small bench.

21:12 Elaine gets the name Thomas and gets the smell of stale urine

21:19 Elaine – is your name Jane Collins – Yes

21:23 Was you a employees daughter – Yes

21:47 Marion has the shivers and feels someone is there with them

21:49 Elaine would you like us to leave so you can go to sleep – Yes

22:11 Marion gets the words Holy Mary Mother of God'

22:27 Marion gets the name Jesse (male) She is feeling very cold

22:41 Marion gets the words 'Half a sixpence' Sarah says she has a 5p piece in her pocket. Dee asks if the person with us knows that Sarah has a 5p piece in her pocket. The meter flashes Yes. Marion asks Michael (one of her guides) to help this man Jesse and cross him over. A couple of minutes later she feels he has gone and her oppressive headache has also gone.

Condemned Cell

20:30 Marion gets the names Mary + Patrick (who stole a loaf of bread). Sarah, Dee, Marion and Elaine hold a pre-seance vigil in the condemned cell. Sarah had her KII meter with her, and after checking the cell for any possible interference we had a small call out session. This proved very interesting as the KII meter responded in answer to our questions! This has been recorded on camera footage.

20:33 Marion gets the words of a woman saying 'Afterwards, It's not entirely safe in here. Belt me, he

Used to belt me till I was black and blue.' I ask 'Are you here Mary' and Sarahs' meter flashes yes. I ask 'Do you like being on your own' and the meter flashes yes.

20:43 Last time Marion was here she picked up Anna and Alice so she asks if they are still here. There is no response and she feels they are no longer there.

21:08 -21:40 Elaine, Dee, Marion and John and Sarah returned to the condemned cell to continue our call out/EVP session. We determined through answers on the KII meter that 4 people were haunting the gaol, although that might have been just in the condemned cell. A man who was in the cell through beating up a woman, and robbery, kept touching Dee in the corner. We also 'helped' him move on, through Marion's guide. We all asked questions, and had a lot of responses! A lot of footage again was gathered on one member's camera's movie mode

Unknown time Rachel and Richard, and Andy G sat in the condemned cell. Andy G placed the original ball and chain on his ankle (a ball and chain that big Ash who worked there said he had seen moving across the floor on its own on CCTV on another occasion).

A few minutes in Andy made contact with a spirit called John – Rachel and Rich both asked questions. He wasn't friendly and whenever Rachel spoke he kept saying "Nag nag nag why don't you shut up". He then proceeded to talk about the man he'd stabbed and how he had stabbed another down in London: that his mother was a whore and he didn't care if he died, that he just wanted to be left alone. After a few questions Richard said well at least you can't hurt anyone else now and he said "you wanna bet" Andy G began to pump his fists at which point Rachel said to Richard we should call Andy back. Andy didn't respond so Richard banged on the door for someone to come in and help him, Andy F appeared and got Dee who brought Andy G back. Later Andy G said he could hear what was going on but kept saying in his head "get Dee, get Dee" which he couldn't say out loud.

Andy G recalls that unfortunately no recording equipment was at hand. Just before the team started they were told about the ball and chain being recorded as moving on its own so Andy G decided to put the manacle around his ankle. The session began quite sedately with both Rachel and Richard asking questions and myself answering when something came. At some point 'John' decided to take over and was talking directly through me. Apparently Andy G changed at this time. Andy G could hear everything that was going on but could do nothing about it. Andy G can remember a number of questions being asked:

Why was I here- ' I was on the run from London and caught in the area'

What had I done- ' Stabbed someone and slit them all the way up'

Was I married- ' Yeh with two kids'

Was I going to get hung- ' probably but I didn't really care'

What year was it- '1785'

Numerous other questions were asked and seemingly answered. Sometime later 'John' became agitated and stop answering questions. Andy G could feel my hands trying to become fists. At this point Richard said you can't really hurt us can you to which 'John' replies 'you wanna bet' in a very aggressive manner. At this point Richard gets up and bangs on the door to get some help for me. A number of people enter the cell and after a few minutes 'John' leaves me and I come too very shaken. As a foot note to this it is something Andy G would like to try again but under controlled conditions so it doesn't get as far as it did this time. Upon reviewing the CCTV from the cell despite being only pictures it did shake me up and at points seemed to be quite scary.

Main Corridor

Prior to the next investigation Dee was standing just outside the cells and Marion was stood opposite the toilet door and Andy F was near the bar area. All three members hear a loud whistle that appeared to come from within the main area as if someone was standing between all three of them whistling

22:05 while Loretta and Graham were in the main corridor of the jail both smelt fresh poo smell. Terry and Christine were stood with us and when we both mentioned it-neither of them could smell it. This wasn't sewers it was proper fresh poo that has just been done although obviously there was nothing there.

Sarah and Elaine sat on the bench near the police cell. Dee and Andy G sat opposite the toilets. Marion and John sat between the cells. Elaine hangs her Dictaphone on the Mannequin by the cells.

23:34 Marion hears the words 'No, Not my legs' shouted very loudly in a distressed way.

23.44 Marion hears the name 'Christine' said to her, not knowing at the time that one of the investigators 'Christine' is doing some solo work in the back cell.

23:46 Elaine could hear someone moaning this was none of the team.

23:51 Elaine hears someone breathing to the left of her and everyone is to her right.

23:58 Elaine can hear footsteps walking towards her, all the team are stationary.

23:59 Marion and Dee hear a wheezy moan. Marion hears a whimper coming from the cell with the police display. She had been asking (in her mind) if there was anyone in that cell, could they please make themselves known. The whole team heard the noise and went into the cell to have a look. One of the laminated photos had fallen off the wall. It was information about the year 1939 when police used their whistles as warnings.

Police Museum

00:05 a faint whistle is heard by Elaine.

00:08 whistling is heard by Sarah and Elaine.

Vernon Street – Hanging Tower

23.50 Graham had headphones on listening to the spirit box (SP11) on FM. Loretta was asking questions, Graham clearly heard the words by a male say " you can talk".

Post Vigil

Probably the weirdest incident came at the end of the night when a member was standing on one side of the bar talking to the museum curator and on the bar inbetween them was a bottle of water. At the end of the conversation the member went to pick up the bottle and it was gone. A search was made including the dustbins and the bottle was never found and even now it is still reported as missing

Post Investigation

Film

Andy F is sat in the police museum in the dark and a light anomaly appears to go up his right shoulder and into his neck. This light anomaly is shape changing in appearance. A number of orbs are caught on film both on the stairs at the Martello tower and the main corridor at Derby goal some are attributed to dust others are less easy to analyse.

A static camera is situated in the main corridor of the Gaol where no one is located and yet Loud bangs are heard right next to the camera and the sound recorder stops working