

## Investigation Report



<b>Investigation Site</b>	Elstow St Michaels Church and Abbey
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### Background

Elstow is famous as the home of John Bunyan and the nearby Moot Hall celebrate this fact among its many exhibits on display. LPS has investigated Moot Hall itself on previous occasions see our website.

But the focus of this investigation was St Michaels Church and the abbey itself. Elstow Abbey was founded in 1078 by the Countess Judith, niece of William the Conqueror. It became one of the richer of the 106 Benedictine nunneries existing at the time and in its hey-day, in the fourteenth century, the building was twice its present size. The end of the Abbey came in 1539, as part of the dissolution of the monasteries. By the time of Elizabeth I, the church itself had been reduced to its present Dimensions, becoming the parish church of the village. The six Norman arches that still remain from the original building.

### Pre-Investigation

The evening was cold and damp and the investigation itself was held up by the church bell ringers who seemed to go on forever during practice. Once they left the investigation itself got underway. Andy G noted that whilst waiting to start the investigation, He was aware of a women and a small child both in white standing in the cemetery.

### 21:00 St Michaels Church Investigation

21:15 Andy F was talking to Charlotte on the pathway when he saw a black figure going along the wall of the church tower and at the time it was though there was no one else in the area. This was later debunked as Katie has been wandering around near the lights that light up the tower thereby casting her shadow. As Katie explains "Katie looking around the grave stones got an uneasy feeling, a feeling that she was being watched. Katie wasn't too comfortable with that, and then quickly decided to explore the rest of the grounds inside the perimeters of the chapel ground".

21:50 Katie was heading down the path making her way out side of the church grounds. She turned behind because she thought that charlotte was trying to catch up to her just a couple of feet behind her. Katie looked back no one was there. Katie carried on walking and felt she was being followed very closely behind her back, it was a deferent feeling someone was really following me. Someone was trying to hurry her up to get her out of the way of the path. Katie turned round and someone shouted Hey!

Katie managed to make my way down the path once more, and that time towards the gate Katie actually ran out of the cemetery in case she was shoved or pushed. Katie didn't step back into the cemetery for about ten minutes. Katie looked around the grounds by walking around by the perimeter wall to see if she could catch anything from there.

**22:00 Séance begins on pathway up to the front of the church**

Katie asked if the person that pushed her was angry because she may have walked in his grave. There was no answer. When other people within the séance circle began asking questions, Katie got the letter E and H in her head. Katie couldn't make out if that was an initial or two separate pieces of information. E was blurry, but Katie thought she picked up a Helen from H, but wasn't too sure and didn't say Helen in the group out loud. During the séance Katie also picked up a scene like a Christmas themed picture in my head? She didn't know what that was about? Katie picked up a year as 1936?

None of the things which was depicted for Katie was answering her questions to whom was hurrying her out of the way of the path. Katie asked antagonizing questions to get a response, but was receiving not much, apart a picture in my mind a man of cloth which she interpreted as a priest? Katie tried to find out if he was stuck here because he wronged people when he was alive and again she didn't receive a response.

Andy G noted that the women and child seen earlier came forward although reluctant to talk too much. They only gave their names as Esme and Harriet. A stronger presence then made himself known and the other two backed away. The male presence, possibly a vicar named Thomas, was not keen on us being there and became very abusive when questioned

22:30 Séance ends

**22:40 Abbey Investigation**

Katie started to walk across some more grave stones, one particular gave off a beautiful vibe, or a feeling of warmth and love. It was covered in colourful lights, and had many statues of angels. Katie went to talk to Andy F and Paul about the good feeling, Katie felt an energy of youth and freedom and unconditional love a free spirited soul.

Katie wanted to sit on a chair a couple of feet away from that grave. She felt pulled towards it. Paul had a look at the chair for her, as I wouldn't sit on it, due to amount of insects crawling on it. Paul took the chair and shook it a bit. Katie then sat on this chair and felt very happy to sit on it.

Paul investigated the grave to find a name and a age. The name of the grave stone belonged to a girl called Shannon, and she died at 17 yrs. old. I watch Paul take out his echo box, the words that came out was "stay," Paul asked have you seen God to anyone else that was wanting to come forward, the echo box replied back "no"

**23:00 End of investigation as nothing further could be picked up.**