

Stanton Low Investigation

Team 3 Report – Bill, Leana and Kelly

Pre-Investigation

As we walked along the Hanslope Circular Ride towards the church Kelly got the impression she was being watched as she passed the tree where my name was called out at the end of our previous investigation (on the right of the path just before the eastern boundary wall of the church). She did not feel that the watcher was malicious.

Vigil 1: Inside St. Peter's Church – Start 21:02/End 21:32

For this vigil the team was joined by Lisa and Adrian. Vigil locations are marked by the * on the image on the right.

At the start of the vigil Leana got the impression of a man in his 40s who was walking down the path towards the church. She described him as having long honey-brown hair and wearing what looked like a jacket which was blue in colour. He was also wearing dress shoes that were really worn and no hat. He walks about halfway down the path, he doesn't appear to stop but Leana can no longer see him after halfway. She doesn't see him coming through the gate he is just on the path on the church side of the gate. The man appeared to be there on a sunny afternoon at the beginning of the autumn. The weather was still warm but getting colder..

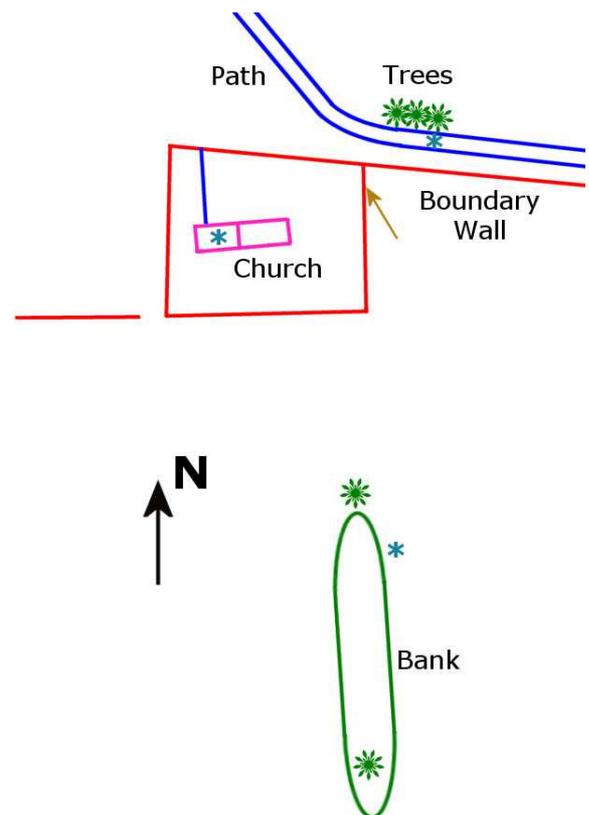
Leana also reported seeing two children playing east-northeast of the church about half way between the church and the trees along the path (about 20m away). One was a girl of between 6 and 7 years of age and the other was an 8 year old boy. The girl had really long blonde hair. She said that it looked like they were writing in the mud. She also said that they appeared to be there at the same time as the man

21:13 Three people arrive with two dogs and walk straight into the church. During a discussion with them they said that at New Year's one of their dogs had refused to enter the churchyard and had stayed outside the gate. It took them a long time to persuade it to pass through the gate. Normally they would spend some time in the churchyard whilst the dogs ran around but when it was explained to them why we were there they kindly left the area.

21:26 Leana smells something sweet coming from the north (the wind was coming from the west northwest). I had also got the strong smell of perfume when we had first entered the church but it did not seem to be coming from anyone present and at the time no one was standing upwind of me though the strong wind was eddying around inside the church.

21:30 I had asked Lisa to walk along the path and see if she got any impressions. She reported seeing a swinging lantern with a candle in it and an old woman dressed in black, as worn by women around the northern part of the Mediterranean Sea. She was bending over on the path.

Kelly felt as if there was more energy in the eastern half of the church.



Vigil 2: On the Road by the Trees – Start 22:05/End 22:35

For this investigation we positioned ourselves near the trees mention in the Pre-Investigation section above. My sound recorder was left by the tree at 22:05 and collected at the end of the investigation.

22:06 All three of us twice heard what sounded like children squealing coming from the west-southwest.

22:12 I saw a spot of light on the wall which runs north to south on the east side of the church and east-northeast of the church marked by the ➤. No other team member of any team was in a position where they could have shone a light onto the wall at that point.

22:15 Leana gets the impression of a horse and cart moving along the path towards the church to the west of our location. She reports that she saw something fall off the back which appeared to be about 30cm long and 15cm across. She could only see that back of the driver and said that he was wearing a wide brimmed, pale yellow hat, possibly made of straw.

22:20 Both Leana and I hear the sound of children shouting coming from the west. At the time the wind was very strong so that you could hardly hear someone speaking who was only a couple of metres away upwind let alone from beyond the church.

22:22 The sound of a dog yipping coming from the west; only heard by myself.

22:24 Leana sees a bright streak of light, like a photo of a raindrop orb, moving downwards in the middle of the field to the west. She said that it was fairly large like a distant street light. At the time there were no lights shining into the field and the nearest road and fixed lights were over 600m away.

22:30 Leana hears a high pitched whistle coming from the trees to the north.

22:33 Leana sees a red patch of light in the field on the ground to the west moving towards the south, like an animal running close to the ground.

Vigil 3: In the Field by the Bank – Start 23:05/End 23:35

23:05 I see a dot of white light on the ground about 150m away moving north to south. It had the look of a car light but it was below the dark line of the distant trees (1km away) beyond which is the road.

23:06 Leana gets the impression of loads of people working on the field to the east. They were working in groups on their own patch. At first she thought the area where they were working was also where they lived and the land was the equivalent of an allotment. In fact the village of Stanton Low lay to the northeast and the area where she saw the figures was in the old ridge and furrow pattern that survive to this day. She was unaware of the mediæval farming method where a strip of about one acre (a furlong long, 200yds, and a chain wide, an area that could be ploughed in one day) of land was managed by one family in a communal field. Adjacent strips would be owned by other families so people would be seen working the land in groups.

During our first break, after the first vigil, Leana had also got the impression of people working the land when she was standing to the west end of the church. She saw people working both sides of the bank in the field to the southwest.

23:28 I saw a pale orb of light which appeared to be on the wall near the path about 20m east of the trees.

23:31 Kelly said that she felt drawn to the tree which lies at the south end of the bank about 30m away. She could not explain why she was drawn to it but she felt that it was giving off a happy feel.

23:37 At the end of the vigil, as she was walking back towards the large tree at the north end of the bank, she reported smelling manure.

After the last vigil Leana reported that she had followed Steph and Elaine through the gate into the churchyard and had gone about 1.5m down the path when something large and solid hit her right leg. She felt as if it was something the size of a rabbit and that it had run into her leg but she could not see anything (it was dark but the site was light enough to see reasonably clearly). On investigation there was nothing along the side of the path that could have done this.

General

At the time of the investigation the sky was generally overcast with a long clear spell at one point later in the evening. The moon was 40% full but could not be seen due to the cloud cover. The wind was very strong and coming from the west-southwest. It did drizzle a few times but nothing heavy until the end of the investigation when we were returning to the cars at Stantonbury Wharf. The site is fairly remote with the nearest road and habitation 600m away. There are no lights in the area with the closest being across the lake to the northwest (600m away) but the area is reasonably light due to the glow from Milton Keynes to the south.

Report by Bill King