

Luton Paranormal Society: Investigation Report

Location	Grendon Hall, Northamptonshire
Date & Time	Saturday 2nd April, 7:00pm to 1:00am

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Grendon Hall is a large manor house, the oldest parts of which date back to the 16th century, with much remodeling and additions dating from the subsequent four centuries. It was used as a military hospital during the First World War. Today it is used as a children's residential activity centre.

I arrived at the Grendon Hall car park shortly after 6:45pm and met up with the rest of the attendees. We made our way into the building at 7:00pm. Dee (LPS member) commented that she could sense a French connection.

At 7:30pm we were led around the building by the resident member of Grendon Hall's staff, called Jo. This was to familiarize ourselves with the houses layout – not an easy task! At the End of the 'walkaround' Jo led us into a large room next to the base room and asked if any of us wanted to know about the Hall's ghostly activity. Those that didn't left the room.

Jo said that she often heard doors opening and closing throughout the Hall at times when she was the only one in the building.

- On the top floor she had seen a figure in room 11 who she assumed to be a colleague but found that she was alone in the room. She has refused to enter that room alone ever since. We were told that room 11 was where the most sick had been kept during the First World War.
- Rooms 8 and 8C, also on the top floor, are also believed to be haunted.
- The main staircase is said to be haunted by a man who fell to his death there during the Second World War.
- The ghost of a gardener is has been seen in the summerhouse overlooking the sunken garden.

At 8:15 we split into small teams. I was with Stephen (new LPS member and Grahame Young). At 8:20 we went to room 11 – all very quiet. I tried calling out, using what little of the houses history I knew to provoke some sort of response, but nothing. At 9:05 we decided to move to another location.

At 9:10 we arrived at the top of the main staircase. Paul Sharman came out of the adjacent room to investigate the sound of our feet on the creaky floorboards as we passed. He was with Andy F and Rob, Lead investigator of Marston Vale Paranormal Investigations. Stephen and I descended to the floor below and sat on the bottom steps while Grahame stood by the window on the mezzanine landing halfway down. At 9:15 we heard a noise that both Grahame and I took to be very feint footsteps coming from the corridor above. I went to the corridor to see if anyone was there but it was empty. As I neared the end of the corridor, Rob came through the door, which gave an audible creak. If somebody else had have gone through that door we would have heard it. My attempts to reproduce the sounds of the footsteps were best when I removed my footwear. Andy and Rob set up a camera to monitor the corridor.

Shortly after this (9:38) we heard a chord played on the piano on the ground floor. This turned out to have been Dee closing the lid of the piano. We took a half hour break at 10:00pm.

At 10:30 Grahame, Stephen, Loretta (Grahame's wife) and I ventured outside and held a vigil in the summerhouse. No activity to report.

At 11:15 we made our way back into the house and chose to sit in the meeting room on the first floor, in the oldest part of the house. It was very warm in here due to the radiator being turned up high. With the lights off, both Loretta and I called out and attempted to get some responses – all to no avail. While we were in the room it sounded as though there was a large team above us moving from one location to another. It turned out that most of the evening's attendees had gravitated to the rooms above us where Rob, Andy and Paul were recording a lot of activity in room 8C on their EMF meters that they could not explain. Rob and Andy eventually moved elsewhere and we stayed in 8C accompanied by Paul Sharman. However, it seemed that the activity had died down and we moved to room 9 for our final vigil.

It was very cold in room 9 but I don't think that was down to any supernatural agency. Again no responses and not much registering on the EMF meter.

Conclusion

What a fantastic place Grendon Hall is. I will definitely return if the opportunity arises. If we do return, I think the main staircase and first floor corridor should be cordoned off and monitored with a camera. LPS have already posted footage of this area that features orbs, but there were team members moving around and near the camera throughout. The slightest movement agitates the air sufficiently to keep airborne particles moving so the area needs to be left alone for at least 30 minutes to allow those particles to settle. Having said that I do not believe that orbs are anything other than naturally occurring airborne particles.