

## **Nuthampstead Background**

Being an aviation enthusiast Adam Gurney decided to pay a visit to the old airfield at Nuthampstead along with an old school friend. It was 1984 and by that time the airfield was a mere ghost of its original form with only a few remaining buildings and a section of runway in a very poor state.

It was just after dusk when they drove onto the runway and at first everything seemed alright. Twenty minutes later Adam suddenly felt compelled to look into his rear-view mirror and when he did he was surprised to see a ghostly horse and rider bearing down on the car at full gallop. Adam nudged his friend who looked round at the figure then quickly locked his door. This was all too much for Adam and he drove off as fast as he could, given the condition of the runway. Realising he couldn't go fast enough Adam drove around a clump of trees on the runway and turned off his car's engine and lights. When the figure did not appear Adam drove back onto the runway only to find that the horse and rider had vanished.

Four years later Adam Gurney met with Kerry-Leigh Parish, another aviation enthusiast, who was very interested in his story of the ghost. Kerry-Leigh tried to persuade Adam to take her to the airfield but it wasn't until the autumn of 1989 that he acquiesced. It was again just after dusk when they entered the airfield and Adam pointed out the area where he had encountered the ghost. Kerry-Leigh noted that at the time that the airfield was unusually quiet and that she felt uneasy and cold. After a while they started to explore the rest of the airfield and were on another track when they saw a pool of what at first they thought was water. Closer examination revealed it to be a 1.2 metres diameter pool of what looked like blood.