

<b>Investigation Report</b>		
<b>Investigation Site</b>	<b>Galley Hill</b>	
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### **Background**

On the outskirts of Luton is a hill known as Galley Hill. This area contains Bronze Age earthworks that go back 3000 years. The name Gallows Hill was given because in former times this was the site of the gallows where public executions would have taken place. The location was also used to bury the bodies of local witches who were hanged during the witch hunts of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The accused could be hanged sometimes for nothing more than a neighbour who had a grudge against them.

During excavations on the site in the 1960's archaeologists discovered a steer skull that had a dice placed on top of it with the number six uppermost. Was this evidence of a possible ritual used in the past?

During 18<sup>th</sup> century industrial Luton many years later there arose strange tales of a hound from hell which was seen roaming the area. At this time there was a gallows on galley hill to the north of the town along with a gibbet from which the bodies of criminals would be hung as warning. To make sure the bodies lasted they were soaked in tar.

One night a terrible storm hit the town with strong winds and bolts of lightning, but surprising little rain. Since galley hill is among the one of the highest points around it soon attracted the lightning with the consequence that lightning soon hit the bodies hanging in the gibbets in chains. The tar was ignited and soon the whole hill was ablaze with flames leaping up in the sky. As the flames rose higher locals were terrified to see a large black dog dancing around the flames as the bodies burned. The dog continued to dance until the bodies were ashes, whereupon the dog gave out a long howl and vanished.

Locals were convinced that the dog was a hound from hell and legend has it that the hound has been seen on odd occasions causing dismay to those who see it. Apparently if you turn to flee you may live to tell the tale. But those who have chosen to confront the hound have never been seen again. Whilst some ghostly hounds are thought to be a good omen, the hell hound of Luton is not one of them.

Previous investigations by LPS provided relevant information to this Location;

In 2009 some investigators felt the presence of World War one soldiers marching over the hill. In 2018 showed increased activity with cameras being switched on and off by unseen hands. The investigators also experienced a woman's voice saying out loud "hmm" standing right in between investigators and heavy breathing from directly behind investigators. The Olivus three came out with direct responses to questions as though in direct conversation with the team.

So, to 2019 and once again this location was investigated this time taking in a wider area. This time the emphasis was on less equipment and more back to basics using ourselves and notepad and pen. A camcorder was set up and used as a trigger object given the hostility show to cameras last time. However, on this occasion the camera was not turned off unlike last year.

### **20:30 Investigation Begins**

At the start of this investigation the team investigated an area of pathway where a local had seen a man dressed in medieval costume some years ago and reported this to LPS stating he could clearly see the man and he appeared as physical as himself. But when he turned around the man had vanished.

Once at the location the team were started by a loud scream that came and went with no explanation, but it sounded human. One again the Olivus three provided specific information to the investigation and was only used sporadically in line with the purpose of the investigation to go back to basics. A woman was sensed behind the team that seemed to just stand there for a while and members picked up that she was indeed a nasty old woman. When during the investigation she was asked if she would have preferred to have been buried in consecrated ground the response was laughter.

### **21:00**

Members of the team sat in a circle heard footsteps all around them at one point and the Olivus informed them at there were 28 spirits present although the team using their own medium senses could only account for three that included one old woman and another woman who Maria stated kept coming and going and a male on the other side of the team. Rachel felt a presence to her left within the bushes. While looking at Rachel, Maria could see and elongated face not belonging to Rachel.

Leaving the seated area, Marie investigated further down the path and were astound when she observed one tree which was surrounded by larger trees waving about as if blown by the wind. Only there was no wind and the other trees were completely still. Disembodied voices of women were heard and when the area was searched there was no one there. The area was colder in one spot than anywhere else even in the open area on the top of the hill. For the most part the team felt very much as if they were being watched which did make for an interesting investigation for the second year in a row and needs further investigation....