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Investigation Site Luton, The [Cobb] Cottage (430 Barton Road)

Investigation Date Saturday 21st February

Report By Bill King

Team Members Andy F, Steph, Elaine, Sarah, Dee, Andy G

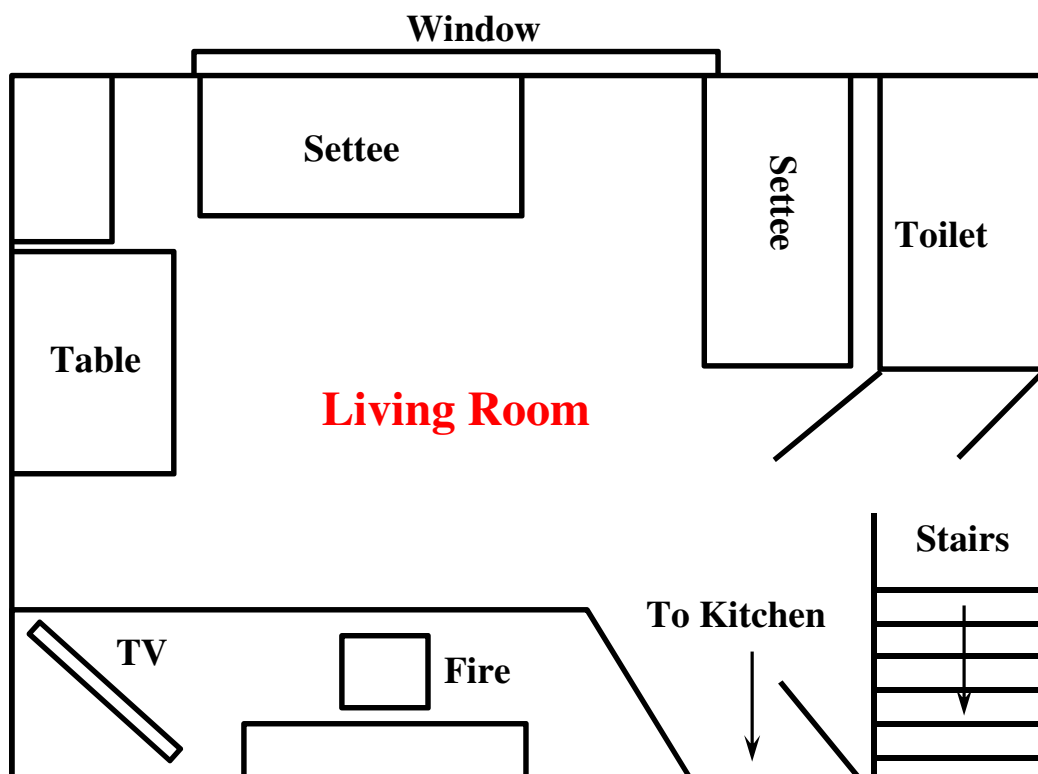
Background

Karen and her daughter Sinead were coming home one day after school, and as they pulled into their drive they both saw a black figure move across the living room toward the stair door. We know you can see into part of the room as there are no nets. They knew no-one else was home at the time...

Also Sinead was shaken up one day when she was home alone. She had been in her room, and went to go downstairs when she saw the shape of a young girl with black hair slowly crawling up the stairs! Needless to say this did freak her out a bit, and she was scared to be on her own for a while.

And lastly, (that I know of) there was a very interesting account by Hazel and her partner Andy who are both paranormal investigators, and this happened the very night after they had been out with LPS at Someries Castle. Hazel and Andy were settling down to sleep on the couch in the living room when they heard the door to the kitchen open and someone come in. They heard this person go straight into the bathroom opposite the door and have a wash. Hazel said she just automatically thought it was Shane, the older son, who was not home at the time. So after a while, when Shane didn't come through to the living room and Hazel couldn't settle, she had a look, and there was no-one there. Another point which I haven't asked but presume is that the door would have been locked for the night and the only family member out, did not come home that night. Plus Shane has his own car, so they would have heard it arrive! – **Sarah.**

General plans for the layout of the ground floor are given below and at the top of the next page.

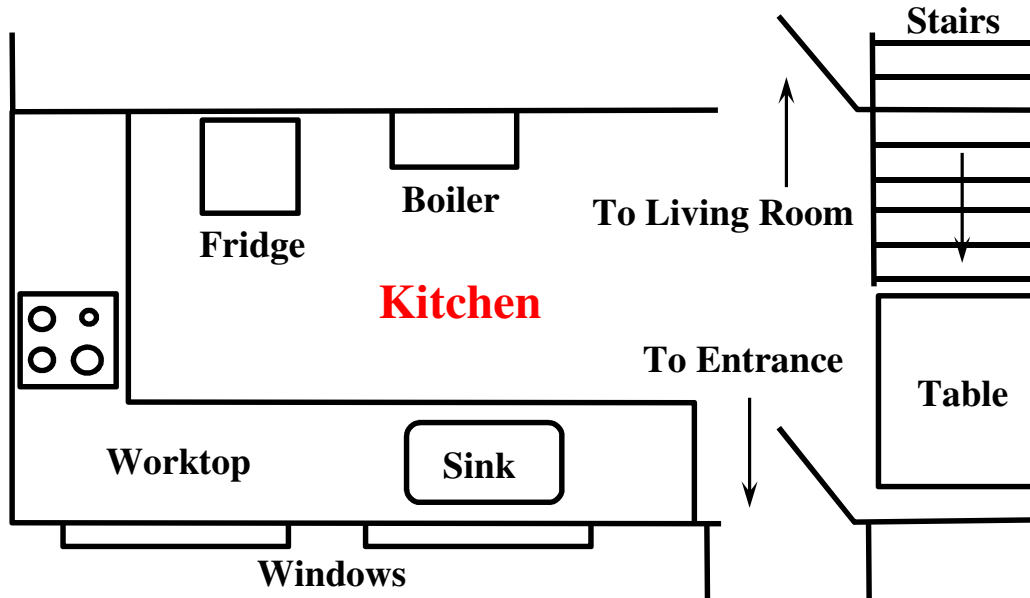


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Members Reports

Bill

The team met at 14:01 and entered the property at 14:08. Shortly after we entered the property the residents left leaving LPS in the house on our own. Initially we all sat in the living room and had tea and coffee accompanied by a general discussion. At 14:24 the team separated and members started to wander around the property. I left my KII meter on the left side of the mantelpiece in the living room.

The property is very close to the A6, just 75 metres away, and just to the north of Luton. The living room faces the A6. There are two cats in the property, one of whom was seen to leave the building before the team split up. One of the cats was seen in the garden but there was no sign of the other.

14:38 We all heard a cat meow but at the time we thought both were outside.

14:40 I went outside to see if I could spot the cats. One of them was 75 metres away to the northwest by a hedgerow bordering on the A6. There was no sign of the other cat, Oscar.

14:57 As I stood in the kitchen, just inside the door to the living room, I suddenly felt hot on my bare arms which at the time were crossed behind my back. I measured the air temperature at 23.8°C and a short time later 22.1°C. At the time the nearest heat sources were the air coming out of the living room and the nearby boiler but neither would have accounted for the heating of my arms especially as both rooms were roughly at the same temperature.

15:08 Sarah finds a squeaky floorboard on the landing. I heard a faint squeak. Sarah walked back and forth to generate squeaks. The sounds were found to be too easily identified as squeaks and not a meow (for a start off the sound was too short) as heard at 14:38.

Sarah then found the missing cat upstairs but said she hadn't heard it meow despite being nearer to it than everyone else. The team has not heard either of the cats' meow when we arrived nor when we had previously visited the property when we first met the residents.

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15:51 A sound like a chicken was heard. At the time I was near the boiler in the kitchen, Sarah next to me to the south, Dee was sat at the table in the north with Elaine at the other side of the table.

15:53 The chicken sound is heard again and was ascribed to the fridge.

Dee

Ambient conditions: Indoor investigation. Two floors, central heating, double glazing throughout, hard floor kitchen, bathroom, toilet, carpeting throughout rest of the property.

Ambient sounds: Extremely faint traffic noises from nearby A6, boiler, fridge, fridge/freezer, noises; creaky floorboards on stairs and upstairs, ticking clock(s).

Equipment Used: Canon PowerShot A3200 IS compact camera, Olympus VN-500PC Digital Voice Recorder.

Pre-Investigation: On walking into the property via the front door and into the kitchen, my first impressions were of a door rattling and light footsteps somewhere around/above me. I did not get any immediate feelings of 'a presence'. I also experienced a brief sensation of a stiffness/ache at the base of my neck and across the top of my right shoulder.

While sitting in the lounge having a pre-investigation cup of tea, the hearing in my right ear changed (a kind of 'popping'), which is usually a personal precursor of my psychic sense adjusting or attuning to something.

The Investigation: The following notes are taken from my digital voice recording, as I made no written notes.

Recording Session 01

14:33 I switched on hand-held digital recorder while standing in the kitchen.

14:35 I felt drawn to go upstairs (above the kitchen somewhere).

14:36 My hearing has adjusted again in my right ear in the upstairs hallway. I was standing between the banister and the daughter's bedroom. Andy G joins me (he remains on the landing below the fuse box). I explained that I felt something in the vicinity, but couldn't work out if it was in the daughter's room or the hallway – or if it was downstairs.

Both hear a small noise: Andy G thought it might have been my tummy (which I denied) and I thought it sounded more like a cat noise. This kick-started the need to verify the whereabouts of the owners' two cats.

14:38 I felt 'uneasy' about the entry way to the daughter's room.

Sarah confirms sighting of the tabby cat outside, but thinks both cats went outside.

14:40 I felt something urging me 'up' whereby I asked Sarah if the (airing) cupboard in the hallway went up to an attic or something. Sarah checked and it was a hatch, not stairs. Sarah mentioned that one of the owners had said before that he doesn't like to use the airing cupboard!

14:42 I kept wanting to check the sounds of the old doorknobs to match the sound I kept hearing in my mind – I couldn't work out if it was a doorknob rattling or a door opening/shutting.

14:43 I went downstairs to check the sounds of the various door handles and knobs. I then sent Sarah back upstairs to test the handles while I listened from downstairs.

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- 14:47 Andy G told me he had just heard the strange tummy/cat sound from the same place on the stairs.
- 14:48 I mentioned to Bill that what I did get was a sense of “really, really old buildings or...” indicating outside to the north, not too far from the house.
- 14:50 I said that I was not sensing any particular person or anything; no names were coming to me; more like sounds.
- 14:54 There was a series of tinkling bell sounds (like a wind chime) while we were all talking about boiler sounds. The tinkling went on for about 15 seconds and no one seemed to mention it on the recording.
- 14:55 Andy G mentioned that he had heard the tummy/cat noise again while sitting on the stairs. The location of the black cat could still not be verified.
- 14:57 I explained to Bill and Sarah that I was not getting anything really strongly, although I did get a funny feeling when I first entered the house. I couldn't work out if what I was sensing was in the kitchen or the landing/daughter's bedroom above. I said: “To me, it's more like sounds [as opposed to presence of person/entity] rather than seeing anything. Can't work out whether its movement, rattling of doorknobs or whether it's walking up and down the stairs. Nothing's really clear...that's it really – a sense of someone coming in, going out – that kind of thing. But nothing really, really, really strong...and that noise. But we can't rule out that it's a cat.”
- 14:58 Bill mentions that something felt really hot on his arms. He was standing just inside the kitchen by the kitchen/lounge doorway. I was unable to confirm any change in temperature by feel alone.
- 15:00 I sat at the kitchen table while Bill mentioned the temperature in the middle of the kitchen dropping from 23.7°C to 22.1°C then going back up to 23.8°C.
- At the same time, Sarah noted that she felt like there was a lot of psychic energy between us all in the kitchen.
- 15:01 I mentioned wanting to go back upstairs because I couldn't work out if what I was sensing was above or in the kitchen (the main thoroughfare from front door to lounge doorway). Just as I was rising from the kitchen table I mentioned that my left wrist had “gone funny” – that from where she was wearing her copper bracelet, her whole hand was tingling.
- At this point, Andy G enters the kitchen and says he was tingling all over and felt shaky “like someone's walked over his grave”.
- 15:02 I wondered if the EMF levels have been checked in the kitchen in case that might be affecting members. Bill confirmed that there was nothing giving off enough EMF to cause symptoms.
- 15:03 I went upstairs again. Sarah accompanied me. Sarah checked the fuse cupboard for EMF and found no major output.
- 15:04 I mentioned to Sarah that I felt drawn into the doorway of the daughter's bedroom (or the landing just outside it).
- 15:06 In the son's room (smallest), I said to Sarah that it interested her that the doorknobs were loose so they didn't have to be turned to make noise.
- 15:07 On my way back downstairs, I passed Andy G, who was sitting on the stairs. He mentioned that he had someone with him (psychically): a girl named Jennifer, about 7/8 years old who lived in

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the house and possibly died of something like meningitis – an illness, not an accident. He believed this might have accounted for why he and I felt neck pain when we first arrived. I mentioned that there was a hospice nearby, but Andy maintained that this child had lived in this house.

15:08 There was a distinct ‘meow’ sound caught on the recording. Sarah also stepped on a squeaky floorboard upstairs around the same time. Attempts to explain the ‘meow’ and test the floorboard ensued. The floorboard didn’t quite match the clear ‘meow’ sound heard by several members.

15:10 Sarah found the black cat under the daughter’s bed! Even if the noise heard earlier was not the cat, it couldn’t be ruled out as such and was, therefore, not admissible as potentially paranormal.

15:13 Sitting in the lounge on a chair near to the back door/stairs, I heard a slight ‘whimpering’ noise coming from upstairs. Steph also heard it. I opened the back door to ensure that there was no one outside or children playing nearby. There was no one. I remained by the back door at the bottom of the stairs.

15:16 There was a small noise and I asked if it was someone’s tummy, but no one else seemed to have heard it.

The room downstairs was also checked for signs of vibration from the nearby A6. There was nothing obvious.

15:20 I thought I saw a shadow move across the wall on the upper landing. I asked Andy G (who was upstairs) to move his arms to see if the movement could be recreated. It couldn’t.

15:23 I heard the name ‘Elaine’ in my head!

15:25 I returned to the kitchen and sat at the table, placing the digital recorder on the table.

15:26 There was a faint tummy rumble sound on the recording.

15:27 I mentioned hearing a weird noise. No one else heard it.

15:29 Tabby cat came into the kitchen and subsequently jumped up on top of the fridge to settle down.

15:31 I mentioned that the cat was staring hard at something down near the floor near the door frame near my legs.

15:35 I mentioned feeling that someone had just walked in the room (kitchen) from the front doorway.

15:36 I noted that I was sitting perfectly still and that the cat on the fridge had just “tracked something from the doorway to the lounge”.

15:38 I noted that the fridge was making weird gravelly noises and the fridge-freezer in the entrance hall was making (less obvious) noises also.

15:42 Andy G (then in the kitchen, along with Elaine and myself) postulated that the sound I might be ‘hearing’ could have been the residual sound of someone coming through the kitchen from the original doorway in the kitchen (as opposed to the newer extension and double-glazed door). I agreed this might be possible.

15:47 A low, what I describe as a “chicken” noise, was heard near Andy G at the far end of the kitchen. The noise was neither Andy G nor the cat, and Sarah reported hearing it from the lounge.

15:48 The “chicken” noise is heard again (quite long this time).

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15:49 I end the recording to live-review the chicken sound.

Recording Session 02

15:51 I began recording again – the recorder being placed on the kitchen table, as before.

15:53 The chicken noise occurred again and both Bill and Steph immediately confirmed that it sounded like the fridge.

15:59 I noted that the fridge/chicken noise had not occurred again.

16:02 Andy G asks me to accompany him back upstairs. I noted (and confirmed Andy's feeling) that the atmosphere in the master bedroom seemed to have changed from earlier – the air in the room now felt heavier, more 'cloying'.

Note: For the next hour my digital recorder was left on while all members, except myself and Sarah, left the site and the owners return. One owner was able to answer two questions:

1. The black cat doesn't usually go under the bed.
2. The fridge sometimes does make strange noises – even those like a chicken!

17:06 Recording and investigation ends.

Conclusion: I felt that the property may harbour some residual energy resulting in hearing sounds such as doors opening/closing, footsteps in kitchen and on stairs/landing, doorknobs rattling and so on. I did not feel that there was any kind of (inter)active spiritual presence or entity and there was definitely no negative energy that I could detect. I also concluded that no viable evidence had been captured on any of my equipment.

Elaine

Sitting Room: I had the impression of a lady late 30's early 40's with long brown hair, and the year about 1945.

Boys Bedroom: I had the impression of someone seeing a face looking at us and fading out.

Girls Bedroom: Nothing to report.

Parent's Bedroom: Nothing to report.

Landing: I tried to turn my sound recorder off. It would not turn off and had not recorded. The batteries were fully charged.

Living room:

15:17 I heard what sounded like a tummy rumbling.

15:20 I saw a black shape move from Sarah's left to the kitchen.

Andy F

Equipment List: Digital Voice Recorder: Olympus WS-560M.

14:30 Kitchen area: I was sat at the table in the kitchen.

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14:40 I saw a dark shadow appear at the bottom of the door frame and was unable to debunk this as this part of the door frame was not open to light from a window. The only other possibility could have been caused by me sitting at the table but the sun was not in the right location to do this.

14:13 I observed a bright white orb come from the direction of the kitchen window and pass behind me. The orb was not directly in front of me but appeared from the left-hand side so I was seeing this out of the corner of my eye.

Post investigation: I listened to my sound recordings and apart from the team there were no other sounds on the recording.

Steph

14:40 I heard a noise that sounded like a cat meow. I was sitting in the front room and it sounded like it came from the stairs/upstairs landing.

14:50 I walked in to the purple room and felt nothing. I stayed for a couple of minutes then left.

14:52 I went into the brown bedroom (at the back). I felt odd in the room, like there was a presence but it was not nasty.

14:54 I entered the smaller room at the back of the house (with a lucky cat on the window sill). I felt nothing in this room.

14:55 I sat on the upper landing step.

15:00 Temperatures were being taken. I recorded the temperature as 69°F (20.6°C) on the stairs and 72°F (22.2°C) in the kitchen.

15:01 I heard a (plastic) bottle creak in the kitchen. Dee left the kitchen. I felt that the energy had dropped since Dee left.

15:08 I moved into the living room.

15:15 I could hear faint whispering and a sound like someone breathing through their nose.

15:24 I heard a high pitched noise from the stairs area. Andy G was sitting at the top of the stairs and also heard a faint noise. Dee said she heard it loud in the kitchen.

15:29 Andy G heard the noise again.

15:34 I felt like there was someone standing behind my right shoulder. I felt this was a short woman/girl.

15:51 I heard a high-pitched noise from the kitchen. I thought it was one of the team in there.

15:54 I heard the same noise and went into the kitchen. The team discussed and looked for a cause. They determined the noise was coming from the fridge.

16:45 I retrieved my DVR from the stairs to find it switched off. Upon investigation it appeared that the batteries were completely flat despite being fully charged.

Sarah

I was aware of the 'occurrences' in the house, so was primarily using her sensitivity for any other feelings or information.

14:35 Investigation began.

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15:00 I was sitting in the lounge on a chair by the doorways to the stairs and the kitchen. I was trying to tune in after our initial chat and laugh we always have before investigating. I felt much overcome with headiness and very tired. I put it down to all the psychic energy in the room.

15:25 Dee had been standing on my right-hand side in the doorway to the stairs. Dee moved into the kitchen and I instantly felt a lift in the air - like something had gone with Dee.

15:28 Dee, Steph, Andy G and myself all heard a 'mmmmmm' noise that went up in notes from the bottom of the stairs area. Oddly, Dee heard it but thought it was next to her in the kitchen. Everyone else thought it came from the stairs.

15:47 A loud 'ewww' again going up in notes was heard in the middle of the kitchen.

15:51 A "hen" noise was noted in the kitchen, but this was debunked as the fridge making noises. This could also apply to the sound heard at 15:47, but it has to be said that this was a different noise coming from the centre of the kitchen, and Steph agreed.

I did not pick up or hear anything else and chatter returned with a coffee.

16.30 Investigation ended.

Equipment used: Sony Digital Camera DSC-H50, Notebook and Pen.

Andy G

As we entered the property nothing unusual stood out. After a brief sit down in the front room we set of in different directions around the house. For myself the main area of interest was the staircase and landing. Using my new piece of equipment, a MelMeter, I noticed a small spike from 0.1 to 0.5 as I began climbing the stairs. Dee was already standing by the bedrooms as I reached the top of the stairs. At this point we both heard what sounded like a sigh. For roughly the next twenty minutes sounds similar to this were heard around the staircase and even in the front room downstairs. Unfortunately at the time these could not be clarified as we believed one of the two resident cats was still in the house and this could have been where the noises were coming from. I returned downstairs but could not feel anything happening. After about an hour I returned upstairs when I felt a strong presence in the front bedroom (described as the Brown Room). At this point there was a spike of 0.8 on my meter. I had a strong feeling of a little girl aged around seven or eight with long mousy coloured hair and wearing a white dress. She told me her name was Jennifer. At this point I became very hot and had a stiff neck. I believe this little girl passed away on the property of an illness similar to meningitis. No time frame was given so I don't know when this occurred. The feeling soon passed and all went quiet again.