

<b>Investigation Report</b>		
<b>Investigation Site</b>	St Mary Walkern / St Andrew and St Mary Watton at stone	
<b>Investigation Date</b>	18 September 2020	
<b>Report By</b>	Andrew Fazekas	
<b>Team Members</b>	Andy F, Ben T, Rachel W, Marie	
<b>Background</b>		
<b>Watton at Stone</b>		
<p>St Andrew's and St Mary's church in Watton at Stone as the area around the church is haunted by a grey lady. The ghost is believed to be that of a young woman who threw herself from the church tower when she was spurned in love.</p>		
<b>20 :45 Watton at Stone Investigation Pre-Investigation</b>		
<p>Ben suddenly saw a dark shadow that appeared to move between gravestones to his left-hand side at about 25 metres from where the team was standing. An excellent start to the evening because the investigation had yet to officially start.</p>		
<p>20:55 Investigation begins and there are now two LPS teams who have placed themselves at separate ends of the graveyard.</p>		
<b>Team 1 report</b>		
<p>Video equipment was set up by Andy and the Rempod which unfortunately was having one of its days and did not function as properly as it should have done. Team one placed themselves at the left-hand side of the graveyard directly behind the church tower and team two placed themselves on the right-hand side of the graveyard towards the very back. Silent vigils were the order of the day in order for members to 'tune' into the surroundings and two-way radios were employed for team safety and communication.</p>		
<b>Team 2 Report</b>		
<p>With 15 mins Rachel has seen couple more passing shadows and Rachel hears the sound off hoofprints behind the bench where they are sitting.</p> <p>Rachel and Marie hear rustling behind the bench but it's a badger. Around 5 mins later the badger runs pasts the bench and Marie end on Rachels lap. Both see a few more shadows passing on the other side of the graveyard by the road including Rachel seeing one flit past for around 1.5 seconds.</p> <p>Marie records some questions on her audio recorder</p> <p>Rachel and Marie move nearer the church tower and it seems a little calmer that side.</p> <p>Both hear 3 claps of what sounds like thunder (even though it is a clear night) radioing Ben he has heard them too. Andy has not.</p> <p>Rachel has a feeling that there is presence behind us on the bench to the left. Marie begins audio recording again.</p>		
<p>21:30 Teams one and two change positions in the cemetery</p>		

21:40 Vigil 2

### **Team 1 Report**

team 1 placed themselves on a bench in the centre of the graveyard. This area appeared much more active and once again Ben witnessed another shadow passing from left to right between two gravestones about ten feet to the left of where the team were sat. Three loud thuds were also heard during this vigil and this was corroborated by team member Marie in team 2 who had also heard the thuds and conveyed this via the two-way radio. Finally, team one placed themselves at the back of the graveyard and at one-point Andy felt the team were being observed from behind us. Vigil two was concluded at 2220 hours to drive to our second location of the night.

### **Team 2 Report**

22.00 Rachel and Marie decide to move around to the church tower, it feels more ominous but nothing specific happens. Moving around to the church front Rachel decides to investigate the area where the shadows seem to be appearing on the roadside of the graveyard. Andy then radios asking if one of us is around there as they see Rachel as an apparition.

22:40 Investigation Ends

### **Watton at Stone Post Vigil report**

Area one for team 1 was particularly inactive and none of the team particularly picked anything up of interest. Ben did feel a slightly medieval feel to the area, but this may have been down to the castle like structure of the church

### **Walkern**

#### **Background**

At Walkern the area around the church, dedicated to St Mary the Virgin, is said to be haunted by the ghost of Jane Wenham. In the early 1700s Jane was driven from Walkern by an angry mob that believed her to be a witch. She was later tried as such in Hertford. It is said that after her death Jane returned to Walkern to haunt the area around the church.

#### **23.00 Investigation begins**

Before the team have even entered the cemetery Andy is convinced, he has seen a old fashioned torch being carried by persons unknown outside the church tower and had thought it was one of the team. However, no one in the team had a torch like Andy described as being old fashioned and a search of the area revealed that there was no one in the area.

The team then makes its way through the cemetery past the tower down the side of the church downhill Andy and Marie get a strong smell ladies perfume that feels as if it is being worn by someone following behind them until they reach the newer part of the cemetery .

Rachel and Marie sit one side of the graveyard and Andy and Ben set up on the other.

This graveyard seems to be a lot less active and apart from Rachel and Marie getting occasional whiffs of a floral smell.

Strange cars seem to repeatedly pass up and down the road behind where Andy and Ben are set up. And both feel to uneasy to actively try an investigate apart from some EVP experiments

23.40 Investigation ends.

## **Conclusion**

Parking was the first problem of the night with the church car park gated and locked and the fact the church is situated on a narrow country lane. The second problem was the sensor lighting that appeared to light up the church and surrounding area like Wembley stadium as soon as you walked within fifteen metres of the church. Andy had advised the team that on a previous investigation a very annoyed Vicar had turned up on site and it is clear from the sensor lighting that the church has likely been victim of lead theft or criminality of sorts in the past. This made the team uneasy and not the ideal conditions for an investigation. Both Andy and Ben felt uneasy and suitable locations within the graveyard could not be established.