

# Investigation Report



**Investigation Site**

Segenhoe Church

**Investigation Date**

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**Report By**

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**Team Members**

Andy, Ben, Maria, Wendy, Richard

## Historical background

All saints church situated in the small hamlet of Segenhoe is located approximately two miles from the village of Ridgemont on the border outskirts of central Bedfordshire.

Segenhoe has always been a small place with few inhabitants and dominated by Segenhoe Manor and the church, dedicated to All Saints. It is now effectively part of Ridgemont which was the birthplace of the Countess of Strathmore, Mother to the present Queen Elizabeth, the late Queen Mother, but at one time was a village unto itself. Segenhoe was the original Saxon village and it was renamed Ridgemont (Rougemont) after the Norman conquest of 1066 (at the time its name was Segenehou).

The church, now a ruin, is located just off the Segenhoe Manor Road, which lies to the left of the Eversholt Road about six hundred metres from the A507, southwest of the centre of Ridgemont. The church was built in the eleventh century close to Segenhoe cum Ridgemont (on the map this is labelled as Segenhoe Manor).

The church was adapted over the centuries so that it includes architecture from the eleventh up to the nineteenth centuries. In the end the church suffered from structural problems making it uneconomical to repair and it was finally decommissioned, and a new church built in nearby Ridgemont. The old church started to decay and was going to be demolished but Bedfordshire County Council bought it in 1982. Even though the church itself is no longer in use the site is still used for burials.

## Pre-Investigation

On the evening of Friday, the 29th April 2022 a small team of investigators from Luton Paranormal Society consisting of team members Andy, Ben, Maria, Wendy and Richard made the short trip up the M1 to an area that Andy had investigated several times before but was new territory for the other members in attendance.

The team all arrived in good time and members were given the opportunity to walk around the Church ruins and grounds in order to take pictures, video's and to tune into the surroundings. Andy and Ben during this time spent some time walking around the location to identify potential locations both within the church and outside and quickly established around half dozen locations that they felt would be suitable for the various experiments that they had planned for the evening. Ben was astonished to find that the pond that had been within the church grounds when he had visited the location during the day the previous summer had now vanished and was puzzled to say the least!

## Investigation Conditions

Ambient conditions were dry and it got very cold towards the end of the investigation with a temperature drop to just 7c

## 20:40 – 21:003 Investigation begins in the church Ruin.

All members in attendance made their way into the centre of the Church ruin whilst Ben placed two motion detector balls on the Alter base and just to the side. The K2 emf meter was also placed on the floor at this location. Andy placed his Rempod between the entrance to the bell tower together with his pen torch which was placed on the Alter base also.

The investigation started inside the church with a question answer session using the hexcom device which comes out with the words.

Park  
Stood  
Friendly  
Million  
Jade  
Middle

After a few moments of using the Hexcom it all seemed to go quiet.

Wendy asked if there was someone near us and the cat ball to her right started responding by flashing. Wendy sensed a man leaning against wall with one leg halfway up the wall he had a cloth cap on a waistcoat and shirt and trousers and boots. Wendy thinks he was a gardener or a keeper of the churchyard. Wendy had the name Ernest come into her mind and as Wendy asked it the REM pod went off again. Maria was sensing people at the windows of the church looking in and wondering what me and the team were doing. Andy took a temperature reading of 8c and a Milligauss reading of 1

21:03 End of session. As Ben and Andy started to collect up all the equipment as the experiment was concluded Ben picked up the Pen torch the back of it came off spilling the two batteries onto the Alter and ultimately onto the floor. What was even stranger at the time that despite extensive searching on the ground around the Alter base only one of the batteries could be found!!

By this time team members Wendy, Richard and Maria had quite literally vanished themselves and had now made their way out to the front of the Bell Tower in the church grounds with the Rempod!

As Ben and Andy, themselves walked out of the Church, Ben suddenly had to do an about turn to collect his chair and returned into the Church alone. By this point it was just starting to darken over but what was even stranger was Ben had that feeling of the hairs standing up on the back of his neck. Ben could not explain why he felt this way as normally Churches are a place of peace and tranquillity to him. However, he quickly retrieved his chair and joined the others outside.

The area then went very quiet so the team moved outside the tower area for a vigil

#### **20:43 – 21:38 Investigation begins outside the church next to the Bell Tower**

Wendy and Richard and Maria then went outside and sat to the left-hand side of the church outside. Maria asked who was watching the team from the window of the church and would they like to communicate with us and to light up the objects.

Wendy placed a cat ball on one of the graves and the investigators were asking if there's anybody there that wanted to tell their story and the cat ball went off three times. Richard then felt drawn to his left-hand side to a pathway up by some trees and Wendy said she would go with him. As soon as Wendy and Richard got there, we both felt the energy and put the rem pod on the ground a little way up a pathway. Wendy and Richard were asking questions and the rempod went off three times and then stopped when the other group members joined them.

21:09 All of the team are sat outside the front of the Bell tower with two motion detector balls placed on graves stones and the Rempod placed on the pathway

21:17 Andy feels sick with Nausea.

21:20 Andy equipment suffers a battery drain.

21:24 Using the Hexicom device the team were asking questions and got the following responses.

Pillow  
If

Placate

21:30 hours the Rempod activates on the pathway and once again appears to respond well to the sound of Wendy's voice as the words Ernest or Ernie are picked up.

21:34 hours the second experiment is concluded as no one picks anything up and all goes quiet.

### **21:30 – 22:02 Alberts area**

The team went to an area of the graveyard that we nicknamed Albert's area as there was a bench there with a memorial to someone called Albert.

21:37 hours the team moved up the top corner of the church grounds for the third experiment of the evening and at the place that would be referred to on the night as Albert's Bench. This was to be the area that Ben would experience the most activity of the evening whilst conducting a Silent Vigil. Ben sensed and had the feeling that someone was stood behind him for the majority of the Vigil and heard multiple noises and movement that made him look over his left shoulder on several occasions.

21:40 Andy hears a woman humming right next to him on the pathway where there is no one. It was not threatening and sounded like a woman who felt content. Andy also heard twigs snapping in the bushes behind him and wondered if this was a wild animal moving about.

21:49 Ben heard a tapping noise coming from Behind where Wendy was sat on Albert's Bench, and this happened on three occasions. Wendy also says to the group that she has heard someone say the word 'Yeah' despite no one within the small group talking at the time

21:51 Ben also hears a faint whistling but again cannot identify the origins of it.

21:53 hours Wendy feels the bench shaking from behind however Richard who is also sat on the bench feels nothing

21:56 Ben is sat on his chair he suddenly has the sensation of something or someone blowing in his left ear, and it startles him enough to make him jump

Wendy and Richard sat on the bench and after a short period of time five to ten minutes Wendy felt as if somebody had banged into the back of the bench. Neither Richard nor Wendy had moved at all we were sitting very still and quietly and following that Richard said to Wendy can you hear that, and Richard did hear like a singing on my recorder it picked up the sound of a woman humming a tune.

Wendy asked if anyone heard a noise it sounded like a man and said something she thought it was like yeah, but Wendy is playing the recorder back, but she cannot hear what it says but it's a two-syllable word and it's in a man's voice and it's not anyone that was with us

Wendy was outside the church at the end of the session with Richard and went into the church to read the flag stone for Winifred low. Andy asked Winnie are you with us and a female voice answered yes

Where Maria sat in her my mind's eye, she was aware of a large black dog, a German shepherd type dog. The dog was watching the group as if to wonder what we were doing. Maria felt weary and kept her eye on this dog for some reason.

Ben broke silence to say he heard a voice beside him and was aware someone standing behind him. Andy, Wendy, and Richard also felt a spirit present and felt this area was quite active. The black dog at this point (in Maria mind's eye) began to show its teeth and slowly coming towards her. This started when the team started to get activity, so she is not sure if the dog was being protective or if it was after who was contacting the others

21:57 the Rempod is placed behind Albert's Bench and the K2 emf meter is placed to the left of where Ben had been sitting but there were no further activation's,

22:02 Vigil Ends.

### **22:07 – 22:16 Cedar Tree Area – Silent Vigil**

The team have spread themselves out along the pathway in an area identified on the night as being the Cedar tree area.

Maria notes that not much was court in this area, but my dog was by a far tree just watching.

Despite a silent vigil being conducted Ben felt nothing in this location before the experiment was cut short by a member of the public walking his dog by torch light along the country lane so the decision was taken by Andy to conclude at 22:16 hours and return to our nearby cars for a quick break and to warm up as several members were not wearing appropriate warm clothing for the rapidly decreasing temperature.

### **22:16 End of Vigil**

### **22:37 – 23:00 Church Ruin**

Once the short break had ended and the team decided to go to the part of the church where it's been reported a priest has been seen. Again, Ben placed the equipment around the area where the priest had been seen. As usual Maria called out for anyone to come forward as well as the other team members, but no replies came forward

22:47 hours Ben could hear the sound of a dog panting which was strange as we were the only ones present. By this time the temperature had dropped rapidly, and the decision was taken by Andy to conclude the nights investigation at 23:00 hours due to the cold weather.

### **Post Investigation Analysis**

**Andy** – Any sound recordings on Andy's sound recorder were obliterated by the high level of sound of traffic noise from the nearby motorway and therefore were rendered useless.

Equipment and battery failure also occurred on Andy's infrared red Camcorder which stopped it working for good.

**Maria** - All in all, for me it was a quite night, but my mind's eye was active i.e the spirits at the windows and the black dog.

