

## INVESTIGATION REPORT – Team 3



Investigation Site	Amphill, Houghton House and Segenhoe, All Saints'
Investigation Date	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2011
Report By	Bill King
Team Members	Bill and Sarah C

### Amphill, Houghton House

#### Background

In 1915 a resident of Amphill was returning home from doing war work in a Luton factory to the small farm where her parents lived. Suddenly she heard the sound of horse's hooves coming along the narrow lane on which she was walking. Fearing she would be injured she threw herself in a ditch. As she lay there she heard the pounding of the horse's hooves and the jingling of harnesses as if a great coach was passing by on the way to Houghton House but when she looked there was nothing there. It is also said that shadowy figures have been seen around the house which quickly vanish when looked at.

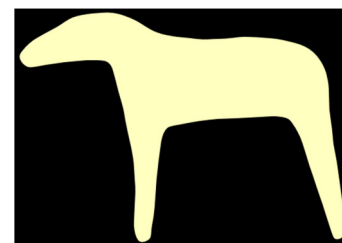
#### General

The night was quite a windy one with a very cold wind coming from the south-southwest. It was a clear night. There was the sound of traffic on the B530 in the valley a kilometre away to the northwest and occasional trains from the railway two kilometres away to the west and northwest. This was a fairly dark site despite the lights of Bedford and Kempston to the north.

#### Pre-Vigils

Before the vigils started the teams explored the area in and around Houghton House. Bill was the first to walk into the house and went straight across to the rooms by the steps overlooking Marston Vale. After a brief look from the room leading to the outside steps he went west to the adjoining room that had a window overlooking the vale (now the whole wall has gone so the opening reaches from the floor to the sky). This room is marked on the plan on the next page by the ✱.

21:09 As Bill stood in the window area looking around with his torch Sarah H came round the northwest corner of the building. To avoid blinding her Bill pointed his torch at the floor to his right and watched as Sarah H walked past going east. As she approached the steps to the east Bill looked up to the northwest by west and looked straight at what looked like a large white dog, about the size of a Great Dane. The figure Bill saw was standing sideways to him and facing to the left. It was about six metres away and was clearly visible. It appeared to be standing with its pairs of legs together and there was no tail visible. Its head was quite long and fairly pointed and it had no visible ears certainly with none standing above its head). There were no features visible; it was just a bright flat shape. It appeared to Bill like the drawing on the right. When he observed it he was looking down on it and was looking straight at it. Bill looked away to check it was not Sarah H's torch and when he looked back it had gone. At the time there was only Sarah H in the area as the rest of the team was in the house to the south. Sarah H had not got her torch on, Bill's torch was still pointing at the floor and what Bill saw did not appear as a reflection in his glasses.



After about fifteen minutes the team regrouped at the open driveway to the south of the house. After dividing into teams Bill asked each team if they had any preferences for the first vigil with Bill's team electing to investigate the north side of the house because of what Bill had seen.

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## Vigil 1: North of House – 21:30 to 22:00

For this vigil Bill sat in the area where he had seen the dog, facing towards the window where he had stood, and Sarah C elected to sit at the top of the steps. For the positions of the team members see the plan on the right.

21:31 There was the sound of leaves blowing and cows mooing from the nearby farm. A leaf was rattling round the empty room to Sarah C's left as she sat on the top step next to the pillar on the right-hand side (looking out of the house).

21:36 Bill measures the temperature at +2 to +2.5°C using his digital infrared thermometer and +8.7°C with a pressure of 1010.1mb on his compass/thermometer. The latter is attached to his coat so it does not record the ambient temperature but will show any local changes in temperature.

21:37 Bill turns on his Electromog meter and leaves it in the cup holder on his chair.

Sarah C heard tick noises coming from the same room. Sarah C had an impression as she looked into the room to her left again, of a warm sunny glow of a sunset, and smiles. Sarah C could not see the archway for a moment, then it cleared and it was cold and dark again.

21:38 As Bill looked up from his notebook he saw a large dark shadow go across the right-hand side of the right-hand window of the pair to the right of the steps. The lights of Bedford and Kempston do illuminate the north wall of the house so a shadow could have been a moving tree. That said the only trees are some way away and have no leaves and any shadows they cast were faint and diffuse whilst the shadow Bill saw was dark and solid looking.

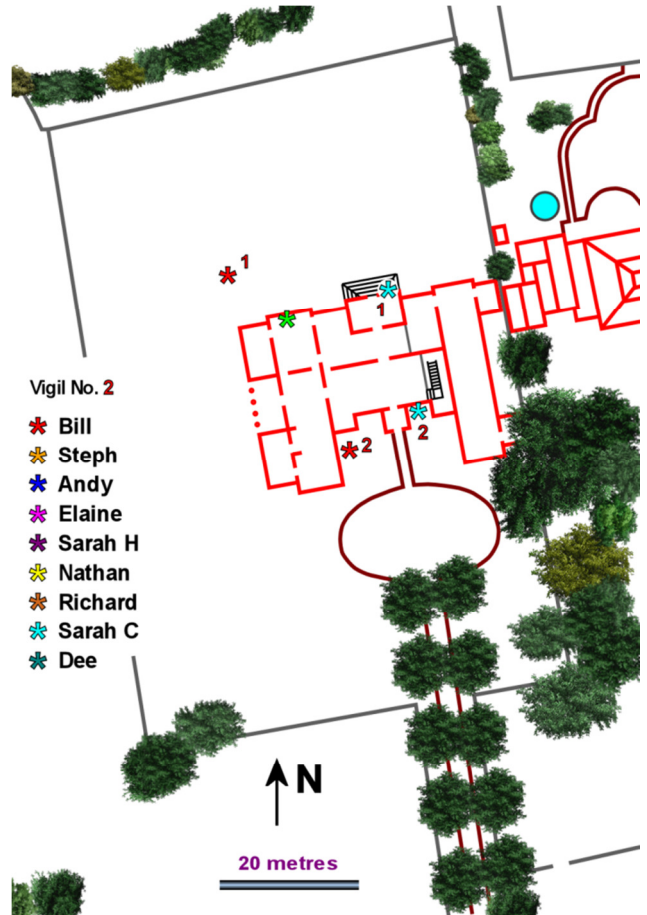
21:41 Sarah C heard a dog barking and another animal noise.

21:42 Bill sees a small faint flash of light on the ground about three metres to the north of the northwest corner of the house and just east of the corner.

21:45 A small dot of light is seen on the ground just to the west of the northwest corner of the house and in line with the north wall.

21:46 A rattling sound is heard by Bill coming from the window near the northwest corner of the house. It was like a leaf moving in the wind. It stopped as soon as Bill shone his torch in the direction of the sound. At the time he could not see any moving leaves.

At exactly the same time as Sarah C saw a black shape peer around the pillar on the left side of the steps, Bill shone his torch to exactly the same area by the wall. Sarah C felt things were



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watching. (**Editor's Note:** This was the right side of the steps as you face them and the same area where Bill heard the noise, at the same time.)

21:47 Bill measures the temperature at +3 to +3.5°C using his digital infrared thermometer and +7.3°C with a pressure of 1010.2mb on his compass/thermometer.

21:48 Sarah C caught on voice recorder a lot of interference over the next three minutes, very loud, which she did not hear at the time (which was not the wind, as you can hear the difference) and will be handing it in for analysis.

21:51 A small spot of light, about five centimetres across, is seen by Bill below the right-hand window of the pair to the right of the steps. Bill watched as it moved left about twenty centimetres and slowly down, then it disappeared. The only possible source of a light was Sarah C but she did not have a light on at the time.

Sarah C heard three bangs from a distance away.

21:53 Bill measures the temperature at +1.5 to +2°C using his digital infrared thermometer and +7.3°C with a pressure of 1010.3mb on his compass/thermometer.

21:55 Sarah C looked across at Bill and for a second it looked like someone was standing next to his left, silhouetted against the lights in the vale. At this exact time again, Bill turned and shone his torch to the exact same place! (**Editor's Note:** At around this time Bill does remember looking to his left as he thought he had seen something out of his periphery vision but when he looked around there was nothing there. He checked the area with his torch but as there wasn't anything there he had not written anything in his notes.)

Bill had kept looking at the wall where he had seen the shadow at 21:38 in case it was due to a tree but he did not see anything as dark as the original shadow. Bill's Electrosmog meter did not respond during the vigil (just a single green light and the usual background noise).

### **Vigil 2: South of House – 22:00 to 22:40**

For this vigil Bill sat against the east side of the west wing, just to the left of the window nearest to the entrance and facing towards the end of the line of trees up the drive (towards the constellation of Taurus). Sarah C sat in front of the window to the right of the entrance. For the positions of the team members see the plan on the next page.

Bill turns his Electrosmog meter on and places it against the wall to his right. There is the usual single green light but there is now an odd crackling sound superimposed on the normal background noise.

22:07 After Sarah C had settled in her chair, she heard a man say "No!" She had a lot of leaves blowing around her feet.

22:11 Bill measures the temperature at +2 to +2.5°C using his digital infrared thermometer and +8°C with a pressure of 1010.1mb on his compass/thermometer.

22:13 Sarah C believes she has caught a voice saying "get back" on voice recorder. She will hand it in for analysis. The recorder was in the window.

22:15 Bill sees a brief flash of light on the floor to the southeast. It was on the far side of the open area at the end of the avenue of trees.

22:18 A small disc of light is seen by Bill to the right of the path (Bill's side) between the north side of the open area at the end of the tree-lined avenue and the entrance.

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Sarah C saw a white flash by the first tree on the left looking up the driveway.

22:21 A flash of a line of light is seen by Bill to the south in the tree-lined avenue.

Sarah C's voice recorder fell over.

22:22 Bill sees a small flash of light to the right of the tree-lined avenue in the area of the fence to the north of the open area and just to the right of the light seen at 22:21.

22:24 A patch of light that was vertically streaked, like that shown in the image on the right, was seen by Bill on the right side of the open area at the end of the tree-lined avenue. It was faint, only lasted briefly and was about ten metres away.



Sarah thought she heard a "Vah! Oooh" sound. She was aware of a glow above the entrance, like an outside light lighting the immediate path.

22:28 Bill measures the temperature at +3.5 to +4°C using his digital infrared thermometer and +7.7°C with a pressure of 1010.4mb on his compass/thermometer.

22:34 A patch of light is seen by Bill in the same location as that seen at 22:22. This patch was larger, rectangular in shape, short-lived and he was looking straight at it at the time.

Sarah C could hear running water from the basement area. (**Editor's Note:** It is possible this sound was coming from the house next door [beyond the basement] as there seems to be a pond with what sounds like a waterfall in the garden.)

22:35 Bill measures the temperature at +2°C using his digital infrared thermometer and +7.4°C with a pressure of 1010.2mb on his compass/thermometer.

### Segenhoe, All Saints' Church

#### Background

One paranormal group reported "Just as the evening came to a close we decided to give it one last sit within the church. Within 10-15 minutes I witnessed a flash of light that kept appearing at the top of a pillar and moving quite rapidly across the width of the church, this happened about 3-4 times".

#### Vigil 1: Inside Church – 23:38 to 00:15

For this vigil the teams spread themselves out around the inside of the ruined church except Andy who did his vigil to the north of the church. Dee and Sarah C were unable to take part in this investigation. Bill sat in the southwest corner of the nave facing east along the nave. For the positions of the team members see the plan on the next page. Reports by other LPS members are given in their appropriate team reports (the same teams as investigated Houghton House).

23:42 Bill measures the temperature at +2°C using his digital infrared thermometer and +8.4°C with a pressure of 1009.2mb on his compass/thermometer.

23:43 Bill turns his Electrosmog meter on. It is making the usual background noise with just one green light. To avoid disturbing the rest of the team he turns the sound off then places it in the cup holder of his chair.

23:48 A small flash of light is seen on the right-hand edge of the window to Bill's right and about three-quarters of the way up from the bottom of the window.

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23:54 Bill sees a spot of light in the northeast corner of the chancel and about one and a half metres off the ground. It was small, bright and only appeared briefly.

23:58 Bill notices that the pillar above Nathan (the south side of the chancel arch) is suffused by a red glow which extended up the pillar to twice Nathan's seated height. The glow was only on the pillar and mainly on the inside edge.

00:01 Bill measures the temperature at +3.5 to +4°C using his digital infrared thermometer and +7.8°C with a pressure of 1008.5mb on his compass/thermometer.

00:02 As Bill looked around towards Steph (on his left) he saw a disc of light about four centimetres in diameter and moving diagonally across the floor from the north-northeast until it disappeared behind her legs. All told it moved over a metre.

00:07 Bill sees a bright line of light about one tenth the width of the east window and about a third of the way down the wall below it. As the line vanished a bright dot of light appeared lower down and to the left and moving down to the left.

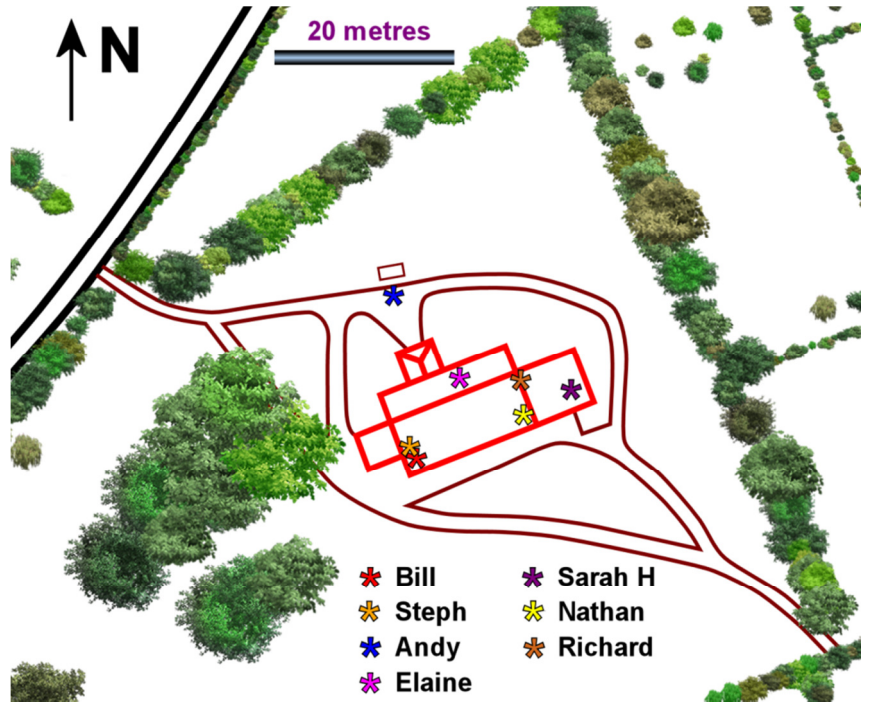
00:09 Bill measures the temperature at +2 to +3°C using his digital infrared thermometer and +7.2°C with a pressure of 1008.7mb on his compass/thermometer.

During the investigation Bill had either kept his infrared thermometer in his lap or in the cup holder on his chair. When in his lap he found that the reading was about 2°C higher than when in the cup holder.

00:10 Bill hears what sounded like a leaf moving behind him and Steph. Another sound was heard immediately afterwards but this time it sounded like something small (and probably furry) moving along the base of the wall in the stinging nettles.

00:11 Bill hears a bang coming from Elaine's direction followed by an apology from Elaine.

00:14 For the last five minutes Bill had kept his thermometer in his lap as opposed to the cup holder on his chair where it had been prior to the last measurement at 00:09. When he now used it to measure the temperature it read just +1 to +2°C. This shows that the ambient temperature of the thermometer is crucial when it comes to measuring temperature.



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## Equipment List

Bill            EMF Detector: Hutech  
                  Digital Infrared Thermometer: CHY 110  
                  Electrosmog Meter: Cornet ED-7  
                  Digital Compass/Altimeter/Thermometer: WS110  
                  Notepad, pen, torch and watch

Sarah C        Digital Camera: Sony DSC-H50  
                  Digital Voice Recorder: Argos ICR-403  
                  Notepad, pen, torch and watch