

INVESTIGATION REPORT – Team 2



Investigation Site	Wigginton, Tring Park and Ridgeway Path
Investigation Date	9 th October 2009
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Pre-Investigation

The night before the investigation and after looking at the location Marion had the image of a horse and rider. They were riding hell-for-leather along a track or a lane in front of a row of bushes/trees. The horse was a beautiful chestnut colour with darker mane and tail and looked like a thoroughbred. It certainly moved like one. Marion couldn't see the man's face or hair as he was stretched flat against the horse with his head on the horse's neck. He seemed to be in a hurry to get somewhere or to get away from something. He had a black flat hat which Marion thinks was a tricorn one and black top-boots, brown trousers and jacket, which was flapping about, and mustard coloured waistcoat. The whole picture was a mixture of browns, black and mustard and painted a lovely picture.

Before the investigation started we had a short tour of Bull's Wood so the teams could have a look at the Summerhouse and the Obelisk (coupled with the fact that the path past the two was the easiest route down to the park).

On the walk to the white house we reached a point half way down the path when Marion's torch died on her. She checked the batteries at home and the torch was shining brightly just before it died.

Richard reported that during the walk, nothing was sensed at either the summerhouse first up, or at the obelisk, at the second stopping point, on the way to Tring Park.

Tring Park

Background

This area has seen numerous sightings over the last few hundred years of both Roman soldiers and Parliamentary troops from the English Civil War. The former as the park lies astride the old Akeman Street Roman road and the latter as troops were camped there during the attack on Berkhamsted castle.

Pre-Vigil

21:43 As we were setting up for the first vigil Bill heard a tinkling sound coming from near the woods to the north-northeast.

General

The air was very damp and misty as there had been rain earlier. At the start of the investigation the sky was beginning to clear so that a large part to the south was free of clouds but they soon returned. There was a slight breeze coming roughly from the southwest. In the south end of the park there was a moderate amount of noise from the A41 to the north mainly coming from the bridge in the northwest corner of the park.

Vigil 1: South of the East Park Entrance – 21:48 to 22:20

For the first vigil we arranged ourselves around a bench on the edge of the wood in the east of the park (just south-southwest of the eastern entrance at the foot of the escarpment). Marion sat five metres to the south of the bench, Richard sat just to the west of it whilst Bill and Steph initially sat on the bench

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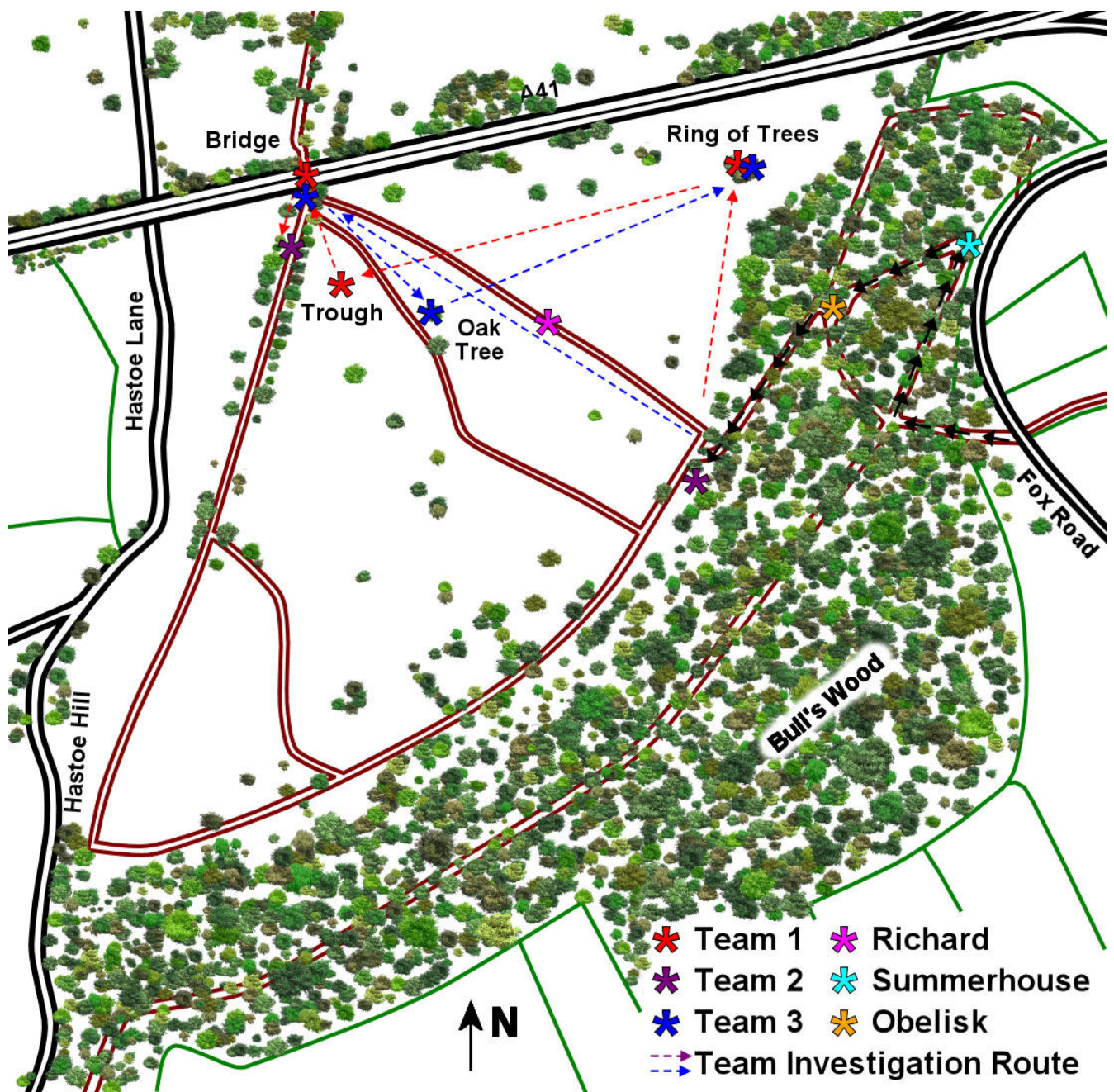
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but moved just to the north of it as the bench was a high one and their feet didn't reach the ground which was uncomfortable. As it is autumn there were numerous leaves falling around us during the vigil and droplets of water from the trees.

For this vigil Marion reported that it was not too cold but very damp and misty. She felt very serene, peaceful and happy here.

21:50 At this time Richard's sound recorder stopped working after recording for 4 minutes. The recorder had been issued with new batteries before the investigation started, but went off with an audible beep. No spare batteries available so it was unused for the rest of the evening.



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21:52 Richard sees a small reddish blob that appeared for a split second halfway up the hill, on the left, and disappeared in the mist. It appeared as if it was moving down the slope.

21:55 Steph reports that she senses a figure of a man by a tree which lay about 50 metres away to the west-northwest beyond the large tree we were sitting near (in the direction of the bridge over the A41). He was wearing a blue jacket, like a blazer, with a square collar. He seemed to be spying on a group of people across the valley) at the end of the avenue of trees in the northwest of the park.

Marion feels peaceful hear but she has just heard the words '*but there's danger here*'. Marion asks why and gets the reply '*they march up here*'.

21:57 Marion sees a small white light on top of the bushes in front of her and gets the name *Antony*.

21:58 The fog returns and is quite dense to the west.

22:02 Bill was looking towards the fog at the end of the avenue of trees when a large grey 'shadow' seemed to rise up fro just in front of the large tree and go up past his line of sight.

Richard reports a similar occurrence to that which happened at 21:52, another object moving on the slope, round in shape, although it could have been a physical object,

22:03 Marion gets the image of a Roman helmet, very plain with the plume thing on top (she doesn't know what it's called) but the nose guard is highly decorated and she doesn't remember seeing one like this before.

22:06 Bill sees a pale flash of light with a surrounding glow down in the valley to the southwest. It was on the path which runs along this edge of the path and just beyond a large bush on the south of the path. It was like a torch seen through fog, hence the glow.

22:09 Marion reports that there is a young woman walking up the slope towards us. She is slim with flowing dark hair halfway down her back. She's dressed in a dark yellow robe with a rough apron tied round her middle. She carries a wicker basket under her right arm resting it on her hip. A Roman soldier runs up behind her to help. He is in uniform, it is white and trimmed with gold patterned edging. Marion thinks the helmet may be his.

22:16 Steph reports that the man she sensed under the tree is still there. He is carrying a small book which is chocolate brown in colour, of good quality and measuring about 8 centimetres by 5.

Marion gets *dandelion and burdock, a cooling drink*.

Richard gates a physical sense of people moving around him to his right, in a kind of 'patrol' motion.

22:18 Bill sees a large dark shape cross the path by the large bush to the southwest.

Pre-Vigil

22:26 Watching Steph and Bill walk off to the tree to the west, out of the corner of her left eye Marion sees a shadowy figure in front and to the left of her. She gets the occupation of baker.

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Vigil 2: Near the East Park Entrance – 22:30 to 23:15

For the second vigil Bill and Steph moved back to the grassed area in front of the east entrance to the park. Initially they were going to go and sit under the tree where Steph saw the man but as they neared the tree Bill's torch revealed at least six pairs of glowing eyes, cows resting under tree, so she chose another location. Marion remained near the bench then moved just to part way between the bench and the east entrance. Richard walked off along the path going towards the A41 bridge and going about a quarter of the way along the path.

22:31 Marion walks to the old tree to her left and gets the words '*walk with me*'.

22:34 Richard sensed another person standing way to his left, on the way to the A41, walking around, possibly another team member, in the shadows.

22:38 Richard had the feeling pass over him of being trapped, confined, enclosed with several / mass congregation of people.

22:40 Marion walks down the slope towards the remains of an old tree and young tree standing side by side and gets the name *Iris*. Is this the woman's name?

22:41 Marion gets the words '*I can survey the land from here*'.

22:42 Steph feels that the area is a very calm one with not a lot going on. She feels that all of the activity is on the far side of the park, where she saw the group at the end of the avenue of trees.

Sitting back by the bench, Marion sees a grey orb to her left which has come from behind her. It travelled in an arc and landed on the grass a few feet in front of her. She is also feeling a presence behind her.

22:43 Richard appeared to visualise a large dark faceless shadow to his right, and feeling incredibly nerved at this time, with a headache occurring a few minutes after this.

22:46 This location has less wind than the first vigil site but both Bill and Steph report feeling colder than at the first site.

Marion hears a loud crashing behind her as if a person is running through the undergrowth. She hoped it was Richard (it wasn't, at the time he was the other side of the park).

22:47 Steph reports that the man's tunic seems to consist of two pieces sewn together, with the join at the back.

22:50 Marion gets the name *Spartacus*. She feels this is a horse....She keeps getting the feeling of people walking about on the higher ground to her right.

22:53 Bill sees a glow along the edge of the wood (near the path) to the south-southwest. It wasn't Marion's torch as Bill knew she was off the path to the left of where he saw the light.

22:54 Bill reports he can see the lights of Elaine's team approaching from the north-northeast.

22:55 Marion hears whistling, it is rather tuneless and to her front and right.

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Ridgeway Path

Background

People travelling past Pendley Beeches late at night have seen a phantom rider coming down a pathway from the direction of Wigginton (likely to be the Ridgeway path).

00:00 Bill, Richard and Andy enter the Ridgeway path from Fox Road heading east-northeast towards the A41.

Richard reports that, aside from a pleasant walk, and seeing some animals in fields, notably sheep, this was a good walk on the Ridgeway path, but he did not see, or sense anything remotely paranormal on this short stretch to the bridge.

Post-Investigation

On Marion's sound recording she only picked up one thing. She had put her recorder in the grass about 2.5 metres behind the bench and got footsteps walking through the grass. These stopped with a sort of static jolt (she doesn't know how else to describe it) as if the recorder had been kicked. This coincides with the noise she heard at 22:46.