

Investigation Report



Investigation Site	Round House
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Background

The Round House was built at the top of a steep scarp slope, facing north-east and within the earthworks of a medieval castle. The house occupies a portion of a ringwork castle. The whole castle site is oval; it measures 130 metres north to south and 100 metres east to west. It may be that this is Ridgmont Castle, a stronghold of the Barony of Wahull.

The Round House was more properly known as Brogborough Park Farmhouse and was listed by the former Ministry of Works in October 1952 as Grade II, of special interest. It was built in the 17th century, possibly by John Okey, though this is not certain and may pre-date his ownership. It was built in red brick with ashlar dressings and had a clay tiled roof. It comprised two storeys and a basement, the latter having 19th century brickwork. It is not circular, but all the principal rooms radiated outwards from the central chimney so that walking around them one described a rough circle.

By 1801 the park and the Round House were owned by Lady Radcliffe, also Lady of the Manor of Brogborough. In 1825 the owner was Henry Delmé Radcliffe and in 1828 the park and Round House were sold to John, 6th Duke of Bedford.

The farmhouse, the Round House, was described as: “a Superior Farm Residence built of brick with tiled roof, adjacent to the site of old entrenchments. It stands about 300 feet above sea level, and has pleasant Walled Flower Garden, Kitchen Garden and Orchard adjoining. The Accommodation is as follows - Two Entrance Porches, Dining and Drawing Rooms, each about 18 feet by 16 feet, Breakfast Room, Scullery, Store Room, 7 Bedrooms, Dairy, Cellar and Churn House, Out-premises, Wood and Coal House and Workshop”. Nag stabling comprised a coach house, stall and loose box. Two cellars ran underneath the ground floor and housed a dairy and two sculleries. The first floor comprised five bedrooms.

After World War Two the Round House was purchased by London Brick Company as a hostel for immigrant workers. During the 1980s the house became derelict and was put up for sale in 1983. Ten years later it was gutted by fire. By 1998 the chimney and both east and west walls had collapsed. Today the roundhouse remains a pathetic ruin.

Pre-Investigation

We made our way along the path towards the iron bridge which in days since past was probably used as a crossing over the old railway line. The roundhouse has long since fallen into disrepair and is overgrown with brambles making the footpaths in and out of the location almost impossible to get through. An alternative route was found involving a walk around the outskirts of the building and entry was gained via an unlocked and insecure old iron door. A tree was growing through the floor that had reached ceiling height of what would have been the upper floor of the building

Investigation

21:00 Investigation begins with the team conducting an EVP question and answer session.

21:10 Ben feels something flew past his eye possibly a moth.

21:30 EVP Experiment begins

21:35 Olivus Three Experiment begins with the following words;

Short – Cast – Down - Rewind

There is then a big temperature drop and meters start to go off

The Olivus then comes out with the word

Mattress – There is a mattress lying on the floor directly in front of the team.

Olivus responds with the word “Six”

Dawn tells the spirit that if you drop the temperature the meter will change colour.

Olivus responds with the word “Go”

Ben asks “are you female” The meter goes red

Andy asks “are you just visiting?” The meter goes red twice to indicate no and Ben asks “are you here all the time then?”

The Olivus responds with the word “Lense”

The team feel that this refers to the camera lense being used by the team.

The meter goes red in response to this discussion

The Olivus responds with the word “Business”

Ben asks “did you work here?” and the meter responds by going red.

The Olivus responds with the word “Tree” There is a tree directly in front of the team

The Olivus responds with the word “Bury” and Cleanse and Wide.

Dawn informs the spirit “we are not herer to cleanse you we are here to communicate with you is that ok?” The meter then goes red twice in response.

The Olivus responds with the word “compete” and “Property” and “Hide” and “Mummy”

Ben asks “would you prefer it if we left”

The Olivus responds with the word “friend” and the meter goes red.

Andy asks “can you make the meter go red if you feel we should visit the other buildings?. The meter responds by going red.

Dawn asks “if there are more than one spirit here” The meter goes red.

The Olivus responds with the word “Live” and “climb” and “hour” and the meter goes red.

21:44 The Olivus responds with the word “automatic”

Olivus experiment ends.

The team then spend times outside the building and observe shooting stars before returning to inside the Roundhouse.

21:55 Silent vigil inside the house, but nothing further takes place.

Time was taken for pictures, and the other buildings were visited but they also had limited access.

23:30 Investigation ends

Post Investigation

Film showed some orbs but more importantly the temperature meter responding to questions asked by the team (see you tube and website for details). Andy kept getting the name “Arthur” for most of this investigation. Subsequent checks on previous investigation reports have shown that there is no previous reference to an Arthur.