

Investigation Report



Investigation Site Kensworth

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Background

Whilst the rest of the nation was being battered by storms and high winds. An LPS team made its way to Kensworth in order to investigate ghosts that haunt Kensworth. These consist of a headless milkmaid, a witch and Shuck (Anglo-Saxon *scucca* or *sceocca*: Satan), a one-eyed black retriever.

Headless Milkmaid

The church of St Mary the Virgin at Church End, Kensworth and a nearby footpath, which runs north from the churchyard, are haunted by a headless spirit. The ghost appears to be a milkmaid, complete with yoke from which hang two pails. Her most striking feature is her singular lack of a head! She walks down the path coming from the direction of the woods to the north and enters the churchyard.

There are three local legends as to the origin of the ghost. The first has it that she was waylaid and murdered as she walked down the path. The second version of her death claims that she was killed by farm machinery in the early nineteenth century. In the third legend she dies a natural death and then her lover takes her head so that part of her can remain with him forever.

Incorporeal Witch

The footpath which runs from Beech Road, to the north of Church End, towards the church is haunted by the ghost of a witch. The ghost is said to be that of an old woman, wearing a black four cornered hat, which would date her to the late eighteenth century. She follows the path from the woods, which lie three hundred metres to the north of the church, until she reaches the stile (now including a gate) into the churchyard, but there she stops. Instead of entering the churchyard she angrily shakes her fist at the church. Legend has it that a local witch was forbidden to enter the churchyard and now she spends eternity venting her anger at the church.

Coffin Walk

The footpath runs between Common Road and Hollicks Lane and is also known as the Coffin Route. The reason for its more gruesome name is because in the past people who could not afford a hearse to take a body to St Mary's churchyard at Church End would carry the coffin along the path.

Shuck

Black Shuck, Old Shuck, Old Shock or simply Shuck is the name given to a [ghostly black dog](#) which is said to roam the countryside. Descriptions of the creature's appearance and nature vary considerably; it is sometimes recorded as an omen of death, but, in other instances, is described as companionable. The shuck is describes as having seen as a black shaggy dog, with fiery eyes and of immense size, and who visits churchyards at midnight.

On a particularly windy night when the team arrived at St Mary Church in Kensworth, they were confronted by very large dogs running around the cemetery that were being walked by their owner. In fact dogs would be the running theme for the night. During a silent vigil some members of the team were sat in complete silence when a small dog appeared out of nowhere running along with a small bell

that could be heard ringing. Even upon walking along the Coffin walk at the end of the night the team would again be confronted by a dog.

Pre-investigation

During a pre-vigil walk around the church looking for areas to investigate. One member of the team was taking full spectrum images when he heard the sound of giggling girls coming from a corner of the cemetery next to the church wall and from a corner where there was no one there. Subsequent checks with other members of the team revealed no one had been laughing at that time and no one was in the same area. Knocks were also heard coming from inside the church.

21:00 Investigation begins with a silent vigil.

First a 45 minute silent vigil was done where the team members were asked to go and sit in a location of the cemetery that they wanted to explore in silence for forty five minutes and to record observations Dawn sat at the back of the church to the right corner during which she heard a male voice with an echo exclaiming aaahh..! As if it was coming from inside the church

21:24 Andy observes what he thinks is a fox run right in front of him and across the front of the church close to where Roland and Mandy were.

21:25 Roland and Mandy were performing a silent vigil at the front of the church; a brown dog with jingling collar approached them. It ran away after these two team members reacted in fright. There was no walker with the dog and later it transpired that the dog was not owned by the neighbour who came out later on to check the activity of the investigation team in the church surrounds.

21:30 Dawn heard a clinking of chains passing her left side. It was noted by other team members later, there was a dog spotted in the ground during the investigation although it did not pass Dawn and she did not see it.

21:50 Witches Gate at the rear of the church – Olivus experiment.

The team begin at the location of the witches gate where on a previous investigation a black shadow person had been seen (see previous reports on the website).

The Olivus gave the following reposes results were

Boy equal fifteen zero saw mommy enough laugh make short knight think company glance Jesus climb cloud low sunrise.

Interpretation

Does this mean a boy aged 150 years (from 150 ago) saw his mother make a toy of a short knight henceforth he laughs when thinking about it and has seen Jesus ????. This of course is a complete guess on our part and we are open to another interpretation.

22.15 The team moved to the church door to use SLS camera but returned to the Witch gate due to being interrupted by torch light by a person unknown at the time. The investigation is interrupted by a local who is making sure that the church is safe and is happy for us to continue with the investigation

22:30: The entire team were investigating at the witch's gate. Roland witnessed stick people on Matt's equipment. The blue figure nearest to Mandy, who was sitting on the bench, appeared to tap her left shoulder several times. Mandy had her left arm outstretched and she felt her fingers being forced bent

22.30 The team moved to the front of the church by the entrance.

22.36 The rem pod was activated several times in response to questions.

Andy asked if the spirit was that of the girl who laughed earlier and it triggered the rem pod signalling a yes. Roland asked if spirit could show themselves and it also triggered the rem pod. The team offered energy to help and the rem pod triggered several more times in response.

Matt placed a SLS camera in the area of the rem pod and got a figure standing next to Roland on the left and caused Roland to feel a strange sensation on that side of his body, but it disappeared after a short time.

22:55: Roland was standing close to a wall at the front right of the church where Andy had previously heard two girls giggling. There was a Rempod and a digital thermometer in action. Matt saw a stick person next to Roland and for about twenty seconds Roland felt a warm tingling sensation from his back into his legs. It was a mild and pleasant tingling rather than normal pins and needles. Roland had never felt that type of his sensation ever before.

Roland asked if he walked away could spirit set off the rem pod and it triggered a response. Dawn asked if spirit is with someone could you activate the rem pod, there was no response indicating there was only one spirit in communication at that moment in time. Immediately the next question of are you still here? Gave a positive response to the investigators.

Dawn placed a rem pod and a emf/temperature gauge approximately 4 feet apart, the rem pod was activated at alternate intervals with the emf/ temperature gauge, when Roland asked spirit to affect the temperature it responded from 18.9 degrees to 18.1 several times intelligently.

Dawn and Roland are together on their own while other members of the team investe others areas of the cemetery. The Rem pod reacted a lot to Roland's questioning. When Roland lent his arm down towards the Rem pod there was a very strong response. Roland moved the digital thermometer closer to the Rem pod and asked the spirit to concentrate on the green light of the thermometer. The temperature had been 18.1c all night so far. On the command for the spirit to increase the temperature, it duly obliged and took the temperature up to 18.5c. When the vigil was about to end, Roland asked for the temperature to lower again and the spirit obliged, taking it back to 18.1c.

23:00 Coffin Walk

The team walked along the coffin path from Hollick's Lane down through the field for approximately thirty five minutes in total, it was extremely windy also it was difficult to locate the original route as the field seems to have been worked by farmers over the years.

23.40 Investigation Ends due to the bad weather.

Post Investigation Analyses.

Despite the very windy weather which made sound recordings redundant. The team did communicate with spirits next to the witch's gate in the stickman experiment and this included one figure who would not come past the gate. Could have been the spirit of the witch? At this time the evidence remains inconclusive. The Olivus was unusually quiet and not very responsive. Camcorders went out of focus.

Considering the poor weather conditions the fact that LPS not only had a team out on investigation, but also captured visual entities on camera is very remarkable.