

PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION REPORT

Old Gorhambury House, St Albans

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1. Executive Summary

On 17 July 2026, a four-person investigation team conducted a daytime paranormal investigation at the ruins of **Old Gorhambury House near St Albans**.

The investigation focused on documenting environmental conditions, equipment responses, reported anomalous experiences and potential communication obtained through a combination of **K2 EMF meters, cat balls, Spirit Talker applications and the Ovilus III**.

During the investigation, a number of apparently coincidental responses were recorded across different devices. These included repeated names and phrases, K2 light activations occurring during questions or statements, and several apparent responses from the Spirit Talker applications and Ovilus III. Of particular note was the repeated appearance of the name **Joseph**, which appeared across different pieces of equipment on multiple occasions.

Team members also reported personal experiences. Paula reported feeling what appeared to be a touch near her shoulder during the session. There were also occasions when K2 devices appeared to respond at or around the same time as statements or outputs from the Spirit Talker applications.

A number of potentially relevant phrases were recorded, including references to a **“little boy,” “Nancy,” “Henry,” “Robert,” “Matthew,” “Joseph,”** and **“800 years ago.”** Several outputs also appeared thematically relevant to the location’s history, including references to being locked away, a castle, war and Henry.

However, the investigation did not establish that these responses were conclusively paranormal in origin. Spirit communication applications and similar devices can produce words through programmed databases, algorithms, environmental interference or other non-paranormal mechanisms. Accordingly, the results should be regarded as **anomalous observations requiring further investigation rather than verified evidence of spirit communication**.

Overall, the session produced a number of interesting and potentially significant observations, particularly the repeated device responses and the reported physical sensation experienced by Paula. A future investigation under controlled conditions would be beneficial to determine whether these responses can be replicated.

2. Historical Background

Old Gorhambury House is the surviving ruin of a significant Tudor mansion near St Albans. The property is associated with **Sir Nicholas Bacon**, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, and his son **Sir Francis Bacon**, the prominent Elizabethan and Jacobean statesman, philosopher and writer.

The house was developed during a period of considerable political and religious change in England. Following the Dissolution of the Monasteries and Chantries under Henry VIII and Edward VI, many former ecclesiastical properties faced uncertain futures.

Old Gorhambury was subsequently acquired by Sir Nicholas Bacon, who developed and improved the property. The surviving Tudor architectural remains, including the distinctive porch, provide evidence of the status and importance of the former mansion.

Queen Elizabeth I is associated with the property's history. Following a visit in 1572, during which she reportedly referred to the property as a "little house," Sir Nicholas Bacon subsequently undertook further development.

The property later passed to Sir Francis Bacon. His political career flourished following the accession of James I, and his increasing status contributed to the importance of the estate.

Sir Francis Bacon's fortunes later declined significantly. In 1621 he faced charges relating to bribery and corruption and was briefly imprisoned in the Tower of London. His reputation was damaged and he subsequently experienced significant financial difficulties.

The house itself eventually deteriorated and fell into ruin.

3. Reported Paranormal Background

Old Gorhambury House does not appear to have an extensive or well-established catalogue of documented ghost stories when compared with some other historic locations.

Local folklore associated with the wider St Albans area does, however, include reports of a **Roman centurion apparition**, sometimes said to have been observed near the lower section of the Gorhambury drive.

This account is potentially connected to the area's Roman history and the nearby ancient settlement of **Verulamium**.

The site's principal historical significance remains its Tudor and Elizabethan heritage rather than an established paranormal reputation.

The investigation therefore provided an opportunity to examine whether any unusual experiences or apparent responses could be observed independently of the site's relatively limited existing ghost lore.

4. Investigation Methodology

The team consisted of four investigators:

- Ben
- Andy
- Paula
- Karl

The investigation began following a lengthy walk to the ruins. The team commenced the session in the main area of the remaining structure.

Equipment Used

The following equipment and applications were utilised:

- K2 EMF meters
- Cat balls
- Spirit Talker applications
- Ovilus III
- Audio recording equipment

The cat balls and K2 devices were deployed within the investigation area.

Due to the brightness of the environment, the cat balls were difficult to observe visually. Two Spirit Talker applications were also operated alongside the Ovilus III.

The team attempted to communicate with any perceived presence through direct questioning and observation of subsequent equipment responses.

5. Investigation Observations

5.1 Initial Session

At approximately **12:04**, Andy began questioning the environment using the Spirit Talker application.

The following outputs were recorded:

Time	Device/Investigator	Recorded Response
12:04	Andy – Spirit Talker	“What’s your name?”
12:05	Andy – Spirit Talker	“Eliminate”
12:06	Andy – Spirit Talker	“Torment” / “Car”
12:08	Andy – Spirit Talker	“We are gathering energy” / “I can speak through this”
12:09	Andy – Spirit Talker	“Stone”
12:10	Andy – Spirit Talker	“Raymond”
12:11	Andy – Spirit Talker	“I’m the ghost of laziness” / “Nana”
12:13	Andy – Spirit Talker	“Demon”
12:14	Andy – Spirit Talker	“Little boy around you” / “I’ll move something”
12:15	Andy – Spirit Talker	“Cupboard”

At approximately **12:15**, the Spirit Talker produced the phrase **“little boy around you.”**

At around the same time, Paula’s K2 device reportedly flashed.

Andy subsequently asked the alleged presence to try to appear. The K2 reportedly flashed yellow.

5.2 Further Device Responses

At approximately **12:16–12:18**, additional responses were recorded.

Andy’s Spirit Talker produced:

- “Unexplained”
- “Control”

Paula asked:

“Are you aware I’m here?”

Andy then asked the alleged presence to show itself.

A second green light was reportedly observed on the K2.

At approximately **12:17**, Paula's Spirit Talker produced:

"I like the lights."

The team subsequently observed further K2 flickering when the name **Nancy** appeared through the equipment.

The team asked whether Nancy had been a maid, following which the K2 reportedly flickered again.

6. Significant Responses

A series of additional outputs were recorded between approximately **12:18 and 12:44**.

These included:

- "You're making a mistake"
- "Envy"
- "He does not like you"
- "Oneness"
- "Crash"
- "Let's talk"
- "They locked me away"
- "Up"
- "Time to talk"
- "You are embraced"
- "Are you an investigator?"
- "Box"
- "Jeff"
- "Inject"
- "Anger"
- "You are valued"
- "War"
- "Let me rest"
- "Be very careful"
- "Violet"
- "Castle"

- “Joseph”

At approximately **12:44**, Paula’s Spirit Talker produced “**Agony**”, while her K2 reportedly flashed green.

Paula also reported feeling what appeared to be someone touching her near her shoulder.

This was a subjective personal experience and could not be independently verified by the other investigators.

7. Later Session

At approximately **12:48**, Andy’s Spirit Talker produced:

- “I will appear”
- “We have the power”
- “Henry”

At approximately **12:50**, Paula’s Spirit Talker produced:

- “Terrifying”
- “Presence”

Andy asked:

“Can you appear for us?”

The Ovilus III reportedly produced “**Across.**”

Paula’s Spirit Talker subsequently produced:

“I lived right here.”

Andy then commented that there had been no activity. Shortly afterwards, his Spirit Talker reportedly produced:

“I’m standing right here.”

Paula’s K2 reportedly flashed again.

The Ovilus III subsequently produced:

“Grandpa.”

Paula’s Spirit Talker then produced:

“We will harm you.”

The K2 reportedly flashed green.

8. Repeated Names and Potentially Significant Outputs

One of the more notable aspects of the investigation was the appearance of several names across the equipment.

Joseph was reportedly produced by different devices on three occasions.

Other names recorded included:

- Raymond
- Nancy
- Jeff
- Henry
- Robert
- Matthew
- Tessa
- Joseph

At approximately **12:51–12:53**, Andy’s Spirit Talker produced:

Time	Response
12:51	“I’m standing right here”
12:52	“My name is Robert”
12:53	“It’s me, I’m here” / “Matthew”

The repeated appearance of particular names may warrant further investigation, particularly if any can subsequently be connected to documented individuals associated with the property.

At present, however, no historical identification should be assumed solely from the device outputs.

9. Final Recorded Responses

The closing section of the investigation produced a further series of responses:

Time	Device	Response
12:55	Andy – Spirit Talker	“A lot” / “Flames”

Time	Device	Response
12:57	Andy – Spirit Talker	“He’s over there” / “White”
12:58	Andy – Spirit Talker	“Tessa”
12:59	Andy – Spirit Talker	“We’re friends”
13:00	Andy – Spirit Talker	“Horseshoe”
13:01	Andy – Spirit Talker	“I’m not aggressive”
13:02	Andy – Spirit Talker	“No, go away”
13:03	Andy – Spirit Talker	“800 years ago”
13:04	Andy – Spirit Talker	“A demon here”
13:06	Andy – Spirit Talker	“Bicycle”
13:06	Andy – Spirit Talker	“Do you like Satan?”

At approximately **13:06**, Paula asked:

“Did you hear me?”

The K2 reportedly flashed to its middle light.

Paula’s Spirit Talker subsequently produced:

“What is in your hand?”

The K2 was reportedly flickering at this point.

The investigation was concluded shortly afterwards.

10. Audio Evidence

Paula submitted an audio recording to the team’s EVP WhatsApp group for further review.

The recording may contain a possible whistle immediately before the Spirit Talker application produced the phrase:

“We are gathering energy.”

This recording should be subjected to further independent analysis, preferably by investigators who were not involved in the original session, in order to reduce the possibility of confirmation bias.

11. Potentially Significant Incidents

Several incidents from the investigation merit further consideration:

11.1 Repeated K2 Responses

Multiple K2 activations were reported during direct questioning and in conjunction with Spirit Talker outputs.

These included reported flashes to:

- Yellow
- Green
- The middle light

The significance of these responses cannot be determined without environmental baseline measurements and controlled testing.

11.2 Repeated Name: Joseph

The name **Joseph** reportedly appeared through multiple devices on three occasions.

This is one of the more potentially interesting patterns recorded during the investigation.

A historical research exercise should determine whether individuals named Joseph were associated with Old Gorhambury House, the Bacon family, servants, residents, workers or the wider estate.

11.3 Reported Physical Sensation

Paula reported feeling a touch near her shoulder at approximately 12:44.

No independent physical evidence of this event was recorded.

11.4 Apparent Cross-Equipment Correlation

On several occasions, an output from a Spirit Talker application was reportedly followed by or coincided with a K2 response.

This may be significant if the timing can be established precisely from contemporaneous audio/video recordings.

11.5 Historical References

Several outputs appeared potentially relevant to the site's historical context, including:

- Henry
- Castle
- War

- “They locked me away”
- “I lived right here”
- “800 years ago”

These should be treated cautiously. Because the investigation team was already aware of the site’s history, the possibility of expectation or subconscious association should be considered.

12. Assessment and Limitations

The investigation generated a substantial number of unusual equipment outputs and subjective experiences.

However, none of the observations independently demonstrates the existence of paranormal activity.

Several factors should be considered:

1. **Spirit Talker and Ovilus outputs are not independently verified communication systems.** Their outputs can arise from programmed word databases, algorithms and environmental or operational factors.
2. **K2 devices detect electromagnetic fields rather than spirits.** A change in EMF does not, by itself, establish a paranormal cause.
3. **Environmental conditions were not comprehensively documented.** Temperature, humidity, electromagnetic background levels, radio-frequency sources and other potential variables would be useful in evaluating future sessions.
4. **The investigation team knew the history of the location.** This introduces the possibility of expectation influencing questioning and interpretation.
5. **Coincidence remains a possible explanation.** When numerous words and device responses are generated during a session, some apparent correlations are statistically likely to occur.
6. **The reported physical sensation was subjective.** No independent evidence was available to establish an external cause.

Consequently, the evidence should be classified as **anomalous and interesting, but inconclusive.**

13. Recommendations for Further Investigation

A follow-up investigation is recommended.

The following improvements would strengthen the evidential value of future sessions:

Environmental Baseline

Record baseline:

- EMF levels
- Temperature
- Humidity
- Radio-frequency activity
- Mobile phone activity
- Electrical infrastructure
- Nearby sources of electromagnetic interference

Video Documentation

Use continuous video coverage of:

- Investigators
- K2 devices
- Cat balls
- Ovilus III
- Relevant areas of the ruins

This would allow exact timing of reported interactions to be independently reviewed.

Controlled Sessions

Conduct periods where investigators do not ask questions and do not operate communication applications. Compare the number and nature of device outputs with active questioning periods.

Blind Testing

Where possible, have investigators who are unaware of specific historical details conduct portions of the investigation.

Historical Research

Research the names:

- Joseph

- Nancy
- Raymond
- Henry
- Robert
- Matthew
- Tessa
- Jeff

against historical records relating to Old Gorhambury House and its associated families, servants and estate workers.

Audio Analysis

The recording containing the possible whistle should be reviewed independently and, where possible, analysed using the original uncompressed recording.

14. Conclusion

The investigation at Old Gorhambury House on 17 July 2026 produced a notable number of unusual device responses and reported experiences.

The most noteworthy observations were the repeated appearance of the name **Joseph**, multiple K2 activations occurring during periods of questioning, apparent responses involving several historical or contextual terms, and Paula's report of a physical sensation near her shoulder.

The audio recording submitted for review may provide an additional avenue for investigation, particularly regarding the possible whistle preceding the phrase "We are gathering energy."

While these observations are intriguing and warrant further research, the investigation did **not** establish conclusive evidence of paranormal activity. The results are best described as **unexplained observations requiring further investigation.**

A carefully controlled follow-up investigation, supported by continuous video, environmental monitoring, independent audio analysis and historical research, would provide a stronger basis for assessing whether the reported phenomena can be replicated and whether any of the apparent responses have a verifiable connection to the history of Old Gorhambury House.

Overall Investigation Assessment

Evidence Level: Interesting / Inconclusive

Historical Relevance: High

Reported Device Activity: Moderate to High

Independent Corroboration: Limited

Repeatability: Not yet established

Recommendation: Further controlled investigation advised