

The Battle of Sedgemoor, Somerset

Four members of the SI team investigated the site of the Monmouth Rebellion in Sedgemoor in Somerset on 5th July 2008.

The area is the site of the last full scale battle ever fought on English soil, the 'Monmouth Rebellion'. In 1685 hundreds of rebels 'Doing the right as they saw it' were massacred here by the King's Men. The 'Bloody Assizes' then followed, condemning those who escaped the mass slaughter in Chedzoy Cornfield to either transportation or to be hung, drawn and quartered. Strange lights and sounds are reported here including horses and cannon fire as well as sightings of both royalists and rebels, especially near the church in Westonzoyland.

Each year on the anniversary of this sad event the site is visited by several different paranormal groups all hoping to catch a glimpse of the terrible story being replayed.

The team began in the village of Chedzoy focusing on the church and then two areas of the fields through which the rebels would have made their approach. Nothing out of the ordinary was felt in the church, but it was interesting to note that both Kevin and David identifies the same two areas of the memorial field as having something about them, that everyone else who has visited before has commented on.

Whilst Becky and Dave were sat looking across the field they both heard two bangs, the only thing to describe it was like cannon shots! Car doors banging did not create the same noise and they couldn't find any other explanation for these noises.

Kevin felt quite unnerved and experienced a feeling of pure dread whilst standing on the battlefield.

Dave saw two misty shapes in the trees out of the corner of his eye. They looked like dense pockets of mist although no other mist was witnessed by the rest of the group throughout the night.