

Inn Burtle, Somerset

The Inn Burtle pub sits on the site of King Alfred's victory over the Danes in 878 on the edge of Sedgemoor. This area has seen many changes in parish and name in its past and the SI team were keen to make a return visit to this public house. The investigation took place on 30th November 2007.

Some members had investigated this property on other occasions and so not to bias our findings these members were placed in one team whilst members who hadn't been here before were placed in another team. The investigation began upstairs in the living quarters of the pub.

In the main bedroom the team picked up the presence of a female in her 40s sitting at a table and brushing her hair. She seemed very quiet and a little sad. One member could sense her being of Spanish origin and had quite dark skin. A male presence was discovered in this room, possibly the ladies husband. He appears to be quite an aggressive, angry man whom she was afraid of. The marriage was arranged by their families and not a happy union. Approximate time period would have been 1890- 1900s.

One member attempted 'scrying' in the mirror and felt a hand being placed on his shoulder during the experiment. The team also experiences unexplained temperature fluctuations in this room although the EMF readings were constant at 3-4mg throughout the investigation.

The second bedroom in the property had a depressing feeling and many of the team members felt there was a male presence in here that may have been imprisoned some of his life. One member felt her feet get very hot during the vigil and felt that there may have been a fire in this area of the building. This was later confirmed by the owner although he didn't know the date.

A strong male presence was picked up in the office room and one member felt he was aggressive and perverse towards women. He didn't welcome the team being in this room. Cold blasts of air were felt in this room.

In the bar areas downstairs, the dowsers picked up on 3 male presences. One presence had died recently (5 years ago) who enjoyed sitting on a stool at the bar and another who is presenting himself in a police uniform. Strangely one member of the team was picking up the presence of pigs and horses in this area. Later the owner told the team that pigs had got into the bar after a wall collapsed.

A quiet but interesting night was enjoyed by all who attended the investigation.