

## WESSEX PARANORMAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION LOCATION REPORT

<b>Location:</b>	Private Residence, Norton St Philip, Somerset
<b>Date:</b>	16/12/2007
<b>Time:</b>	20:00 – 00:00
<b>Weather:</b>	Clear and Dry
<b>Investigation Team:</b>	David Hawes David Wicheard Tim Latcham Chris Prevett
<b>Equipment Used:</b>	Sony Nightshot Digital Video Recorders (x3) Digital Stills Cameras (x2) FLUKE Thermal imaging camera (x1) Laptop Computer (x1) Motion Sensitive Night vision Webcam (x1) Trigger Objects (Crystal) Digital Voice Recorder (x2) Boundary microphone (x1) EMF meter (x2) Digital Thermometer/Hygrometer (x1) Laser Thermometer (x1)

## **Location History**

Norton St Philip is a village steeped in history and habitation can be dated back to Roman times. The manor of Norton with Hinton is mentioned in the doomsday book as supporting only 20 people and was at this point primarily nothing more than a mill and a meadow. The mill was still working within living memory and bits of it still remain.

There is a link between the village and the now ruined nearby Hinton Priory which dates back to 1232 and lasted until Henry VIII disbanded the priory as part of the Dissolution of Monasteries in 1540. The monks of the Priory were Carthusians, an order of silent contemplatives. During this period the Prior oversaw the George Inn being built, which remains a village landmark.

Norton became a market centre for the wool and cloth trades during this period. Weaving and spinning was carried out in many of Nortons cottages.

In 1587, the Great Plague was said to have caused "great mortality from a plague or sickness" in the village.

The Civil War impinged on the village in 1648. For June the 24th that year, there is a reference to the burial of soldiers and civilians at Norton. On the 26th and 27th of June 1685, the village found itself in the middle of the Duke of Monmouth's Rebellion against his Uncle, the Roman Catholic King James II. This put the village's name in the history books.

The defeat of the King's army at Norton was not forgotten. At the Autumn Assizes presided over by Judge Jeffreys and four other judges, prisoners from Norton would have appeared before Assize Court at Wells. 12 men from the village were brought back here and hanged in Bloody Close, behind the Fleur de Lys. Their bodies were then hung about the village, until taken down, burnt and buried in field behind the Fleur.

The village has come through the centuries remarkably undisturbed. Architecturally, you see the mullion windows, the stone-tiled roofs and the local stone facings of the cottages.

The property dates back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century and has experienced much of Norton's history. It has undergone much refurbishment and alteration through the years including a new Georgian frontage. In its past it has served many purposes other than just a magnificent home including a Doctors surgery.

***Information courtesy of [Norton St Philip Homepage](#)***

### Eye Witness and Second Hand Accounts

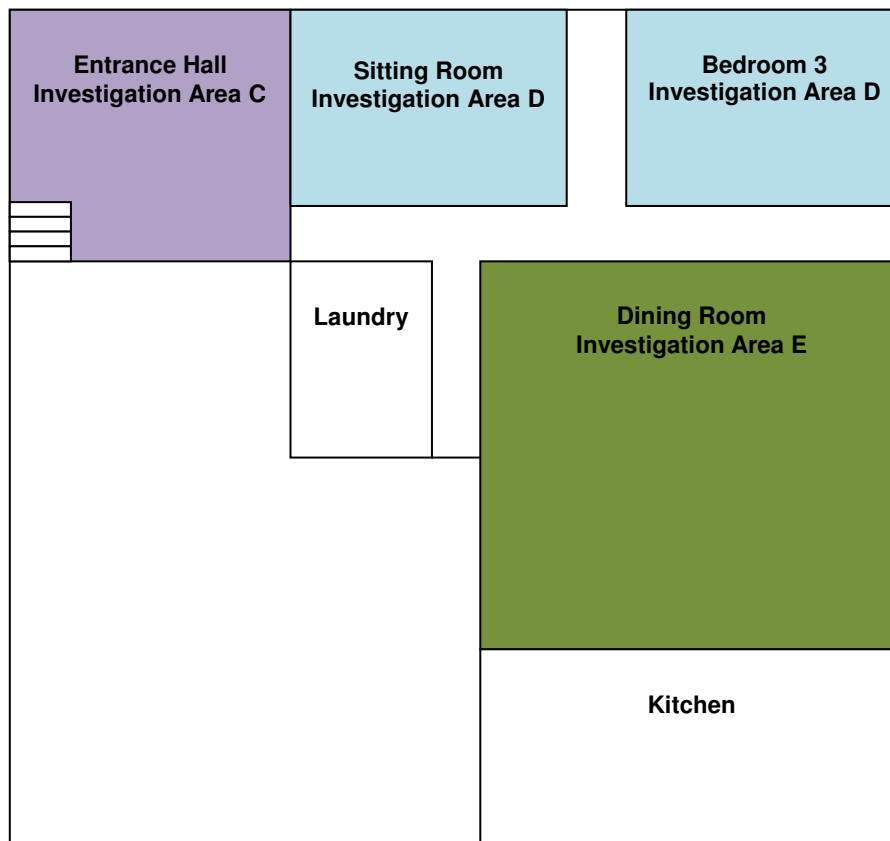
The property owners have reported a female presence that is most strongly felt in the area of the laundry on the ground floor.

There is often a feeling of happiness felt upon entering Room 2 and most people have a smile on their face when within this room.

There are reports of the presence of a man at the entrance to Room 1.

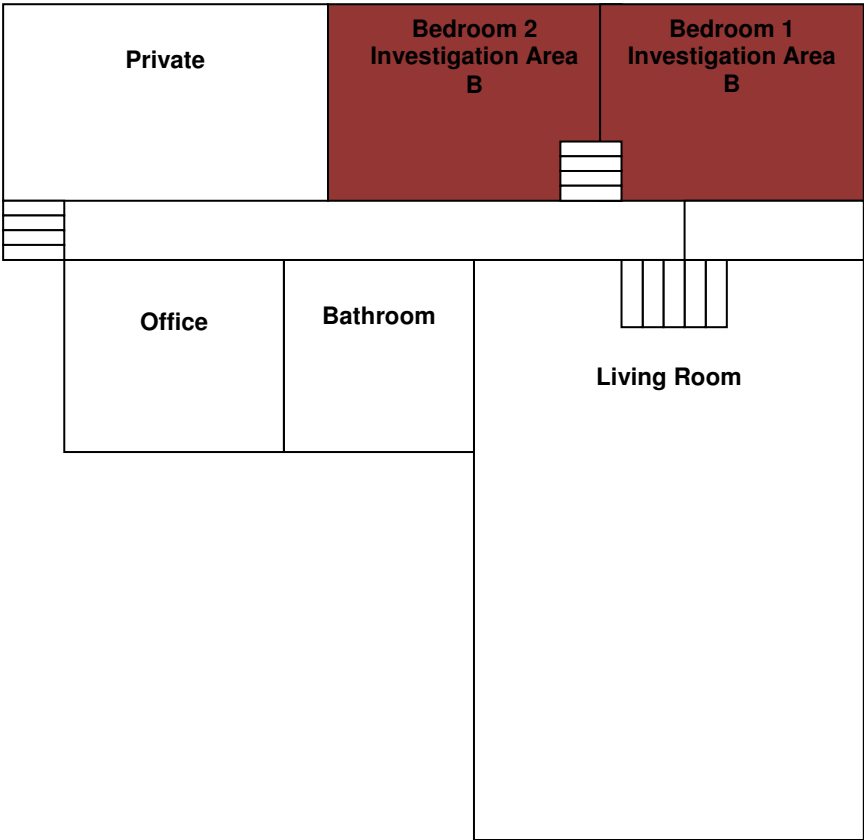
### Building Plan

#### Ground Floor



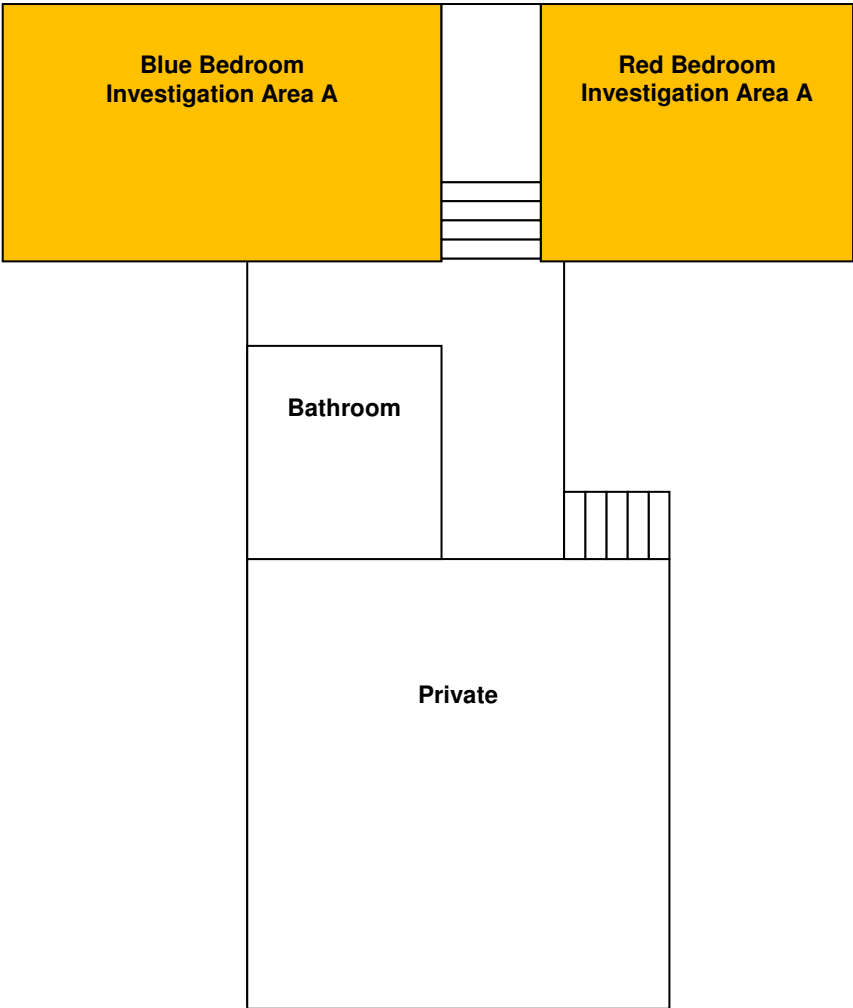
**Building Plan**

**First Floor**



**Building Plan**

**Second Floor**



**Areas Identified for Investigation**

Area Label	Area Name	Description	Photo Taken
A	Blue and Red Bedrooms	Two beamed bedrooms on the second floor.	Yes
B	Bedrooms 1 and 2	Two opposite bedrooms on the first floor.	Yes
C	Entrance Hall and Hallways	Stone floored entrance hall and adjoining hallways.	Yes
D	Lounge and Bedroom 3	Two opposite rooms on the ground floor one serves as a bedroom and the other as a lounge.	Yes
E	Dining Room	Large dining room with open fireplace.	Yes

**Investigation Timeline**

Time	Area	Activity	Comments
20:00	N/A	Arrival on site	-
20:05	E	Set up base location in Dining Room	Short introductions. Equipment and battery checks and investigation plan review.
20:18	A	Carry out baseline tests in Blue and Red bedrooms	Set up trigger object with webcam in blue room and lock off video camera in red room.
20:35	B	Carry out baseline tests in Bedrooms 1 and 2	Set up EVP equipment in room 1.
20:50	C	Carry out baseline tests in entrance hall and hallways	Interesting images caught on camera in courtyard.
21:05	D	Carry out baseline tests in bedroom3 and lounge.	Member notes seeing black orb with naked eye in bedroom.
21:15	E	Carry out baseline tests in dining room	-
21:20	E	Vigil begins with video and stills image capture	Nothing detected at time.
21:22	E	Asking out for a noise or light to indicate presence	No audible or visual response
21:28	E	Asking out for a noise or light to indicate presence	String like light anomalies and orbs captured on video and orbs on stills. Member identifies the presence of an ' <i>Edward</i> ' with this activity.
21:33	E	Asking out for a noise or light to indicate presence	No audible or visual response
21:38	E	Baseline comparison readings taken	No unexpected readings recorded.
21:43	E	Vigil ends	-
21:55	D	Vigil begins with video and stills image capture in bedroom 3	Nothing detected at time.

22:00	D	Asking out for a noise or light to indicate presence	Noise possible knock heard by member immediately after asking out. Member senses an antiseptic/medicinal odour.
22:05	D	Asking out for a noise or light to indicate presence	Light anomalies and possible audible response to asking out.
22:10	D	Video and stills image capture.	Member senses a female presence, a welcoming feeling, a carer of the building, maître de/Victorian head house keeper.
22:12	D	Baseline comparison readings taken	No unexpected readings recorded.
22:14	D	Asking out for a noise or light to indicate presence	No visual or audible response. Member gets feeling of a military background not associated with painting in hallway or to do with adjacent public house.
22:16	D	Video and stills image capture.	Two members get feelings of headache and backache simultaneously. Member senses a shield and spear or sword was once displayed on the wall.
22:18	D	Vigil ends in bedroom 3	-
22:22	D	Vigil begins with video and stills image capture in lounge.	Orbs captured on video.
22:25	D	Team introduces itself to any presence.	Member senses the name 'Mary' in association with housemaid/head housekeeper.
22:27	D	Baseline comparison readings taken	No unexpected readings recorded.
22:28	D	Knocking on wood and asking out to invoke a response.	No audible response detected.
22:30	D	Vigil Ends	-
22:35	E	Short break to review plan	Due to time restrictions omit investigating area C entrance hall and hallways.
22:40	A	Vigil begins and the team splits to cover both rooms and the landing area.	No movement of trigger object and motion detection webcam did not activate.
22:41	A	Video and stills image capture	Nothing detected at time.
22:45	A	Asking out for a noise or light to indicate presence	No audible or visual response noted.

22:50	A	Baseline comparison readings taken	No unexpected readings recorded.
22:55	A	Repeat asking out.	Sound like womans moan heard several times and one light anomaly is captured on film.
22:56	A	Thermal image and digital stills image capture	Nothing detected at time.
23:05	A	Vigil Ends	Quiet rooms.
23:06	B	Vigil begins with video and stills image capture in bedroom 1	Nothing detected at time.
23:08	B	Asking out for a noise or light to indicate presence	No audible or visual response. Team members notice smell of perfume/rose water.
23:10	B	Asking out for a noise or light to indicate presence	Faint flashing orb caught on video camera over bed. No audible response.
23:13	B	Baseline comparison readings taken	No unexpected readings recorded.
23:15	B	Video and stills image capture.	Members agree a feeling of unease/dread when standing at the end of the bed.
23:17	B	Asking out for a noise or light to indicate presence	Member of team is thinking of two songbirds in a cage by the window. Other team member suggests a séance would allow communication with spirits. Also suggests that people of wealth who have travelled the world are associated with this room, this could link to a naval profession or travel liner. Member suggests people may have experienced objects being moved in this room, placing something somewhere only to find it has moved on their return.
23:19	B	Two members move to bedroom 2 for a short vigil.	Member suggests the presence of a professional person perhaps a businessman or more likely a doctor. Upon asking the member his feelings he also suggests the room has sexual connotations.
23:30	B	Team regroups and vigil ends	Quiet area. EVP recording stopped.
23:40	E	Investigation ends	

### Baseline Tests Start

Area	Time	Ambient Temp (°C)	Spot Temp (°C)	Humidity (%)	EMF (mG)
A	20:18	15.5/15.9	12.0 – 15.0	46/47	0 – 0.5
B	20:35	15.9/16.6	16.0 – 18.0	42/43	0 – 0.5
C	20:50	16.6/17.1	16.0 – 17.0	42/42	0 – 0.5
D	21:05	18.0/18.4	16.4 – 19.2	43/43	0 – 0.5
E	21:15	18.3	18.6 – 21.2	43	0 – 0.5

### Area Comments

Area	Comments
A	Wooden beams and energy saving light bulbs giving high localised EMF readings in the red bedroom.
B	No issues within this room.
C	Interesting images caught on camera in courtyard.
D	Member notes seeing black orb with naked eye in bedroom.
E	Possibility of noise interference from television in room above.

### Baseline Tests Finish

Area	Time	Ambient Temp (°C)	Spot Temp (°C)	Humidity (%)	EMF (mG)
A	-	-	-	-	-
B	-	-	-	-	-
C	-	-	-	-	-
D	-	-	-	-	-
E	-	-	-	-	-

### Area Comments

Area	Comments
A	-
B	-
C	-
D	-
E	-

## Area A Investigation – Blue and Red Bedrooms

### Methods Used

• Infra Red Digital Video	Yes/No
• Digital Photography	Yes/No
• Trigger Object	Yes/No
• Motion Detection	Yes/No
• Video Camera Lock Off	Yes/No
• Motion Detection Webcam	Yes/No
• EVP	Yes/No
• Calling Out	Yes/No

### Baseline Test Comparisons Area A

Time	Ambient Temp (°C)	Spot Temp (°C)	Humidity (%)	EMF (mG)
22:50	15.8/16.1	11.3 – 15.2	47/47	0 – 0.5

### Area A Investigation Timeline

Time	Activity	Comments
22:40	Vigil begins and the team splits to cover both rooms and the landing area.	No movement of trigger object and motion detection webcam did not activate.
22:41	Video and stills image capture	Nothing detected at time.
22:45	Asking out for a noise or light to indicate presence	No audible or visual response noted.
22:50	Baseline comparison readings taken	No unexpected readings recorded.
22:55	Repeat asking out.	Sound like womans moan heard several times and one light anomaly is captured on film.
22:56	Thermal image and digital stills image capture	Nothing detected at time.
23:05	Vigil Ends	Quiet rooms.

## Area B Investigation – Bedrooms 1 and 2

### Methods Used

• Infra Red Digital Video	Yes/No
• Digital Photography	Yes/No
• Trigger Object	Yes/No
• Motion Detection	Yes/No
• Video Camera Lock Off	Yes/No
• Motion Detection Webcam	Yes/No
• EVP	Yes/No
• Calling Out	Yes/No

### Baseline Test Comparisons Area B

Time	Ambient Temp (°C)	Spot Temp (°C)	Humidity (%)	EMF (mG)
23:13	15.7/16.4	15.4 – 18.2	42/43	0 – 0.5

### Area B Investigation Timeline

Time	Activity	Comments
23:06	Vigil begins with video and stills image capture in bedroom 1	Nothing detected at time.
23:08	Asking out for a noise or light to indicate presence	No audible or visual response. Team members notice smell of perfume/rose water.
23:10	Asking out for a noise or light to indicate presence	Faint flashing orb caught on video camera over bed. No audible response.
23:13	Baseline comparison readings taken	No unexpected readings recorded.
23:15	Video and stills image capture.	Members agree a feeling of unease/dread when standing at the end of the bed.

23:17	Asking out for a noise or light to indicate presence	Member of team is thinking of two songbirds in a cage by the window. Other team member suggests a séance would allow communication with spirits. Also suggests that people of wealth who have travelled the world are associated with this room, this could link to a naval profession or travel liner. Member suggests people may have experienced objects being moved in this room, placing something somewhere only to find it has moved on their return.
23:19	Two members move to bedroom 2 for a short vigil.	Member suggests the presence of a professional person perhaps a businessman or more likely a doctor. Upon asking the member his feelings he also suggests the room has sexual connotations.
23:30	Team regroups and vigil ends	Quiet area. EVP recording stopped.

**Area C Investigation – Entrance Hall and Hallways**  
**Methods Used**

• Infra Red Digital Video	Yes/No
• Digital Photography	Yes/No
• Trigger Object	Yes/No
• Motion Detection	Yes/No
• Video Camera Lock Off	Yes/No
• Motion Detection Webcam	Yes/No
• EVP	Yes/No
• Calling Out	Yes/No

**Baseline Test Comparisons Area C**

Time	Ambient Temp (°C)	Spot Temp (°C)	Humidity (%)	EMF (mG)
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-

**Area C Investigation Timeline**

Time	Activity	Comments
22:35	Decision made due to time constraints not to carry out vigil in this area.	Retain area in report due to earlier interesting image captures in garden area.

## Area D Investigation – Lounge and Bedroom 3

### Methods Used

• Infra Red Digital Video	Yes/No
• Digital Photography	Yes/No
• Trigger Object	Yes/No
• Motion Detection	Yes/No
• Video Camera Lock Off	Yes/No
• Motion Detection Webcam	Yes/No
• EVP	Yes/No
• Calling Out	Yes/No

### Baseline Test Comparisons Area D

Time	Ambient Temp (°C)	Spot Temp (°C)	Humidity (%)	EMF (mG)
22:12	17.4	18.4	47	0-0.5
	19.3	18.2	44	0-0.5

### Area D Investigation Timeline

Time	Activity	Comments
21:55	Vigil begins with video and stills image capture in bedroom 3	Nothing detected at time.
22:00	Asking out for a noise or light to indicate presence	Noise possible knock heard by member immediately after asking out. Member senses an antiseptic/medicinal odour.
22:05	Asking out for a noise or light to indicate presence	Light anomalies and possible audible response to asking out.
22:10	Video and stills image capture.	Member senses a female presence, a welcoming feeling, a carer of the building, maître de/Victorian head house keeper.
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22:18	Vigil ends in bedroom 3	-
22:22	Vigil begins with video and stills image capture in lounge.	Orbs captured on video.
22:25	Team introduces itself to any presence.	Member senses the name ' <i>Mary</i> ' in association with housemaid/head housekeeper.
22:27	Baseline comparison readings taken	No unexpected readings recorded.
22:28	Knocking on wood and asking out to invoke a response.	No audible response detected.
22:30	Vigil Ends	-

**Area E Investigation – Dining Room  
Methods Used**

• Infra Red Digital Video	Yes/No
• Digital Photography	Yes/No
• Trigger Object	Yes/No
• Motion Detection	Yes/No
• Video Camera Lock Off	Yes/No
• Motion Detection Webcam	Yes/No
• EVP	Yes/No
• Calling Out	Yes/No

**Baseline Test Comparisons Area E**

Time	Ambient Temp (°C)	Spot Temp (°C)	Humidity (%)	EMF (mG)
21:38	18.3	18.4 – 19.6	43	0 – 0.5

**Area E Investigation Timeline**

Time	Activity	Comments
21:20	Vigil begins with video and stills image capture	Nothing detected at time.
21:22	Asking out for a noise or light to indicate presence	No audible or visual response
21:28	Asking out for a noise or light to indicate presence	String like light anomalies and orbs captured on video and orbs on stills. Member identifies the presence of an 'Edward' with this activity.
21:33	Asking out for a noise or light to indicate presence	No audible or visual response
21:38	Baseline comparison readings taken	No unexpected readings recorded.
21:43	Vigil ends	-

## **Additional Comments**

### **Chris' Writings**

#### **Red Room**

While in red room I was drawn to the thick oak beams in the roof. I did not think they were right for, or belonged to the building. With these I got a naval connection and felt they were part of either a ship or ships and had been brought there to use in the buildings construction.

#### **Bedroom 1**

In the yellow room both I and the rest of the team did not like standing at the foot of the bed. I got a feeling of dread and uneasiness.

#### **Bedroom 2**

I went to this room with another team member after a period of silence I was asked what I felt. The first thing which came to me was sex and the practice of sexual activity.

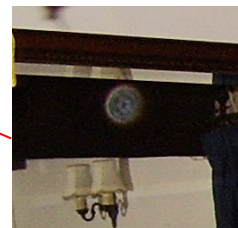
#### **Dining Room**

In the dining room I felt the presence of a lovely woman who often comes in visitation, she would have been a worker in the building and had a strong connection either a maid or a head house keeper. I felt she loved the house and this room, then and still does. I felt also the presence of a man who had a direct connection with her. I did not think he was a husband but more like her employer. They were close and I feel he would have been a Dentist or a Doctor. I believe the house was run as a surgery/practice of some sort.

## Additional Comments

### Digital Photographs

Very few images containing orbs/light anomalies were captured during this investigation. The best example was caught in the dining area during our vigil and is reproduced below. This coincided with light anomaly activity on our video cameras, please see video footage notes.



*Dining Room Light Anomaly*

Orbs are a contentious issue within the field of paranormal research. Many believe them to be nothing more than dust caught in the camera's flash, while others believe them to be the first manifestations of a spirit entity. We question that if this was simply dust then why are orbs not present in more images.

## Additional Comments

### Digital Photographs

Further images of note were captured during our baseline test period. The series photographs of the courtyard (below) were taken in sequential order over a period of three minutes. We cannot explain the appearance and disappearance of the mist and anomalies present.



### Video Footage

The video footage from this investigation did not show many light anomalies. Again like the stills photography the most interesting footage was captured during the dining room vigil. A Series of light anomalies were captured over a short period of time. During this time Chris felt he sensed the presence of someone by the name of Edward. He felt this could be the name of the Dentist or Doctor.

### EVP

The EVP equipment was set up in the Bedroom 1 and was operated for over 2 hours. No significant audible recording was captured during this time.

### Trigger Object

A trigger object in the form of a crystal was used in the blue bedroom. The motion detection webcam was centred on the crystal and did not trigger at any point during the investigation. The trigger object was placed on plain white paper with its position marked with a pencil outline. Analysis of the trigger object showed no movement.

### Thermal Imaging

Use of the thermal imaging camera provided no anomalous data.

**Additional Comments**

**Baseline Tests Comparisons**

All baseline comparisons were normal.

**Thanks**

WPRO would like to take this opportunity to thank the owners of the property for allowing us access to their wonderful building.