

Case File 1008 ...

Barony Castle

1st Visit

Present were ...

Alex as lead investigator

Dez on tech

Alec on camera

Lou as researcher

Trisha as our team sensitive

On arrival both Dez and Lou felt that there was a spiritual presence watching us from the top of the right tower window.

Trisha could see a female spirit in a brown dress swish past us outside, but did not interact with us.

It was an eerie start to the initial visit, which was mainly meant to meet the management team of the castle hotel to discuss the paranormal experiences that their guests and staff had been witnessing in abundance recently.

On entering the main doors both Alec and Trisha could feel a head rush and a pain but were unsure why. Alec got the impression of the name William/Bill.

Later the hotel manager would tell us that a murder had occurred there years ago.

We met up with Steven, the hotel manager at the bar and he began to take us on a tour of the castle; visiting the hot spots where activity had been encountered.

There was a room where extreme poltergeist activity had been reported by several witnesses but unfortunately we did not have access that day sadly. That will be investigated on the 2nd visit.

I will however supply the background information that we were given about this room as it was also one of the main reasons the castle had reached out for help.

Staff had received a phone call from a guest informing them that there were smashing and banging noises coming from one of the rooms next to them.

The hotel assembled a team of four staff members to attend the incident urgently. They had assumed that someone had broken into the room as it was not recorded as occupied by any guests.

On reaching the room in question, the staff found that they were unable to access the room as the door was stuck fast. The staff outside the door could hear the smashing and banging noises but their demands to open the door fell on deaf ears.

Eventually the noise from the room fell eerily silent and the door became unfastened. Cautiously the staff entered the room to find it completely wrecked with no one inside.

The room is a few floors up, so the culprit could not have escaped from the window.

The staff were naturally left perplexed at how such an event could occur without someone physically being there.

As they turned to leave the room, they observed large scratches on the door exiting the room. Quite a frightening experience indeed and one that will live them all their days.

We are really looking forward to gaining access to this room to see what we encounter.

Steven took us into the chapel Where Trisha sensed a gentleman who was dressed in light coloured clothing and a little girl who liked to prod and poke at people.

The feeling of a darker witchcraft also seemed to be looming in this area and the conjoint room with the fireplace.

Alec did not like the feeling if this room and would welcome the opportunity during our return visit to discover why.

Not long after, we were taken into a bedroom where Trisha felt the presence of a pregnant maid that had fell to her death, screaming from the window.

Guests had reported hearing screams and also seeing something pass the window in the room below but on checking, nothing was found.

Next, we visited a room where myself, Alec and Trisha sensed the presence of someone of stature. He appeared to come across as quite pompous and would not engage with us when we attempted some EVP recordings.

Alec and Dez could smell cigar smoke but were unsure why. Steven confirmed that guests had reported this smell.

Steven was also able to verify the description of the gentleman as we were stood in Lord Ellebank's room.

Some guests that have stayed in this room overnight have been rudely awoken by a thump at the base of the bed, only to look and see a man with a stern look standing at the bottom of the bed, glaring at them.

Trisha also sensed the presence of a lady with grey hair that was pulled back into a bun. She had a sense of entitlement to her. The same description of a ghost had been seen by Steven and other staff members. She seems to roam the castle.

Next we were shown the workshop and storage area, where reportedly a window mysteriously opens after it's been shut each night.

Hotel staff have reported seeing a ghostly figure they refer to as auld reekie standing staring at them from across the building. Some of the workers feel uneasy working in this area after reports of this man have been seen.

We continued on the tour of the hotel.

Lou felt a feeling of anxiety overcome her between rooms 301 & 302 but could not understand or explain why. Steven could understand why as he said that a woman and her two kids were trapped in a fire which took place there.

Perhaps it was the residual energy that Lou was picking up on.

As we walked into the area just outside the bar, Steven mentioned that he had seen the ghost of a little girl which appeared to be looking towards him. It gave him the chills at the time and even talking about it then.

Lou felt a connection with the girl and asked if she had dark hair? She also looked to be around the age of 5 or 6.

Steven confirmed that would be accurate but also wondered what she wanted?

We were unable to answer that for him at this stage as no further impressions were being received at that point. Again,

this could have been residual energy from the event that Lou was picking up.

We are certainly looking forward to our return visit here as we will have more people with us to cover more of the castle and hopefully get some answers to the violent poltergeist behaviour which has been reported.

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2nd Visit

As this was a return visit, we split into two teams to cover more ground.

I will start with Team 1's accounts from the evening then Team 2's, then finally the combined teams at the end.

Team 1

Alex - Team Lead

Michelle - Camera/EVP

Mark - Tech/Camera

Lou - Scribe/Research

Trisha - Sensitive

We started the investigation off by setting up a locked off camera in the Tweeddale suite, where allegedly the spirit of a man has been seen many times standing at the foot of the four poster bed.

At a quick glance post investigation, there does not appear to be anything unusual recorded on film unfortunately.

We moved on to the room which experienced the alleged poltergeist activity, which will be referred to as the “poltergeist room” from here on in.

We did not feel much in this room at that time that we could particularly remark on, other than it was exceptionally warm.

We set up an Infrared (IR cam), ultraviolet (UV cam) and thermal camera and locked the room off.

This where it gets really interesting...

The thermal camera does appear to detect something of a cooler temperature, around 16 and 22 degrees centigrade moving around the room. The ambient room temperature was fluctuated around the 29 to 34 degree centigrade mark.

The UV cam recorded several anomalies shooting towards the camera. It also recorded some sparks/lights within the room. Power appears to drain from from the UV light approximately 8 minutes after we left the room. It then proceeds to become roughly indecipherable from around 12 minutes, then completely deplete the power plunging it into darkness around 20 minutes.

The whole recording lasted for approximately 35 minutes and ended with a giant bright white light shorting the camera from recording anything further. It is amazing to see as I cannot explain this at all.

The IR cam detected virtually no anomalies but did detect audio sounds of what may be someone walking inside the room as the floor boards creek quite loudly. However, this

could be attributed to guests moving around on the floor above.

We would have to return and stay in that room in order to know for sure, but with all the other anomalous data being collected from this room it is very possible that the movement may have actually been in the room too.

Next we moved on to room 301 where I felt the presence of a spirit named Robert. I felt a pain at the front of my head associated with the spirit. There was a grim atmosphere to the room with this spirit present. Lou and I could also feel an anxious energy present in the room.

We tried to record some EVP to which we got some responses. These have still to be analysed further as we were unable to decipher anything further.

On a separate note, I was quite pleased that the second team also sensed Robert in this room out-with knowing that we had encountered him previously.

We suspect his surname may have been Murray but we will need to investigate further.

We moved to room 302, but got nothing unusual from this room.

Room 123 was next, but again sadly we got nothing.

We took a break here and joined forces with the second team, but I will detail their experience first before continuing with the conjoint teams.

Team 2 (written by Lorraine)

Zoey – Team Lead

Jac – Camera

Dez – Tech

Alec - Sensitive

Lorraine – Scribe/Research

The team tackled room 123 first.

Zoey unlocked the door and very quickly closed it again. She stated that there was someone in the room.

We again opened the door and entered. The TV was on and the room was empty. Zoey explained that she seen the top of someone's head with spiky hair sitting on the couch in front of the TV.

Alec stated that he felt more activity in the hallway that we had just left. However he also stated that someone had just touched his arm. He also mentioned that he heard a male when we were in the Tweeddale Room saying "there is more than me".

Zoey stated that she felt like there was someone in the room with us.

Next we moved on to room 124.

Alec stated that he could hear talking and Zoey stated that she thought it was next doors TV as she also heard talking in the bathroom.

Jac also seen a flash of light in the bathroom. We could not explain this.



We then headed towards the wedding reception room. Whilst walking in the corridor on the first floor by the lift both Alec and Dez had a feeling that they had walked into something.

On arriving at the wedding reception room, Alec stated that he had an eerie feeling.

Jac stated that she thought she saw a shadow go across the room on the camera, this was checked post investigation and revealed that it was sadly just the infrared light, nothing unusual unfortunately.

Alec stated that he was getting the name Margaret and he also sensed that there were children.

Some EVP's were recorded but nothing decipherable but we will continue to analyse these.

During a brief conversation with the team, Alec stated that he felt that there was a child looking at us through the window.

We then moved into the room next to the wedding reception room with the large fireplace. Alec continued to feel that eerie feeling that he had earlier in this room but still couldn't explain why. He also stated that he felt the impression that something was hidden here.

Steven, the hotel manager, joined us in this room and explained that a fire place had been found in the wall with a small room whilst renovating.

We moved onto the Hotel bar where Dez was sure that he heard a female child's voice here. The TV was on but he confirmed that this was not the voice he had heard.

Next, we moved on to the cellar.

Alec stated that he saw a woman in a white dress. She appeared to be following us, but there was very little happening in the cellar so we moved on.

We tackled room 301 next.

Dez saw a figure in the alcove by the wardrobe. When he walked over there he felt lightheaded.

Alec stated he got the name William.

Dez also got the name Robert and while attempting to record some EVP, we believe we also heard the name Robert on the recorder.

Whilst recording, Dez seen something walk by the bathroom door behind Alec.

At the same time Alec reacted and stated that he felt someone walk behind him.

Jac stated that she felt really sick, so we decided to move on.

Naturally, we decided to move on to the the “poltergeist room”. Upon entering the room the UV camera was off and the trigger object was swivelling in the artificial EM field. The red light was on indicating that it was low on power so we switched it off.

Whilst Dez was attempting to record some EVP, Alec stated that a male in the room didn't like Dez and said that “he ‘doesn't give a shit what you think”. He doesn't like anyone because no one likes him.

Dez received a very loud “Get out!” EVP, so we left the spirit in peace.

When leaving the room the key was on the bed and as Zoey and Dez turned back to get it, the key was not there. It was found under the paper that was on the bed.

Both myself and Zoey agreed that it was on the bed when we stood up to leave.

This is where we took our break and joined with Team 1.

The conjoint teams report (written by Lorraine)

We started in room 124. At this point Zoey and Jac had left to travel home as they had to work the next day. Steven, the hotel manager and Danny, nightshift hotel staff, joined us.

When we walked into the room the bed had a depression in it as if someone was sat there. Trisha straightened it out and a few minutes later it depressed again. We suspect this was because it was a fitted sheet and we were able to replicate the effect.

We were very lucky with the amount of EVP responses that were recorded in this room, including what sounded like both Steven and Danny's names being mentioned and what sounded like a loud "Get Out!"

Steven felt the back of his shirt being tugged and cold legs. Alex checked to see if anything would be detected on the EMF/voltage meter and got a positive result.

Danny stated his face was very hot and again there was a positive result recorded on the meter which we were unable to explain.

Alex stated that he could sense 4 spirits that were present in the room. 1 by Steven and Danny, 1 beside Michelle and 2 by the window at the back watching us.

Lorraine seen a shadow out of the corner of her eye where Steven and Danny were standing. At the same time Trisha stated that someone was standing behind Steven. Again we received a positive result with the EMF/voltage meter which we could not explain.

Both Alex and Dez felt the sensation of something tapping the back of their head.

We moved on to the workshop and the rooms above it.

Trisha received an EVP recording in this room which sounded like the word "Help".

Lou had a feeling that someone was trapped in the room and carried out an EVP session which will be reviewed post investigation.

Unfortunately we ran out of time here, as Steven and Danny had to leave us at this point.

We packed up our kit and we're on our way down to the reception to leave when Michelle and Dez both witnessed a dark shadow figure moving down the stairs in front of them. Michelle was absolutely stunned as she had never seen anything like that before.

Overall we were extremely pleased with our second visit to Barony Castle.