

## Case File 998

### Resident Stobo

#### 1st Visit

Like most residential cases, This family reached out to us via our email address [contactus@ghosthunters.org.uk](mailto:contactus@ghosthunters.org.uk)

Unlike most families though, this family claimed to be haunted by a nasty poltergeist that was capable of not only moving and throwing objects, but also use intense heat to damage things.

It would scratch, prod, push them, pull hair and assault them, rattle the bed at night, make loud thumping noises when the family were trying to sleep, strip the wallpaper from the walls and inexplicable shadows would move around the house and bedroom at night.

There was a constant feeling of unease and they always felt like they were being watched.

When spoke with them, they seemed quite level headed and just wanted the phenomenon to stop.

They said that it took them a long time before reaching out to us as they struggled through trying to explain things as naturally as they could, but there were just things that they could not rationalise.

Prior to contacting us, the family had reached out to their faith by contacting their local reverend and minister in an attempt to bless the house, which unfortunately made no difference.

A holy eucharist was later performed by the church as they then attempted to exorcise the spirit from the house.

The family claimed that during this process the doors and windows blew open with such force from nowhere in an attempt to stop the ordinance.

The ritual had failed and they were plagued even further by the entity as activity increased afterwards causing havoc in the house.

Desperate for the torment to end the family reached out to the Scottish Society for Psychical Research to try and get some kind of help in dealing with this.

They spoke with the late Archie E Roy, who arranged a site visit to explore these claims.

Unfortunately there was little activity upon their visit but again after they left the activity increased.

They eventually decided to contact us, knowing full well how it sounded as they described their anguish to us.

I commend them for having the courage to reach out to people for help on this. It couldn't have been easy as they knew their claims sounded quite outlandish.

My first port of call was to contact the reverend and Archie to get their take on things.

I was not prepared for what I was about to hear. The reverend not only confirmed the families claims but also told me that the steel trellising leading up to the cottage had also been bent over double. He could not imagine what sort of force it would take to do that but the entity certainly had demonstrated that it was capable of producing intense wind and heat as there was no rational explanation for these events to occur as witnessed.

It's also worth noting at this point, although potentially coincidental, but my house phone's battery dropped quite considerably within a short space of time when I was talking with the reverend. It also began to heat up quite quickly while using it which was both unusual, as it normally sits in its charging dock.

I was lost for words and quite concerned at just exactly what we were taking on but I reflected back on some of the other more unsavoury cases that we've encountered in the past and how we've helped other families enjoy the sanctuary of their own home again; so with that inspirational thought it was time to phone Archie E Roy's team this time using my mobile (cell) phone.

The secretary answered and explained why I was calling. I asked to speak with a member of Archie's team as I was aware that Archie had sadly passed away just before the turn of the year.

To my surprise the secretary said that Archie had not passed away and that in fact he was giving a lecture. She then went on to say that he would be giving another lecture that night and asked me if I'd like to attend and I could speak with him afterwards.

Once again I was lost for words and slightly embarrassed to say the least.

I was unsure if I'd be able to organise a baby sitter at short notice but would try.

The secretary then said she would have Archie call me when the lecture finishes.

To put things in context for you, Archie E Roy passed away on the 27th of December 2012.

I made this phone call on the 26th of February 2013!

Naturally, there was no call back.

If you'd like to see video evidence of this potential time anomaly with the time stamp then just search for Off The Cuff Episode 3 on our Facebook group page. The clip is contained within that.

I phoned again later and eventually spoke with a member of the team and they pulled the report from the investigation. They stated that it was a reasonably quiet night with little activity. I thanked them for their time and contacted our team members at the time to make them aware of the feedback from the reverend and Archie's former teams contrasting testimony.

I then asked for volunteers to help me conduct an investigation at the families cottage.

Naturally there was a mixed response on this one, but in the end I managed to get some good numbers behind us that were willing to help.

We then contacted the family to arrange a date to visit and everything was a go from there.

Maryann was in New Zealand at this point, but she contacted me and said that her heckles were raised and that she was aware that we were conducting an investigation on the date that we had agreed with the family. She said that I had to be very careful on this one.

None of the team members had been in touch with Maryann to advise her of the situation, nor were any of the details in the public domain.

I heeded Maryann's warning and prepared for the investigation.

Some of the team members arrived filled with great trepidation and began loading the equipment into the car.

We travelled to Stobo where we met the rest of the team and we all had a lovely dinner at a local restaurant prior to heading to the cottage.

We jokingly referred to it as the last supper, mainly to instil a foundation of positive energy in the team prior to travelling to the house.

One of the family contacted us whilst we were eating our dinner to advise that the investigation may be cancelled as the family were fighting amongst themselves. It just came from out of nowhere over nothing.

Call me paranoid, but was this the work of the entity building negative energy in the cottage prior to our arrival? It's possible if you believe the lore that some energy beings/spirits may potentially feed off the negative energy/vibrations that are produced from the arguments and fighting. Negative emotions flooding the cottage.

I explained this to the team and gave them the option to bail out at this stage if they wanted to but everyone was still up for seeing this through.

I phoned the family and explained that this may be the case and that we were still willing to help regardless.

The family then made the decision to proceed with the investigation and we travelled to the cottage.

On arrival I introduced the team and explained what each one of us do. I briefly explained the equipment we use but felt that we should get stuck in as early as possible to maximise our time to be able to help them.

The cottage was quite large and narrow so we were able to split into two teams to cover the ground quicker.

Now although we generally like to setup various different types of experiments etc, on this occasion I had to set aside my scientifically curious mind to a degree and just trust my senses. As this had the potential to get ugly fast.

We quickly began to take our baseline readings and could feel an energy move between us which registered on the meters.

I was able to sense it's movement and the meters reacted accordingly helping provide some validation at the start of the evening.

It wasn't long before some members of the team physically felt the sensation of something touching them, including myself. Some also reported being prodded in the middle of the spine which the family advised was a common phenomenon to experience.

This is where we split the teams.

The team that remained in the living room tried to establish who the spirit was that was with them.

I took the other half of the team and moved to the back of the cottage where I encountered the spirit of the husbands father.

He showed me what he used to do for a living and was insistent that he was protecting the family from a spirit by the name of Robert.

It was Robert that was causing all the bother and that Robert was a liar and trickster.

One that obtained satisfaction from watching others suffer.

I felt this spirit was genuine. There were no negative vibrations or sense of deceit in his presence.

One of the eldest sons joined us and informed us that the other team were getting the name Adam on the voice recorder. He said that he stated that he was a nice guy and appeared friendly.

Immediately my heckles went up as I could feel the father indicate that this was Robert.

I made the call to go straight to a house cleaning using white sage. I explained to the spiritual father that this was necessary to help with Robert and apologised to him.

We then went to meet up with the other team to which they confirmed that they had got the name Adam and Robert.

I advised the team that we were moving straight to cleansing due to the nature and history of the spirit that we were dealing with.

I handed the white sage to all members of the family. I briefly explained that the smoke from the sage seems to make the environment inhospitable for spirits as it's worked in the past for other families.

My closest guess is that the smoke disrupts the frequency in which the spirit resonates on making it a hostile environment to inhabit.

I lit the sage and told the family to take their house back. I then handed the white sage to the other team members and we hit the entire cottage at once. There was nowhere to hide.

As we began the cleansing process the windows began to steam up abruptly and the walls felt warm to the touch. The family looked concerned that things were about to take a turn for the worse, to which I countered that with encouraging them to continue with process. It's certainly appears to be working.

The house was like an emporium by the end of it but we hit all areas of the house with little resistance. I put this down to the use of the white sage once again and how we blitzed the property in one mass hit.

There was a distinctly different feeling in the cottage afterwards. Much lighter and jovial.

We also took the meters around the property and the voice recorder. There were no anomalous results noted and no EVP's recorded.

The family felt quite relaxed for the first time in a long while. They could not thank us enough.

I'd call that a win.