

Lost BBC “Ghost Tape” Found After 54 years

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In 1971/2 the BBC focussed on the ex-RAF Bircham Newton in Norfolk (recently taken over as the Construction Industry Training Board) after a slew of ghostly reports, some of them emerging from the old squash courts (pictured below). A few BBC radio shows devoted time to the reported phantoms but the main programme was the Nationwide TV series.



Unfortunately, details (including its broadcast date) on this show were scarce, and even the BBC claimed no record of this, even suggesting that it was on ITV! It was thus feared lost forever in many circles.

Now, after being in oblivion for decades it has been found at the British Film Institute by ghost researcher Dr Paul Lee, after being transferred from a (now) obsolete tape format to modern digital media.

The 6 minute long black and white report features a brief snippet of bizarre sounds recorded inside the sealed squash court (and a BBC sound expert admitting to being perplexed), and claimed information from one of the mediums, John Sutton who died 2 years later aged just 35. Even though modern research has disproved the medium's claims it doesn't explain the many reports before and after broadcast, including phantom sword fighters, poltergeist like activity, figures in old RAF uniforms and bizarre shapes scooting around the complex late at night...

The author's research on Bircham Newton (albeit without this latest information!) from his 2023 book "The Ghosts of King's Lynn and West Norfolk" is [at this link.](#)

About the Author



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