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## **A HAUNTING EXPERIENCE AT KENTS CAVERN**

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A group of intrepid ghost hunters has just undertaken the first ever paranormal exploration of Kents Cavern in Torquay.

Spending the whole night deep underground within the imposing cave walls, the group was led by a team of paranormal researchers in their hunt for things other worldly!

But the ghost hunters, including 25 local residents, were not only there to seek out spirits and test their nerves but also to raise funds for children's cancer charity, CLIC Sargent.

Kents Cavern has long been rumoured to be haunted. The caverns are the oldest known home to humans in the UK and, with this long history from cave men to smugglers, have come many eerie tales.

Haunting Experiences, a South West based paranormal group decided Kents Cavern would be an ideal and magnificent place to hunt for ghosts.

Taking 25 CLIC Sargent supporters with them for the overnight search, the team used professional ghost hunting equipment to try to find anything spectral.

The participants were able to use night vision cameras, dowsing rods, emf meters and temperature gauges to test the caves.

James Hull, General Manager at Kents Cavern, joined the group for the night and found the experience quite surprising. He said: **"I have always been a sceptic on ghosts at Kents Cavern even with all the history of the caves. However, I was very surprised with some of the unusual activity that happened that night.**

**"I feel I am a very down to earth person who is level headed, but some of the things that I saw just cannot be explained! We are opening our new Ghost Nights here in July and August, but I'll think twice about spending the night underground down in the caves again!"**

Literally spending the whole night in the caves was a great experience for many of the group.

A spokesperson for Haunting Experiences said: **"There was a huge amount of activity that night, much of it hard to explain away on normal things such as water dripping, people moving around or sensory deprivation in a dark spooky place. We enjoyed the night immensely and are very grateful to have been the first team to investigate Kents Cavern.**

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Anyone interested in joining one of Haunting Experiences nights or to read reports and see photos from their investigations should visit [www.hauntingexperiences.co.uk](http://www.hauntingexperiences.co.uk)

The 25 other participants who took part in the ghost hunt were all being sponsored to spend the whole night in Kents Cavern and it is hoped that they have raised a whopping £2,500 for CLIC Sargent, Britain's leading cancer charity for children.

Although this was the first investigation of its type for the caves, visitors can experience their own spooky tales soon by attending one of the new underground Ghost Shows at Kents Cavern which will run throughout July and August.

The events are spooky fun for all the family and friends, including an all-you-can-eat buffet meal after the show in the Red Rock themed restaurant. The shows revolves around the Babbacombe John Lee story, the man they couldn't hang with some unexpected goings-on.

To book for one of these shows, please call 01803 215136 or visit the Kents Cavern website [www.kents-cavern.co.uk](http://www.kents-cavern.co.uk) for details. The shows start on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July and run every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday until the end of August.

#### **NOTES TO NEWS/PICTURE DESK**

A media facility with representatives from Haunting Experiences plus their test equipment and CLIC Sargent will be held at Kents Cavern on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm when the team will explain what they found during their recent overnight visit to the caves on 2 June and how important fund arising events like this are to combating childhood cancer.

Further information about CLIC Sargent from Kizzy Brown, Community Fundraising Manager for Devon and Cornwall, CLIC Sargent, tel 01404 890140 or 07876 653 829

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