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**HAUNTED IPOD, POSSESSED DIGGER &
GHOSTS ON FACEBOOK
*WORCESTERSHIRE REVEALS
CONTEMPORARY HAUNTINGS
THIS HALLOWEEN***

If you want to go ghost-hunting this Halloween, then Worcestershire is the place for you. Reputed to be the most haunted county in Britain with over 1000 ghosts on record, Destination Worcestershire is bringing all its ghoulish goings-on together on a new Facebook site. Some of its most celebrated spectres will be revealing their final thoughts via the site, Haunted Worcestershire, on October 31st.

Respected historian, author and Worcestershire resident, Anne Bradford, is the county's leading authority on ghosts and has recently published her second anthology "Ghosts, Murders & Scandals of Worcestershire". She reveals some of the stranger hauntings she has come across:

"People think that ghosts only appear in churchyards or very old buildings but they can be contemporary and use modern gadgets to get their message across.

We've witnessed a haunted digger encircling a field, a possessed cinema and even a haunted iPod which kept broadcasting ghostly laughs. Ghosts bring their era to bear on the present day - in decades to come, we'll

probably be tracking celebrities spectres such as Michael Jackson as much as we do their real-life counterparts nowadays”.

Over the next ten days, psychics will be visiting some of Worcestershire’s paranormal hot spots hoping for updates from the likes of the Bordesley Abbey Monk and the Cookhill ghost – they are even planning a visit to St Wulstan’s Catholic Church, Little Malvern, where composer Edward Elgar was laid to rest.

In recent years, the county has become increasingly popular as a location to spend Halloween. Destination Worcestershire hope that the Facebook site, Haunted Worcestershire, together with www.visitworcestershire.org will become the ultimate guide to haunted locations in the county as well as including details of where to stay and how you can take part in special Halloween events across Worcestershire. So if you’re up for Fright Nights at The Commandery, the most haunted building in Worcestershire, where you can spend the night in the company of ghost hunters and mediums or any number of horrible, hair-raising happenings, log on and get the biggest scare of your life.

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For further information, photographs or interviews, please call Sara Stewart on 07833 467774

Haunted Worcestershire can be found on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=159489174378>

Destination Worcestershire is the official public/private partnership promoting the county of Worcestershire as a tourist destination. For more information including What's On, Where to Stay and places to visit see: www.visitworcestershire.org