#### WILTSHIRE'S HAUNTED PUBS & INNS Terry Townsend

Wiltshire is weird and wonderful in equal measure. Unexplained mysteries crowd one upon another; crop circles, stone circles, UFOs and circulating stories of the supernatural. This book is essentially a paranormal pub crawl providing a window into this eerie world by exploring twenty-seven of the county's most haunted hostelries.

At its best the English pub is the most enduring institution. No other country has anything quite comparable to these cosy, relaxed, convivial meeting places. They have been inextricably linked to the social and working lives of ordinary and extraordinary people for countless generations. English inns have developed from the monastic hospice, through the coaching age to the advent of the modern luxury hotel. The diverse selection of pubs and inns featured here all share one extravagant extra dimension; they are linked by tales of hauntings.

In Wiltshire you are never far from a haunted pub or inn, or a person with a good ghost story. These reports of otherworldly happenings came from landlords, landladies, pub customers and staff and, on occasion, from invited teams of psychic investigators. You don't have to believe in things that go bump in the night to gain a great deal of enjoyment from this book. Even incorrigible sceptics will find a wealth of interest in terms of conventional history and reference.

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The Flemish Weaver, Corsham





Above: The Waggon & Horses, Beckhampton

Below: The Harrow Inn, Wanborough





Eccentric and delightful in equal parts, the Haunch of Venison was built in 1320 as a church house for the adjacent St Thomas's church.







Example of a double-page spread.