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Whooo! What ghostly goings-on!

> Is this creepy canine in Kent a good or bad doggy?

#### WHAT? Unlucky black dog WHERE? England

HAUNTED HOUND

Leeds Castle, in Kent, is known as the Ladies' Castle as it's been home to so many queens. But anyone who stays there doesn't want to spot one of the castle's ghosts – a phantom black dog. Legend has it that seeing this canine ghost brings bad luck. But one quest claims she saw the dog padding through a stone wall. As she rose from a window seat to investigate, the seat and nearby wall crashed into the moat below. The ghost dog is said to have brought bad luck to the castle, but good luck to this relieved lady. What a good boy?!

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#### Do ghosts lurk in these historic halls?

Old castles have stories to tell about conquered kings, fierce battles and tragic lost loves.

"Fortresses have seen everything – every human emotion that's possible to see," says Richard Jones, author of Haunted Castles Of Britain And Ireland.

"Events from the past may leave something behind." But do spirits from these scary stories linger? Here are five haunting tales to help you decide...

### THE PIPER PLAYS ON

#### WHAT? Lost bagpiper WHERE? Scotland

Edinburgh Castle is perched high above the Scottish capital, but not all its history is above the ground. When secret tunnels were found beneath the castle, several hundred years ago, a lone bagpiper went exploring in them, playing his music so people on the street could hear his progress. Suddenly the music stopped and the piper vanished. Apparently, his ghostly bagpipe music can still be heard today!

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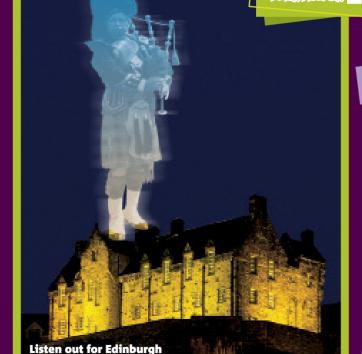
Windsor Castle was built by William The Conqueror in the 11th century. A few hundred years later, a hunter named Herne threw himself in front of a charging deer near the castle to save King Richard II. Herne died, but it's said his spirit gallops across the sky at Windsor whenever England is in trouble. Herne was last spotted in 1936, the night before King Edward VIII gave up his throne. Spooky!

### PHANTOM HELP

### WHAT? Helpful kitchen maid WHERE? Denmark

Home to royalty since the 13th century,
Denmark's Dragsholm Castle was
eventually turned into a hotel in 1937.
And one kitchen maid, who served the castle,
is said to still be helping the guests. Visitors
sensing her spirit are asked to bow respectfully.
"In return, she'll take care of you while you're a
guest," says Dragsholm senior guide Niels
C Ewald. That's what you call first-class service!

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### CREEPY CARETAKER

This royal residence has a ghost warning of trouble!

### WHAT? Unhappy caretaker WHERE? Ireland

Ireland's magnificent Malahide
Castle belonged to the Talbot
family for about 800 years –
except for a 10-year period after a
politician evicted the family. The castle
was later returned to them, then sold
in 1975. It's rumoured that when the
Talbots were first thrown out, Puck, the
ghost of the castle's caretaker, first
appeared. Ever since, Puck shows up
when he's unhappy about something
happening at Malahide. One terrified
man claims he saw Puck angrily shaking
his head just before an auction of the
castle's furnishings. Perhaps Puck is
just one very castle proud spirit?!

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You get scary room service at this Danish castle hotel!

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Castle's lost bagpiper!