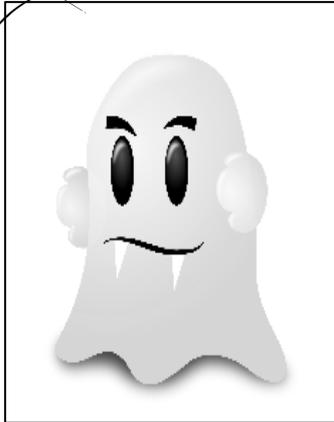


Most haunted places in Britain



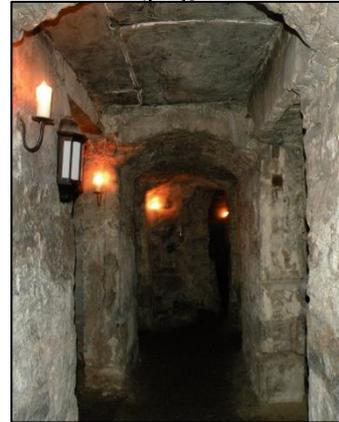
Ghosts

This is the soul of a dead person.



Ghost tours

This is where people, usually at night, go to a place that is known to have ghosts and look around to try and find one.



Vaults

Large dark rooms or tunnels that are underground. They are usually used for storing things.

Vocabulary

Haunted

If a house is haunted, it has ghosts inside.

Well known

If someone or something is well known, many people know about them or it.

Numerous

This means many / a lot of.

Visit if you dare

Visit if you are brave enough. / Visit if you are not afraid.

Executed

This means that someone was killed.

Awe-inspiring

This means amazing.

Rich history

Something that has a lot of interesting history.

Anniversary

You celebrate an event on the same day every year. Just like a wedding anniversary.

Arrested

The police catch you and take you to the police station and put you in jail.

Beheaded

Someone has their head cut off.

Vanished

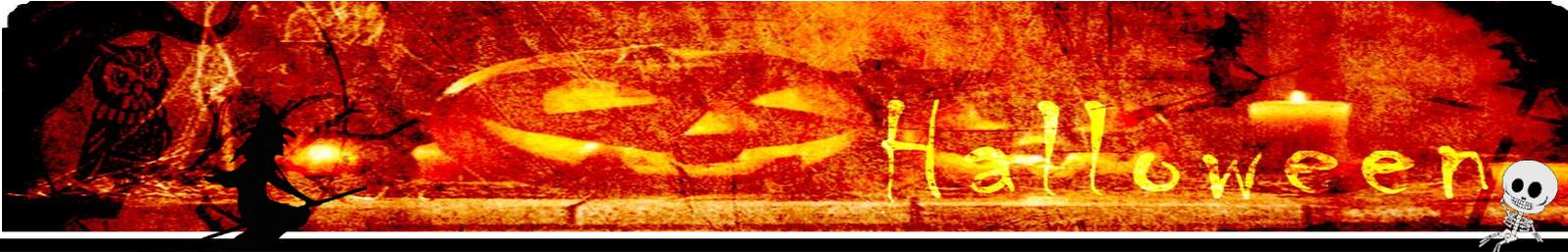
Something or someone disappears and no one knows where they / it went.

Wandering around

To walk around but with no plan on where you are going.

Are you brave?

Do you have courage? / Are you not afraid?



Frightening	Something is very scary.
Illegal trade	Trade is the buying and selling of goods. If it is illegal, then it is not allowed. It is against the law.
Tourist attraction	A place where many tourists go to see, such as Big Ben in London.
Discover	To find out something
Historic	Something has a very long history and is very important in history.
Steeped in history	Something has a long and interesting history
Legends	A story that might or might not be true.
Mysterious	If something is mysterious, no one knows the answers to something. No one can explain the answer or reason why.
Explore	To go and find out something new.
Take a trip down to ...	Go and visit ... / Go and see.

Introduction

Britain is **well known** for being home to **numerous haunted** buildings and has attracted many visitors during Halloween to walk around at night on scary **ghost tours**. If you visit Britain during Halloween, make sure you explore Britain's most **haunted** places before you leave.

Here are some of the most haunted places in the UK – **visit if you dare!**

England: The Tower of London

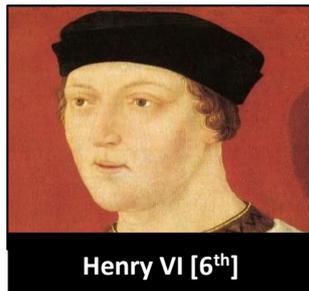
The Tower of London has more than a thousand years of history and many people, such as kings and queens have been **executed** here. It is **awe-inspiring** with a **rich history**. However, it is also believed to be the most **haunted** building in England.

The Wakefield Tower is **haunted** by the ghost of Henry VI [6th], who was murdered here one hour before midnight on 21st May 1471. On the **anniversary** of his murder, Henry's ghost is believed to appear as the clock nears midnight, and walks around the Wakefield Tower until just before midnight when he disappears again for another year.

The most famous ghost in the Tower is Queen Anne Boleyn, the second wife of King Henry VIII [8th]. She was **arrested** and **beheaded** on the 19th of May 1536. Many people have also said to have seen her ghost. She often appears close to where she was **executed**, and several people have also seen her ghost walking around other rooms in the Tower.



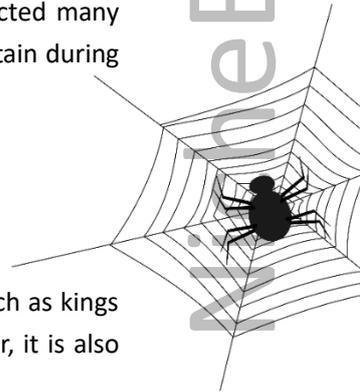
Tower of London

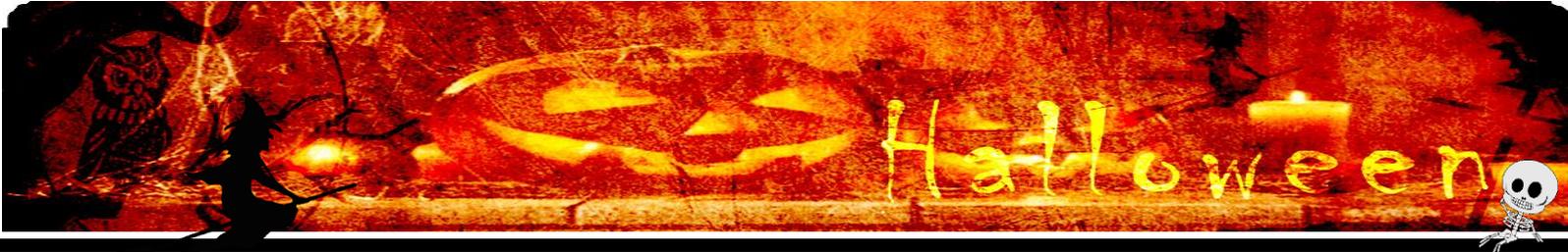


Henry VI [6th]



Anne Boleyn





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Skeletons found

And let's not forget the story of the two young princes, Edward V [5th] and his brother Richard. When they were alive, they were often seen playing around happily inside the Tower of London but one day **vanished** and were never seen again. It was believed that they were murdered by their uncle, the Duke of Gloucester. **Two skeletons**, believed to be the children, were found in the White Tower. The ghosts of the children are often seen **wandering around** the rooms at night.

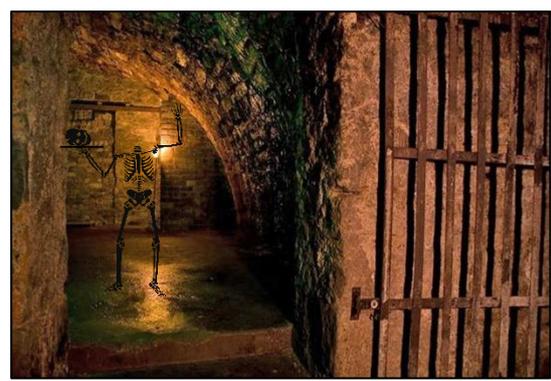
So, are you **brave** enough to walk around the Tower on Halloween night? If you are, then you can go on the **ghost tour** in the evening and be shown around by the beef eaters [The Tower guards]. Good luck, and be careful!

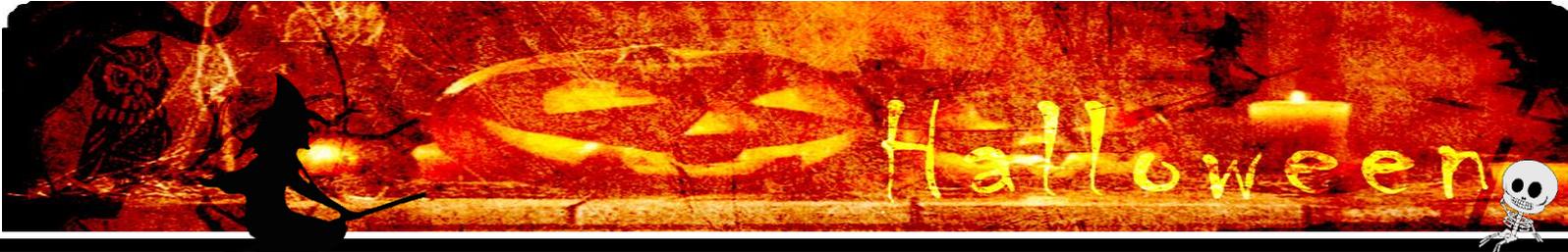
Scotland: Niddry Street Vaults, Edinburgh - This place is **VERY frightening!** Dating back to the 1700s [Hundreds], this is one of three the **vaults** underneath the city of Edinburgh. Towards the end of the 18th Century, the Niddry Street Vaults became home to **numerous** people, such as murderers, who wanted to hide from the law. There were shops for **illegal trade** and homes hidden from daily life. It is also believed that many dead bodies have been hidden in the **tunnels**.

There are no written records of the **vaults**, but it is believed to have been closed sometime in the mid-19th Century. The **vaults** were found in the 1980s and **numerous** things were discovered to show what life was like in these **dark and scary tunnels**.

Today, it is now a **tourist attraction**, but there have been many stories of ghosts and some where visitors were attacked by them. Lights placed in the rooms so that tourists could see have suddenly gone out for no reason at all. Even the lights put in to replace the broken ones did not work. Because of this, no more lights have been put in so now, it is in complete darkness. For those that are determined to visit, you have to carry your own light to see where you are going.

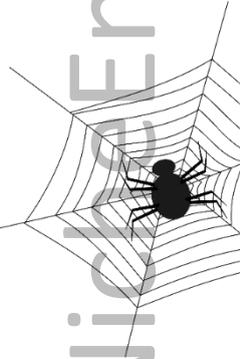
Do you have the **courage** to walk down these **dark scary tunnels** on Halloween night to discover how people once lived? If you do, take a trip to the **historic** city of Edinburgh to see if you really are brave enough to enter these tunnels that are deep underground.





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Wales: Whittington Castle

Whittington Castle is **steeped in history** with many stories of wars, death and **legends**. In addition, there are hundreds of people who have said that they have seen **ghosts wandering around** the castle walls.

A thousand years of wars and death have left **numerous** ghosts who walk around the castle at night, including a **mysterious** ghost in black who guards the castle gates.

However, the most **frightening** ghosts of the castle are the ghost children who are said to look out of the windows at the tourists as they **explore** the castle below. Children are already scary enough when they're alive, so a midnight visit to Whittington Castle on Halloween night, might be too much for some! **Visit if you dare** and watch out for the children above!

Northern Ireland: Eringle Truagh Church, County Monaghan, Belfast

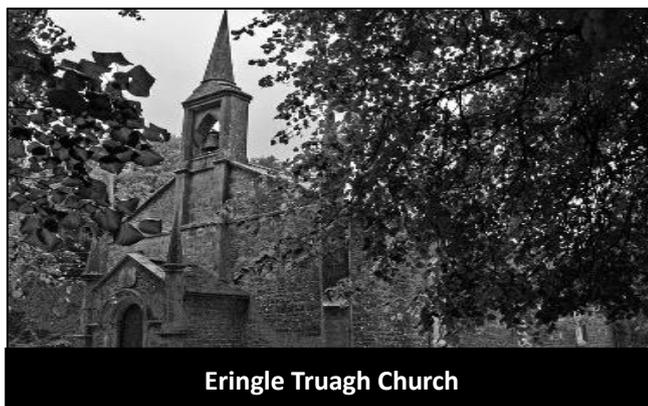
Everyone has had those first dates where everything goes wrong and you wish you had never met the person. Well this date is by far the worst one that you will ever go on. And to be honest, the last!

It is believed that when a **funeral** is held at the church, the last person to leave will experience this unlucky encounter. If you are a man, the ghost will appear as a beautiful woman and if you are a woman, the ghost will appear as a handsome man. It acts like a real person and asks if they can meet with you for a date. After you agree on a time, the ghost **vanishes** and is never seen again. However, the **legend** says that the date that you and the ghost agree to, is the day that you will die.

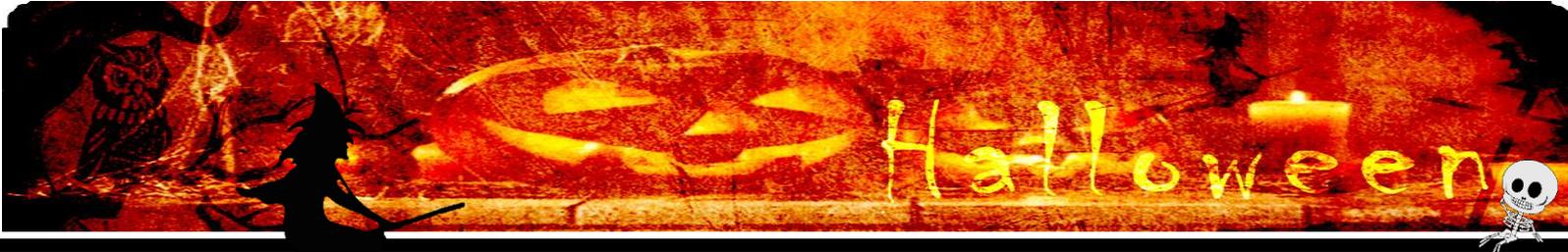
Now you know the **legend**, would you like to come and arrange a date with a beautiful or handsome ghost? Are you brave enough to see if the **legend** is true? **Take a trip down to this historic Church** to arrange the date of your dreams. Or not!



A funeral



Eringle Truagh Church



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