

## The Ghost of Tantallon Castle

### SPECIFICATIONS:

**Date:** May, 2008

**Location:** Tantallon Castle, North Berwick, Scotland

**Photographer:** Christopher Aitchison

**Type Camera:** Unknown

**Other Information:** None available



This recent photo of a supposed ghost taken in May of 2008 at Tantallon Castle in Scotland generated tremendous buzz when it surfaced in March of 2009. Showing what appears to be a spectral figure in fifteenth century dress peering out of a barred window from the ruins of the castle, it has been examined by a number of photographic experts, all of whom confirmed that there is no evidence of digital trickery having been used.

Even ghost sceptic Professor Richard Wiseman admitted to being puzzled. Sent the photo as part of research project the man was conducting on ghosts at the time, he was quoted as saying that "the figure appears to be in period costume, but we know 100 per cent that Tantallon Castle is not the sort of place that has dummies or costumed guides; they just don't go in for that

sort of thing.

"I suppose it could be a visitor looking a little bit strange. Perhaps someone will come forward. Another possibility is an odd reflection of sunlight, but it does look very like a person. The explanation is not obvious," the Professor added.

Tantallon Castle, a ruined fortress dating back to the 14th century, was badly damaged in an attack by Oliver Cromwell's forces in 1651 and has stood largely unoccupied ever since.

*This photo shows more of the uncropped original photo. Notice how easy it would have been to miss the image were it not for a very careful examination.*

