



UFO hunter Ken Rogers, below, spotted 'hundreds' of strange objects during his stay in Warminster

I WALKED THROUGH

KEN ROGERS has walked right through a "flying saucer", felt an invisible arm tugging at his sleeve, heard mysterious footsteps behind him and walked into a warm belt of air . . . all on a cold bleak hill top. Ken spotted his first UFO at the age of 15. He says: "My cousin had built a small amateur observatory in his back garden in Enfield, North London. One night we both saw something we couldn't identify."

"It was a large area of white light. We managed to photograph it, but on the print it looked quite different from what we remembered seeing."

Then Ken heard about Warminster, a small town in Wiltshire, with a reputation for constant unexplained sightings. Ken says: "The town was being literally bombarded with UFOs. When I phoned a local journalist, he told me it had all begun as a good news item for him until he went to see for himself."

Skywatch

"He said if I went down there, he could guarantee that on any clear night, I'd see something inexplicable. He was right. The first night I went skywatching, I couldn't believe my eyes. In fact, I was

A UFO



Man's amazing claim

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so intrigued I actually moved down there and stayed for four years."

Ken continued: "I interviewed the local people and recorded everything they'd seen. They were all down-to-earth people with nothing to gain from telling tall stories. Most of them had seen

something . . . from the hospital matron and the local police chief down to the postmen and dustmen out on their early morning rounds.

Brilliant

"They told me about the 'false stars', brilliant lights in clusters, completely stationary. I was a bit sceptical until one night, a group of us were standing on Cradle Hill and a formation of these 'things' came across the sky."

"The lead one suddenly veered off at a terrific speed and merged with one of these 'false stars' as though it was a mother ship receiving it . . ."

"After that, I went out night after night, from dusk till dawn and clocked hundreds of UFOs in the time I was there. The strangest thing I've ever experienced was on the track coming down from the hill.

"It was an enormous white

shape right across the road, a classic saucer design, perfectly outlined. As I got closer, I got very hot and my hands started perspiring heavily. I walked on right through it, whatever it was. It was just like fog really, only you could see every detail absolutely clear."

Ken has no idea why Warminster is so thick with UFOs but he believes it might be connected with the area's history. It is close to Stonehenge and the legendary town of Glastonbury. There are also 13 ley lines (prehistoric tracks or routes) which meet in Warminster. This, says Ken, is unique.

Ken, now in his early thirties, is director of the British UFO society, although his full-time job is in the BBC radio newsroom. The society runs a "hot line" for people to phone in and report sightings.

"We have dozens of calls a

been linked with definite electrical interference. Car ignition systems have stalled, there have been blackouts, watches and clocks have stopped and the reception on TVs and radios have been seriously affected. This is probably due to some sort of forcefield around the craft.

"Of course, there are people who claim to have witnessed creatures stepping out of their crafts. Generally, they seem to agree that these creatures are taller than us—about 6ft 6ins to 7 ft tall—and most are wearing an all-in-one tight-fitting garment with a helmet.

"They often have longish faces with high foreheads slightly pointed at the top. They usually 'speak' telepathically."

There are several theories about UFOs and what they really are. The most popular belief is that they are extra-terrestrial. Ken says: "I think

this is the most likely explanation. If you consider that 50 years ago, people were laughing hysterically at the notion of moon travel.

Advanced

"I believe it would only take a race, maybe 50 years more advanced than us to make it feasible for visits of this kind. I don't think they mean us any harm either, so I'm not frightened at all. I believe they're studying our progress."

Other theories include time travellers who may even come from our own future. They don't make themselves known because it might upset their time balance and ours.

Another is that there could be something far bigger than us in the universe. Ken says: "Just as ants only get glimpses of us, we may be getting glimpses of something on an even vaster scale. But I don't think this is likely."

PLANETS CAN SHAPE

week from people who have seen UFOs," says Ken. "Some calls are passed on from the police or newspapers."

"About 80 per cent of sightings can be explained. They are either aeroplane lights or meteorites, satellites or something else. But the other 20 per cent certainly cannot be explained away."

Encounter

Many investigations conducted a day after a "close encounter" turn up with distinct circular markings on the ground, which could only have been made by something descending from the sky.

Ken Rogers adds: "Normally after a craft has landed, you get scorching or depression on the ground and there have been actual cases where traces of radio-activity have been discovered."

"In other cases, sightings and ground evidence have

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