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Mystery in sky baffles police

West Yorkshire police were still puzzling today over the mystery of Baildon Moor.

The mystery began when police raced to the Moor after a distress flare was sighted.

As they searched they saw moving, flashing lights high in the sky above them.

And the mystery deepened when other reports of unidentified objects came in... with no apparent explanation.

Today police were still baffled.

A spokesman said: "The original call to the distress flare cannot be explained. A check was made at military establishments but they said they had no aircraft in the area at the time. It has got us completely mystified," he said.

The alert was given by an air traffic controller at the Leeds-Bradford Airport who reported sighting a distress flare in the Baildon Moor direction.

About the same time, five similar messages were received from the Thackley, Bradford and Shipley areas, including one from a police sergeant. They all pinpointed the location as the Baildon Moor-Eldwick area.

An Inspector and four police officers who went to search the moor saw a cluster of red flashing lights traveling slowly in a North-Westerly direction. The lights appeared to come from an object 600-700ft. above the moor top.

The silent object disappeared North of Ilkley after three or four minutes.

Air traffic control at Yeaton Airport said there were no aircraft movements, private, military or civil, in the area covered by their radar at the time. Other sightings were reported by police.

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What is going on up there?

FOUR Yaxley villagers had a close encounter of an unidentified kind early this week.

They claim they saw an unidentified flying object hovering over the village for several minutes.

Mrs Liam Hyde and husband Tim, of Broadway, observed a flashing light in the sky and ran to tell their parents.

"It was over Broadway and flashing very slowly. We told my parents and they saw it too," said Mrs Hyde.

The sighting comes at a time when UFO expert Mr John Barton predicts a spate of similar incidents in and around Peterborough.

Mr Barton, a British UFO Research Association Investigator, says: "UFOs do seem to single out areas, and I have a feeling there will be an increase in UFO activity around the city."

Police had no reports of Yaxley UFO. A spokesman for RAF Wittering said: "We did not have anything in the air and haven't received reports of anything."

The light fantastic

A LIGHT said to be almost as bright as the sun, was seen throughout the North of England early today. In Manchester 40 people telephoned the police saying that they had seen flare flashing in the night sky.

In Stockport, police, fire and ambulancemen were called to a field where it was said an object had landed but nothing was found.

Air traffic controllers at Manchester Airport said the whole sky was lit up brilliantly for a few seconds.

People from North Wales to the Scottish border contacted police. An airport spokesman said the most likely explanation was that an unusually large piece of space debris had re-entered the atmosphere causing the sky to flare up.

A South Wales police spokesman said: "We have been told it was probably a meteorite shower burning up in the earth's atmosphere."

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UFO scare

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Lighting up time

STRANGE lights were spotted in the sky by scores of people in North Yorkshire, police said today.

"We received numerous calls during the night," said a spokesman. "We made some inquiries with local RAF stations and they could offer no explanation."

Numerous sightings were reported throughout the country, and the most

likely explanation is that it was meteorites."

Just a few days ago ex-RAF man Derek Read from West Auckland reported seeing a UFO speeding low in the skies above Darlington.

Yet another UFO sighting was reported by a Darlington shoe shop assistant, who spotted a large, bright flying object hovering above the road as she drove home to Cleasby.