

If you  
see a  
U.F.O.

'run like  
hell'

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If you see a flying saucer land in a field - "run like hell" That is the advice of Mr. Steven Baylan, research officer for the Southern Counties UFO Association of Phenomena Extra-Terrestrial (SCOPE).

"At least keep your distance. U.F.O.'s can be dangerous," he said. "There are so many sightings connected with flying saucers, you have got to be a bit careful."

Mr. Baylan was speaking at an exhibition of U.F.O. photographs and sighting reports, both national and international, at the Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Eastleigh, on Saturday.

The exhibition was organized by SCOPE, which is Hampshire's own U.F.O. research organization. It included written eye-witness reports of flying saucer sightings over Portsmouth, Hayling Island, Winchester, Southampton and Salisbury in the past few years.

MESSAGE

The exhibition also included a transcript of the alleged message from a flying saucer which interrupted an I.T.N. early evening news bulletin on November 26, 1977.

Although this broadcast was alleged to have been a hoax by scientists, I.T.N.'s reply to a letter from SCOPE said this had never been proven and no prosecutions had been taken against anyone. The sender of the message remains a mystery. Mr. Baylan, whose main job in the group is to research sightings in Hampshire and the surrounding counties, said U.F.O.'s were usually surrounded by a strong magnetic field and this could be dangerous to anyone approaching a grounded saucer. There had also been reports of radiation burns.

"My advice would be to keep your distance. Take pictures by all means but don't approach them," he said. "The best thing to do is to get in touch with our organization at Eastleigh 615369. That is the telephone number of our chairman Steve Baylan."

"You could also contact the local police. They are usually very helpful."

This advice also applies to flying saucers which are seen in the sky. Mr. Stephen Barnes, secretary and treasurer of SCOPE, said there had been eight flying saucer sightings in Hampshire this year.

"We don't get a great deal of sightings from Portsmouth, but we did have a number from Hayling Island some years ago. Several people saw large, cigar-shaped objects flying over the island."

SIGHTINGS

One Hampshire area which has had more than its share of UFO sightings in recent months has been Fair Oak - dubbed the Fair Oak Triangle by local UFO-lovers.

"The triangle is bounded by the A353, B3037 and the A3081," said Mr. Barnes.

"People living in this area have reported strange aerial lights and shapes in the night sky. We have investigated ten sightings in recent months."

Mr. Steve Brooke, an electronics engineer, is Chairman of SCOPE. He said his group began as a branch of the Warrminster UFO group.

BRIGHT  
LIGHTS  
FRIGHT

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A Gosport man had a close encounter of a frightening kind when he took his dog for a walk last night.

For Mr. Freddie Drury, of Elson Road, saw three bright objects in the sky which, he said, could only be described as UFOs.

"I took my dog out for a walk at about 11 p.m. to Elson recreation ground" said Mr. Drury. "I just happened to look up at the sky and what I saw astounded me."

"There were three trails of light, like vapour trails, across the otherwise black sky. And there were three very bright objects which were moving nobly."

"A brilliant siver of silver light travelling towards the crater until a minute before each one of the objects, but it lasted for only two or three seconds before the objects disappeared."

"I kept on walking in the field, still looking towards the sky, and I saw a bright cloud. Out of it came another beam of light, pointing in the same direction as the first, then it disappeared."

"I know people will think I am some kind of crank, but I am certain that I saw UFOs. The lights were so prominent that I am sure other people must have seen them."

A spokesman for Gosport police said that no one had reported any sightings.

'WE SAW  
FLYING  
WOTZITS'

Three more people have claimed to have seen the UFOs which were reported flying above Gosport earlier this week.

Mr. Freddie Drury, of Elson Road, said he saw three bright objects in the sky.

"They could only be described as UFOs," he said.

Now, three more people have said they, too, saw the flying objects.

Mr. Norman West, of St Thomas's Road, Hardway, said: "My wife Ivy, and I were entertaining a friend at our house that night, and we were seeing him out when we noticed these bright objects in the sky."

"We distinguished three separate shapes. It was very frightening. We saw something similar when we were passing through the Meon Valley, about two years ago."

Baffling  
case for  
boffins

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Mysterious droppings plaguing New Milton are also annoying motorists at Gosport.

the droppings, which form into pellets and are made of sand, fall on cars during the day and night - and no one knows where they come from.

A New Milton motorist first spotted the pellets and Environmental Health Officers from the town are now analysing them.

"It really is very strange - my car is green, and every morning it looks like pea soup, with the yellow pellets on it," said Mr. Harold Kibble, of Gosport Road, Lee on Solent.

"The pellets have not damaged my car. But it would be interesting to find out where they come from."

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