

UFOs sighted 'flying in formation'

IF YOU SAW strange lights in the sky last week, it may not have been just the results of festive spirit. Others saw them, too.

Four separate UFO sightings were reported in the area on December 30 between 4.35 p.m. and 4.45 p.m.

Mr Lesley Balsden saw six objects flying in formation at 3,000 to 5,000 feet. He was at the rear of his house in Carlton Avenue, Ashington, with two of his sons, Darren, 9, and Gary, 7, at the time.

"I'd just been out to post a letter and met the two lads at the back of the house. Darren saw them first otherwise I wouldn't have looked up.

"There were six of them in all flying in some sort of formation. One was out in front, one to the left and one to the right. The rest were behind. They were bright white at the front fading to red at the tail.

"At first I thought they could have been meteorites breaking up, but these were moving horizontally and at a constant speed. There was also a plane over Blyth going south towards the airport, so I knew it wasn't a plane.

They went behind a cloud and we waited for them to emerge but they didn't."

A man travelling on the A68 at the same time saw six to ten objects flying in the sky.

And from Gosforth, there was a report of 12 to 13 objects in the sky to the East. They were travelling from the South-West to North-East and looked like pinpoints of light. The objects kept an elongated formation and were travelling very fast.

At 4.45 p.m. a dozen

bright objects were seen in the sky in the Corbridge-Hexham area travelling from the South-West to North-East. They were in view for about 20 seconds and left a long magnesium type trail with an orange tinge.

RAF Boulmer had nothing to report but a spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said that a meteorite or satellite breaking up as it entered earth's atmosphere was widely reported all over the country on Tuesday.

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