

STUART QUILTS JOB OVER UFOs

AN architect has given up his job to pursue unidentified flying objects.

Stuart Campbell, 43, is now taking an honours degree course in science and electromagnetism at the Open University in a bid to convince sceptics that something is going on up there and around us.

Mr Campbell, of Dovecot Lane, Kingsknowe, Edinburgh,

is the British UFO Research Association's investigations co-ordinator.

He told a conference in Edinburgh yesterday that the most difficult, but most positive case they had handled, was the 'Livingston experience.'

He was referring to the case

of forestry worker Bob Taylor, of Broomieknowe Drive, Livingston, who arrived home on November 9 1979, shocked and dishevelled after what he said was an encounter with a strange machine in the woods around Dechmont, West Lothian.

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from the craft, he claimed, and had tried to drag him inside. He fainted and when he came to, the clearing was empty.

"I believe it was some form of scientific phenomena, but I need more scientific knowledge which is why I'm studying to be a scientist right now.

Forestry man's 'close encounter' still has UFO experts baffled

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A CLOSE encounter between a forestry worker and two figures from a strange craft in a wood at Livingston in November, 1979, remains a mystery which may not be explained for 10 years.

This is the view of Mr Stuart Campbell, Scottish investigations co-ordinator of the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association, who is to address a symposium on the Livingston incident in Edinburgh on Saturday.

BUFORA, founded in 1962, will sponsor the first national UFO research conference in Scotland with the Livingston case one of the main attractions on the agenda.

On November 9, 1979, Mr Bob Taylor, a foreman

forester, now 63, arrived at his home in Broomieknowe Drive, Livingston, shocked and dishevelled, and said he had been working alone in the forest at Dechmont Hill when he discovered a strange machine in a clearing.

Two figures emerged and tried to drag him into the machine, he claimed. He fainted and when he regained consciousness, the clearing was empty.

Later, Mr Taylor and Mr Malcolm Drummond, head of the Livingston Development Corporation forestry department, found a pattern of deep regular marks on the ground.

Mr Taylor was treated at Bangour General Hospital. His trousers were torn and the tops of his thighs were scratched and bruised.

He said yesterday at his

home: "I can't explain what happened.

"About a minute after I saw the craft, two figures which appeared to be mechanical objects controlled from the craft, came out from underneath it and came on either side of me.

"They produced some substance which smelled strongly and which knocked me out.

"They definitely got hold of me, because they had gripped my trousers on both sides. The marks left afterwards showed I had been dragged about 18 inches."

Mr Taylor said the figures, about three feet tall, moved on spikes, which he believed caused holes left in the ground. An impression was also left by

the craft, which he estimated was 20ft. high.

Mr Drummond said yesterday: "Whether the object was from outer space or from a defence system on earth — American, British, or Russian — I have no idea. Something un doubtedly was there."

Mr Campbell, said yesterday in Edinburgh the Livingston incident was well documented and remained the most inexplicable case of unidentified flying objects in Britain.

Mr Campbell did not expect the conference to produce an explanation.

The explanation would have to wait until people like himself could make a proper scientific analysis, and it could be 10 years before he could do this.

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THE strange case of a West Lothian forester whose account of a close encounter with an unidentified flying object remains unexplained, despite intensive police and scientific investigation, is the subject of a symposium being held in Edinburgh later this week.

Evidence amassed by detectives and forensic scientists, following Mr Robert Taylor's mysterious experience in a Livingston wood three years ago, will be presented to members of the British UFO Research Association in the city for their first national conference in Scotland.

"This is one of the most convincing cases in the UK," claimed the association's research director, Mr Peter Hill. "But we have made no assumptions about it since we are a scientific body rather than one of those cult groups. It's such a complex subject that we have resisted coming to any conclusion until we have enough data."

Members will travel to Dechmont Wood where Mr Taylor claims "things" attached themselves to his trousers and tried to drag him towards a large stationary object. As well as meeting Mr Taylor at the site, the UFO watchers will see photographic evidence of tracks in the ground, found by police in the area of the sighting.

Mr Hill added that the number of reported sightings varies from year to year. In 1977 they peaked at 500, of which 93% were found to have simple explanations. But the remaining 7% were found to be in need of explanation after investigation.

Police files show that at 10.15 a.m. on November 9, 1979, in Dechmont Wood, Mr Taylor was confronted, he claimed, by a weird object about six metres in diameter with a rim. Two smaller dome-shaped objects hovered stationary above the ground. There was no sound.

Two small objects come towards him and attached themselves to the legs of his trousers and dragged him along the ground towards the round object. He was nearly suffocated by a strange smell, then lost consciousness.

The conference, which is open to the public, is being held in the George Hotel, Edinburgh, on March 12, 13, 14.

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