

UFOs galore over Yorks

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Somebody up there could be watching North Yorkshire — more than 30 sightings of UFOs have been reported in the county's East Pennines area since January, it was revealed today.

Details of the sightings come from Mr. Mark Birdsall, research officer of the Yorkshire UFO Society, who said March and April was a particularly active time for such incidents.

Mr. Birdsall, 24, of Lovell Towers, Leeds, said UFOs had been seen at Grassington, Skipton, Carlton, Addingham and Gargrave, among others.

He said that the east Pennines was Britain's best area for UFO sightings.

Mr. Birdsall said that during March and April there were two strange incidents at Grassington.

One involved a large circular object, glowing white and flashing, hovering above a woman as she walked down her garden path.

In the other case a man heard a high-pitched siren noise early one morning and discovered an orange glow in some trees.

When the glow had vanished the trees were examined and one was found to be badly scorched. A sample of the bark was analysed by Leeds University, which reported that it had definitely not been damaged by lightning.

Two people who saw an object hovering very low over Carlton Moor have had their photographs examined by experts, who say there is definitely something on the negatives.

Mr. Birdsall added that the most dramatic sighting, made by two police officers at Cracoe, near Skipton, in April, 1981, was still being analysed.

The two officers took photographs of an object, about 80 feet in diameter,



UFO researcher Mr. Mark Birdsall with one of his maps showing sightings in Yorkshire.