

UFO SIGHTINGS MAY HERALD MORE 'VISITS' FROM SPACE

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THE Home of the British Army faces an invasion . . . from outer space.

A spate of UFO sightings could signal the start of many more "visits," according to Mr. Omar Fowler, chairman of the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial phenomena.

"I think we are at the beginning of one of these flaps," he said. "I think it could be very interesting indeed."

Mr. Fowler has asked colleagues to keep a special watch on the area.

Two weeks ago pensioner Mr. Alfred Burtoo reported boarding a flying saucer on the bank of the Basingstoke Canal,

near the Government Road bridge.

Then cargo supervisor Mr. Peter New and his wife Patricia saw a mysterious craft at Normandy, on the Aldershot Road, last Wednesday.

Another Aldershot family reported a sighting on the same evening.

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Mrs. Carolyn Coleman (30) was at home in Salerno Crescent when she asked her 11-year-old daughter Victoria to close the curtains.

But Victoria saw something which made her call her mother to the window.

"At first I thought it was a

bright star or a helicopter," said Mrs. Coleman. "It was a bright light which seemed to go round and round.

The UFO hovered for about five minutes then changed to a red light which sped off in the direction of Mr. New's sighting, Mrs. Coleman said.

"We laughed at the time, but after reading the story in the "News" I wondered whether there was any connection," she added.

Mr. Fowler said this report did not seem like an aircraft and could well be linked with Mr. New's experience.

Then on Thursday, pensioner Mrs. Flora Thorpe saw a UFO hovering over the fields near her house in Austen

Road, Farnborough.

She said: "At first I thought it was the moon, but I stood and looked at it for half an hour and don't think it could have been because it was brilliant and there was the noise like electricity charging."

After receiving full details Mr. Fowler's group will evaluate the sightings.

The UFO Centre at Illinois University, USA, is notified of substantial encounters.

Mr. Fowler has been a UFO watcher for 17 years.

The Aldershot area has been the site of dozens of UFO encounters in the past 15 years.

In 1978 eight people — including a policeman — reported clear sightings in the skies above Ash and Farnborough.

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Couple's new UFO sighting

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A CARGO supervisor who has worked with aeroplanes for 25 years spotted a "weird" unidentified flying object hovering over him.

The sighting was reported by Mr. Peter New (52) and his wife Patricia (53).

Mr. Omar Fowler, of the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena, has issued an appeal for anyone

who saw anything strange in the sky last Wednesday to get in touch with him.

Mr. New and his wife, of Lower Newport Road, Aldershot, were travelling home from Guildford along the Aldershot Road when they had their close encounter at Normandy.

He said: "It must have been about 9.10 p.m. when we

came off the dual carriageway section of the road and rounded the bend. I saw this light in the sky and jokingly said to my wife look there's a UFO."

Frightened

But as they got nearer, the couple realised it was no joke.

Mr. New said: "As we got

closer I saw banks of light underneath and the thing was not moving at all.

"It was completely stationary and looked as though it was suspended about 200 feet up."

Mrs. New said: "My husband wanted to stop to get a closer look but I was frightened and would not let him. I could see it very clearly."

Both said it was a large dark

mass with round porthole-type lights.

Mr. New, who works at Heathrow Airport, said: "I have been working with aeroplanes for 25 years and I have come across nothing in my work that could explain this. It stayed completely stationary and did not hover like a helicopter. It was weird."

The couple saw the object

again during the early hours of Thursday as they looked out of their bedroom window.

Mrs. New said: "The whole thing was a bit uncanny and frightening.

"I wish we had never seen it. Even members of our own family have laughed at us. We are ordinary people and did not want to sound daft. We just thought we ought to report it."