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# Stay-at-home lessons for UFO spotters

**BRITAIN'S first correspondence course on flying saucers is being launched from Oxfordshire.**

The man behind the £25 five-week course is Derek Mansell who runs a data research centre on unidentified flying objects at Wheatley.

Mr Mansell stresses flying saucers are only a tiny proportion of the strangely-shaped mysterious objects often seen in the sky.

Last year saw a major build up of UFO activity over Oxfordshire dubbed The Thames Valley Flap by UFOlogists.

Mr Mansell, of 48 Crown Road, said: "I think this is the first correspondence course of its kind in existence.

"We will look at UFO history, types, speed and movements, colours and sounds.

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"Then we will come on to aliens and landings, animal mutilations, recent cases and the big questions, are UFOs hostile?"

There is even a written exam and a certificate at the end of the course.

The Thames Valley Flap peaked in July and

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August but continued into November.

Mr Mansell said: "We are currently investigating a very significant sighting on November 24 close to the A40 at Eynsham."

Sightings in 1984 have been compiled in the latest issue of Awareness, Contact's journal. They included:

- Four large red lights chasing around in circles over Oxford;
- A metallic disc, from a distance the size of a 1p, at Wheatley;
- A stationary blue and red light seen by a fireman over Oxford;
- A large red object like a small full moon which was stationary for 20 minutes then moved north east.