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UFOs 'common over Batley,

Close encounters of several different kinds will be under discussion when the Yorkshire UFO Society meets on Saturday.

One of the organisers of the conference is 28-year-old Philip Mantle, of Lady Ann Road, Batley. Philip is the Batley Area Investigator and Overseas Liaison Officer with the YUFOS. He said sightings of UFOs in the Batley area were by no means uncommon.

"I have had numerous reports of large circular objects over Batley and Spen. They've been seen on several occasions but I cannot figure out what they are," he said.

He added: "In September last year about half-a-dozen people telephoned me to say there was a large red glowing object in the night sky over Dewsbury."

The conference is being held at Centenary House, North Street, Leeds, between 12 noon and 5 p.m.

At the meeting, the only one of its kind to be held in Britain this year, Philip will hand over the title of Young Investiga-

tor of the year to his successor.

Philip won the award last year as a result of his work for the YUFOS.

He is particularly proud to have arranged for leading Norwegian UFO expert, Mr. Odd Gunnar Roed, to speak at the meeting.

Other "leading lights" in the UFO world to be present will be Timothy Good, adviser to the House of Lords all-party UFO study group, and Jenny Randles, Britain's only full-time ufologist.



Batley's own UFO expert, Philip Mantle. — (N.S.).