

# Encounters

CONTRARY to public opinion, UFOs are regularly seen over major cities and Bradford is by no means an exception.

The Yorkshire UFO Society has on record many startling encounters over Bradford and its surrounding satellite towns and villages.

Reports of strange incidents is nothing new to this area, yet how real is the phenomenon and can it all be placed in categories which support a more down to earth explanation? The evidence suggests not, and we must point out that the following documentation has been analysed by some of the leading UFO researchers in this country and much of the data suggests an unknown intelligence.

Reports of UFOs continue to build up in our files relating to the Bradford area, but we must go all the way back to 1960 to find a classic example of how the subject displayed itself to a couple of innocent witnesses. This report, compared with recent encounters, will amply show how little the UFO has changed in the eyes of the un-knowing witness.

## Froze

Two women had left a house in the Low Moor area and were heading on foot towards High Fernley. Suddenly they became aware of a dark grey saucer shape just above a nearby hillside. Around the centre of the object a series of brightly lit 'portholes' were very evident. No sound could be heard even though the object was just two hundred feet away, hovering motionless just above some advertisement boards. The couple froze for a moment, and watched the very large craft move silently towards the Pennines.

There is nothing in the report to suggest a hoax or mis-identification of any known airborne object.

How physical is the phenomena and do UFOs constitute a threat to the public? A

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**MARK BIRDSALL**, Research Director of the Yorkshire UFO Society, describes recent sightings, and concludes that Bradford is on a major UFO flightpath. Mark, a 28-year-old computer operative, formed the YUFOS with his brother in 1981. It now has some 200 members, 40 of them in Bradford.

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terrified witness living in the King's Road recalls: "The year was 1967 and I was aware of a loud, pulsating, whirling sound outside my bedroom. The time was 2.30 a.m. I turned my bedroom light on and the sound grew louder. At this point my bedroom light started to flicker. I looked outside the window and couldn't believe my eyes! An enormous domed saucer was moving slowly across the street. It sent shivers down my back. It was bright silver and had a series of flashing lights around a raised dome. I would estimate its size to be no smaller than 150 ft. It was incredible."

The modern era of UFO sightings and the lengthy investigative methods and procedures. YUFOS undertake to solve such mysteries are today 'dogged' by man's own advanced technological achievements in aviation. Today there are so many unusual objects to be seen in the skies. But could anything explain the object which hurtled towards Bradford on November 7, 1981?

Many witnesses as far afield as Huddersfield spotted a strange sphere cruising at tree top level and spinning rapidly. As it approached south Bradford, people observed a smaller sphere entering the large windowed ball.

1981 was perhaps Bradford's year in so far as UFO sightings are concerned. But few of the witnesses to the following daylight

experience will ever forget the month of June. We had received calls relating to the sighting of a large saucer shaped craft hovering over the West of the city. Quite quickly our Bradford investigators hurried to the scene.

Perhaps as is always the case with UFO investigation, the object had departed! The story does not end there however. For at 7.30 p.m. the same evening further reports were made of the identical object.

Seven statements taken by our investigators related heavily towards each other, all the observers offered similar descriptions — a silver craft with a purportedly 'glass' dome being illuminated from inside.

Yorkshire has a great reputation in