

Monks saw UFOs 800 years ago

Incredibly, UFOs terrorised England during the 12th, 13th and 14th centuries — and among the astonished eyewitnesses were monks and clergymen.

What's more, the descriptions of UFOs in the Middle Ages closely match eyewitness accounts of modern-day sightings, say researchers.

"Many of the medieval cases are especially credible because they were reported by monks at abbeys," said Hayden Hewes, director of the International UFO Bureau in Edmond, Oklahoma.

"Not only were these men known for their honesty, but they were scholars — the most believable witnesses of their era."

These fascinating descriptions of UFO sightings in medieval England were cited by Hewes and Brad Steiger, co-authors of the book *UFO Missionaries Extraordinary*.

- On March 20, 1168, a "globe of fire" was seen moving back and forth across the skies. The eerie sighting was documented by Nicholas Trivet, a noted historian of the Middle Ages.

- In 1254, a group of monks at St Albans Abbey spotted what they described as a "ship" in the sky. "The description of a spacecraft as a ship is entirely logical — they were simply describing an unknown object in terms they were familiar with," Hewes said.

- In 1290, the abbot and monks of Byland Abbey in north Yorkshire reported seeing a flat silver disk fly over the abbey. They reported the object struck terror in those who saw it.

- In 1320, a moving light in the sky descended and floated over the Abbey of Durham, beaming out rays of light and terrorising many people who observed it. "This was undoubtedly a UFO, probably a shuttle craft that was exploring the area with a searchlight," Hewes said.

- On Nov 4, 1322, in Uxbridge, a pale grey "pillar of fire" soared slowly across the evening sky. "A brilliant gold flame was shooting from one end of it, suggesting the exhaust of a space vehicle," Hewes said. "It was cigar-shaped — the second most commonly observed UFO shape observed today, after the saucer-shaped UFOs."