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A Hotline is flooded by UFO spotters

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HUNDREDS of callers have been flooding the country's first UFO hotline to report sightings.

Organiser Richard Lawrence of Fulham, West London, said: "Of course we get the odd crank who says 'Beam me up Scottie' and then puts the phone down.

Dismissed

"But generally they are serious professional people. Some have never even told their husbands or wives about what they have experienced for fear of being dismissed as

mad." He says the callers range from policemen, firemen and housewives to radio operators and pilots.

There are two common objects the callers say they have seen.

One is large and cigar-shaped and the second is a round, silver metallic object with port-holes.

Some callers give details of craft that sound strikingly similar to reports given for the same day in different parts of the country.

A pensioner in Ramsgate, Kent, has rung in to say she saw a strange craft last week hovering

in the distance at seven a.m. Visibility was good and she described the object as bright orange on one side and yellow on the other.

It held its position for 10 minutes before disappearing. Later the same day, in Doncaster, three teenage boys reported seeing a fleet of around 20 objects moving rapidly across the sky.

Hovering

"They described them as changing colour from red to blue to green to white—so that would effectively rule out any meteors or satellites," said Mr Lawrence.

"They were absolutely convinced that the things they saw were UFO's."

People rarely report having seen people in the craft, or that they have landed. Mostly they just see the space-ship and its lights hovering in the sky.

● The hotline number is: 01-731 1094 and is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day.