

# UFO spot wins praise

THE Observer has been praised for its help in publicising a 24-hour UFO hotline set up to mark the 40th anniversary of modern research into the phenomenon.

Former Morley man, Mr. Philip Mantle, the hotline co-ordinator, said that without the Observer's help the special telephone service would not have been as successful.

The service was launched in June by UFO investigators in West and South Yorkshire, Lancashire and Derbyshire.

The local number to ring is Batley 444049.

One of the calls received on the West Yorkshire line was from a young Morley couple who gave details of a UFO sighting they made last October.

Mr. Mantle said the couple had been travelling north on the M1 motorway when the incident occurred at around 9 p.m. somewhere between junctions 22 and 25.

They had been just south of Nottingham when they both saw a large circular object descend very low over the motorway lighting it up before moving away.

The object then appeared to land in a nearby field. Mr. Mantle said the young couple were "very frightened and more than a little puzzled by what they had seen."

Anyone wanting more information about the special phone service or wanting to inform the investigators about their "close encounter" should contact Mr. Mantle.

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