

Mystery sighting prompts UFO hunt

UFO experts are sifting through radar traces in a bid to explain a mystery object sighted in the Midlands.

The Birmingham office of UFO investigations was flooded with calls from people claiming to have seen an 'oval orange object with a green band, travelling at great speed.'

One of the calls was from a retired police officer in Stone.

The group's chairman John Hurley said: "There were about 130 calls all within an hour of each other.

"Virtually all claimed to have seen the same thing. There was an oval, orange object with a green band. It hovered above the ground

before shooting off at great speed."

One explanation put forward for the sightings was an expended fuel tank from a Russian satellite.

But Mr Hurley said: "That must be wrong as the thing was seen to hover. It seems very strange that so many

people saw it."

Mr Hurley has asked RAF bases in Shropshire and Humberside to provide radar traces for the night the sightings were reported.

"When they come back we should have a better idea of what the object actually was," he said.