

UFO'S-FACT OR FICTION?

Recent sightings at Kimberworth fuel speculation

Special report by Phil Coleman

The Rotherham based chairman of the South Yorkshire UFO Society has reported recent spates of UFO sightings over the Rotherham area.

The latest sightings over the Kimberworth area on Monday night, said UFO Society's Area Co-ordinator Mick Hanson.

Mick, of Goldsmith Drive, East Herringthorpe, told the Record this week: "We've just received reports of two sightings over Fenton Road, Kimberworth."

"The first, at 8.20 p.m., was seen by our member Ian Smith."

Ian, 41, of the Lanes, East Deane, described seeing "a cigar shaped object above Fenton Road."

Said Mick: "Ian said that he saw the object 'switch on like a light.' It travelled northwards for about half a mile and then just switched off again."

The second sighting — only ten minutes later, and again over Fenton Road — was made by a Mr. Ian Petres, of Claremont Street, Kimberworth.

His sighting, said Mick, was of an object "shaped like an ice cream cone, with a pale orange light at the back and a flashing white light at the front."

Mick said: "These are just two of many recent

sightings in this area. Since December 26th, we've received 85 reported sightings — 30 of them over south Yorkshire."

He added: "The interesting thing is that these reports are being confirmed — with times — by different people in different places — and they all seem to be credible witnesses."

Mick cited the recent sightings over Ecclesfield, Sheffield, reported by a police woman and a policeman, and corroborated by other independent witnesses.

So, might there be some down to earth explanation?

"It seems highly unlikely," said Mick. "The Kimberworth sightings were made by men who know what to look for — and they definitely wouldn't be fooled by a cloud formation or a plane seen under unusual circumstances."

He added: "There was also a third witness, who doesn't wish to be named. He says he's seen similar sightings over the last five or so years."

Mick added that society members have also collected photographic evidence of recent sightings which is now being analysed at the UFO Society's Leeds Headquarters.

Asked whether the large number of UFO sightings worried him, Martin replied: "No, I'm just frustrated. Every time I go UFO spotting, they all seem to disappear."



Record readers photograph of alleged sighting of UFO over Kimberworth approximately ten years ago.