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# 'Alien abduction' in the park

A FORMER special constable's story of how he was abducted by aliens in a purple light at Roundhay Park, Leeds, could remain one of the world's great mysteries, say UFO experts.

The British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Committee has launched a team investigation into the night-time phenomena, reported to have occurred on June 30.

They say it could take months to find out if the experience, witnessed by several independent callers to the YEP, can be put down to freak weather conditions.

If it cannot, it will become one of the five per cent of unexplained anomalies in the world.

At 10.30 pm on the Thursday in question, 21-year-old Mr Martin Cohen, of Clarendon Road, Headingley, Leeds, was walking through Roundhay Park to meet a friend for a drink at the

Mansion House. Mr Cohen, a former special constable at Chapeltown police station, said: "Suddenly I saw a purple glow. The next thing I knew I was lifted up and carried off the ground. My body went numb and my eyes felt dizzy.

"I then saw some figures of what looked to be women. They were like humans except they were furry. Then I just blacked out with the shock."

Later several anonymous people telephoned the YEP newsdesk to say they had seen a purple light in the park with a man in the centre of it.

On Friday, July 1, Leeds rock band member Mr Michael Cotran, 23, of Woodlands Drive, Rawdon, was jogging in Roundhay Park at 6.30 am when he says he saw a purple glow 30 yards in front of him on

the pathway near the Mansion House.

"At first I thought I was seeing things and then I noticed the body of a man in a grey suit lying on the ground. There was no body on the ground before the light appeared.

"My first impression was that it was a dead body. I was quite frightened and in a state of shock. When the man, who I now know to be Martin, woke up, he was very weak, in a cold sweat and was rambling on, saying, 'I have had this weird experience. I have been somewhere else.'"

He added: "I don't blame anyone for not taking us seriously. Neither of us has believed in UFOs before, either. But we are not mad and we do know what we saw. Something happened in Roundhay Park which is very frightening and I think people should be told about it."