

IN SEARCH OF UFOs

'Ghostbusters' to boldly go after ghouls and aliens

A "GHOSTBUSTER" style research squad is being set up in Leicester — to go in search of supernatural and UFO occurrences in and around the city.

And this week, the man behind the project — British UFO Research Association member Clive Potter — called for level headed people to join his probe into the paranormal.

Clive — of Grove Road, Leicester — firmly believes scores of local people are experiencing strange happenings every week — but because there is no effective research squad to follow them up, many events could be slipping undetected into history.

Sinister

"Really we need a team of volunteers to take on the deep-rooted research required if effective conclusions are to be made," explains Clive.

"But it's important that anyone wishing to get involved has an open-mind without being wide-eyed and dreamy."

So far, Clive has investigated dozens of "happenings" in the Midlands and virtually all of them he has managed to explain away scientifically and rationally.

"More than 90 per cent of seemingly sinister occurrences have some logical explanation," says Clive.

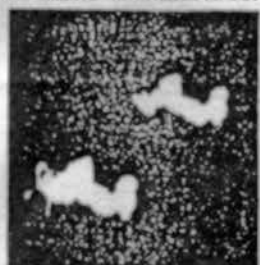
"I am very thorough about checking all possibilities and usually after weeks of in-depth study — much of which is based on meteorology, astrology and general science — I find a very sinister explanation . . . boring hey?"

But it is the other 10 per

cent of cases Clive is eager to come in contact with. And with a team of helpers he feels much more can be learned about the possibility of outside intelligences and whether or not there really are ghosts.

"Many people are afraid of looking stupid and don't tell anyone if they witness something out of the ordinary. Others are too frightened to talk about it, and people who are willing often wouldn't know where to go for help," he adds.

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STRANGE phenomena: Top, an American UFO sighting from 1954; above left, a staged photo at Rothley Station; right, a Leicester UFO sighting from 1975.

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