

Scores flood UFO hotline

STAR-gazers in South East Essex have flooded a UFO hotline with more than 200 calls in the last fortnight.

And UFO expert Ron West expects to hear of hundreds more unexplained sightings before November arrives, because he claims the area is a gateway to the galaxy.

Mr West, a member of East Anglia's UFO Society, said: "Every now and then a window in the sky becomes clearly visible. Objects pass through the window from their atmosphere into another.

"This window is obviously visible in South East Essex and as a result we

are hearing about a lot of UFO activity. We expect the window to be open for at least another month."

Callers from Basildon, Southend, Pitsea, Laindon, Canvey, Billericay and Wickford have all contacted the hotline in the last two weeks and Mr West believes all are genuine.

He said: "We have not had one crank. All the stories tie up and they have been very productive."

Spaceship

The surge in sightings were triggered after four friends claimed to see a 10 to 15ft spaceship hovering over Laindon.

Many people saw a large black, sometimes triangular shaped object with coloured lights, usually red, green or yellow and moving silently.

In January this year a mystery explosion rocked a Billericay home as an unidentified flying object was sighted nearby.

Two years ago one-third of people interviewed in Basildon believed an alien race could invade Earth.

The society is appealing to anyone else who sees a UFO to contact members on 0728 830757.