



MYSTERY: 1988 is proving to be a record year for reports of strange glowing objects in the sky. **RIGHT:** Top UFO investigator Mark Birdsall



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THESE are just a few of the UFO sightings reported from various parts of Britain since the start of the year:

- A taxi driver in South Shields, Tyneside, described an 80ft saucer covered in bright lights which first hovered and then followed his cab. The driver said: "At one stage it was just 30ft above us. It was made of grey metal. But the weirdest thing was it made no noise. I got out of the car with my passenger to have a closer look and then it backed off and disappeared."

- At Barnsley, Yorkshire, a 38-year-old man saw "a huge, box-shaped object with green, white and red lights. It didn't make a sound. It followed me home and I called the wife who also saw it."

- Youth club warden John Rees was walking his dog at Aberdare, Glamorgan, when he saw a cylindrical luminous object with two downward parallel beams moving spirally without any noise. "I watched it for about 45 minutes and have never seen anything like it in my life. I had never believed in UFOs before."

- Frank Barnes, delivering morning newspapers at Winchester, Hants, said: "Two yellow saucers, each about the size of a house, flew over me at about 30mph. There was a hissing sound."

- Oxford art studio boss David White was followed for 40 minutes by a red glowing object as he drove home. "When I stopped it stopped" he said. "I thought I was going crazy. There was no real shape to it, just a red glow with a white centre and no noise."

- Husband and wife Eddie and Molly Owers were baffled by a dawn sighting of a glowing yellow shape hovering above them at Stevenage, Herts. Said Eddie: "We watched it for several minutes. It was a huge casserole-shaped object."

- Pensioner George Moore was going to bed at his home in Fotherham, Yorks, when his barrier Harry "went berserk, whimpering and leaping around in terror". George thought he had burglars but when he looked out of the window he saw a "luminous cone-shaped object" which he watched for five minutes.