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Lines hot with UFO spotters

THE co-ordinator of the Batley-based UFO hotline says he is disappointed by the number of people who report unexplained sightings, but fail to leave their name or phone number.

Philip Mantle, who runs the 24-hour call service from his home in Woodhall Drive, says he has received a few calls during the second year of UFO hotline, but because callers have not left any contact details he has been unable to investigate them any further.

During the last two years callers have phoned Philip with UFO reports from as far afield as Cornwall to the Border regions.

"In the August of 1987 there was a whole spate of observations reported all over the north of England, initially it was believed they were isolated incidents but my phone never stopped ringing," he said.

Philip received two local calls during the summer of 1987, from people who had seen an unexplained spherical object in the sky over Batley.

The hotline gives members of the public the chance to report sightings to investigators in confidence.

The UFO hotline number is Batley 444049.