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Is anyone out there?

UNIDENTIFIED flying objects are filling the skies over Essex, says Ron West of the Anglian UFO Research Group.

"January this year has been very busy, second only to October last year," said Mr West.

"There have been 60 reported UFO sightings, mainly along the north bank of the Thames area.

Despite the huge number of sightings, October remained the group's record month with 130 reports.

Most of the sightings were of lights that behaved oddly. They tend-

ed to be more than one and often three.

Witnesses reported seeing them within a 10-mile strip along the north bank of the Thames between Thurrock and Southend.

The group's hotline number is Basildon 286079.