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**ALIENS** from another planet could be hovering over your home.

In the past few months UFO investigators in the county have received reports of blue flashes, large saucer-shaped objects and a ball of orange light in the sky.

Now the East Anglian UFO and Paranormal Research Association is looking for people in north-east Essex to investigate sightings.

Founder member and spokesman for the association Ron West said: "I have been investigating UFOs for over 20 years. The East Anglian UFO came into being in July 1988 with just two members. Now we have 51, but we are still thin on the ground in north-east Essex.

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The most recent "sighting" was last month, when a silver object was seen over Boxted.

Other recent "UFOs" include a ball of orange



light at Clacton and a spinning object seen at Weeley.

Mr West said: "I am still investigating a large saucer-shaped object that was seen over Colchester in November."

A recent investigation by Mr West has concluded that a craft surrounded by a blue light, seen over Essex last October, can be classified as an UFO.

Security guards in Clacton saw the blue light

with "a shape like a bullet inside it".

A Maldon man who saw it said: "It certainly wasn't a meteorite. I have

seen these before. There was a blue/white flash of light. I looked up and saw a craft coming towards my house."

Official reports said: "The object was a natural occurrence and was a meteorite which had been tracked from Belgium. It

eventually landed in the sea at Southend."

However, of the 50 people that saw it, six said there was a craft

within the light. Mr West is convinced it was an unidentified flying object — origin unknown.

He would like to hear from anyone who has seen strange lights or craft in the sky, whether they were recent or not, and anyone who would like to join the association.

It has a UFO hotline for reports of sightings. The number is 0268 286079.