

'Flying saucer' revealed as hoax

UFO buffs came down to earth with a bump when it was revealed one of their prize sightings is a hoax.

They learned that the famous sighting of a "flying saucer" over Barnsley was just a transfer stuck on a window.

The "UFO" was photographed by a Barnsley man in 1987 and hit the headlines up and down the country.

But complex computer analysis of the negatives in specialist laboratories in the United States has just revealed the photographs were of transfer stickers cleverly placed in different positions on a window, a seminar in Bradford heard.

A committee member of the British UFO Research Association, Mr Philip Mantle, said: "Obviously we are disappointed but at the same time we are glad to have got to the bottom of it."

A half-day conference of the association and the Independent UFO Network on Saturday heard that a sighting of "a green man" on Ilkley Moor was still under investigation.