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Missing link in 2374 UFO sightings

Reports of bright lights whizzing about the night sky in recent weeks are baffling experts who believe other UFO sightings in Keighley could be going unreported.

Over the last five weeks there have been 22 reports of unidentified flying objects in the area between Silsden moors and Bradford. Usually the Independent UFO Network only receives two or three scattered reports each month.

The network's experts who are researching the sightings cannot explain what the objects are, but chairman Philip Mantle says it would be wild speculation to call them extra-terrestrial at this stage.

Initially they were thought to be sightings of the August Perseids meteor shower, but astronomers confirmed that has not yet started.

People have seen very large moving bright lights during the night and staff at Leeds-Bradford airport have also reported sightings, which indicates the lights are not from civil aircraft in the area, he says.

"We have been expecting reports of sightings from Keighley. It would fit in the pattern, but none have been made," says Mr Mantle.

Anyone wishing to report a UFO sighting can telephone the network on (0924) 444094.