

# LIGHTS SPARK 2374 UFO MYSTERY

## Circling shapes in sky

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CHRISTMAS brought a surprise with a difference for a Netherthong man—a possible UFO sighting!

Keith Robson was taking an evening stroll near his home when he spotted discs of light in the sky as he approached the Moor Lane / Bradshaw Road junction.

Mr Robson said the four lights seemed to be at the corners of a shape maybe 200ft in diameter. In complete silence, they revolved for up to 45 minutes at a height of around 3,000ft until they faded away, each revolution taking just a few seconds.

"They were continuous lights circling around, in one position all the time, not going on and off," he said. The cloud base had been around 3,000ft, he added, but visibility was good. "You couldn't really miss them!"

He had first put the sighting down to car headlights. But he had always had an open mind on UFOs—and as he walked Bradshaw Lane, it became obvious the lights could not be from a vehicle but were hovering a few thousand feet above him.

Insp Terry Jepson, of Holmfirth Police, said the station had received no reports at that time—around 7.30pm, Wednesday, December 20—but suggested aircraft landing lights as a possible explanation. Planes left Manchester, flew low parallel to the A635, and then switched off their landing lights, causing previous spates of UFO sightings.

Oldham Police said their station had received many UFO reports recently—the sightings beginning when Oldham's Christmas lights were switched on! But those reports had come from the Ashton / Stalybridge area, where the town centre laser light show appeared as discs of light in the sky.

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