

EYES UP FOR A SKY FULL OF SAUCERS

THE UFO hunt is on again. A team of observers settled down on a chilly Wiltshire hillside yesterday to spend the weekend looking for Unidentified Flying Objects.

They are hoping to spot "The Thing" from outer space that many people claim to have seen in the Warminster area, or any other "flying saucer" that happens to swoop into view.

The Wiltshire group's enthusiasm for UFO-watching, which began in September when 'The Thing' was first spotted, has been sharpened by new "sightings" recently.

'Brilliant light'

Mrs. Annabelle Plowman, 22-year-old secretary to the Warminster Trades Council, yesterday told of her experience while driving alone between Heytesbury and Warminster at midnight.

"I was almost blinded by a brilliant light on the road ahead," she said. "The engine started to fail and my headlights flickered. Through the dazzling light, I could dimly see an unlit vehicle parked across the road.

"Then the light spun out into the road and my engine stopped altogether. Red and blue sparks flew from the spinning rim and, like a large crimson bird, the object took off and flew away.

"At that moment, I saw two men in the road. I could see just a bit of their faces, as though they were wearing Balaclava helmets. I was so frightened, I drove home as fast as I could."

A council workman, Charles Hudd, said he was in the centre of Warminster at 4.30 one morning, with four other men, when he spotted a "long, silvery cigar shape" in the sky.

'Crimson colour'

"Suddenly, a crimson glow flooded its entire length and it burst, splitting in the middle with a noiseless flash of orange light," he said. "Small blobs of red spun downwards, twirled around and changed to silver. Then it floated away."

One of the weekend observation team, bulder's cashier Mr. Robert Strong, said he travelled up to 50 miles a night trying to spot UFOs.

He claims 106 sightings in two months—a "world record."

A fellow-watcher, 23-year-old James Baldwin, said: "We have got together informally to do this research because nothing is being done officially."