

Silent silver UFO sighted over town

POLICE are investigating a Birkby man's claim that he saw a UFO above Huddersfield last night. *Fri. 12-8-83.*

Mr Roy Humphries said he watched a silver bell-shaped object for about two minutes as it drifted northwards over the town and disappeared over Kirkheaton.

He said the object gave off a brilliant, flashing white light but no engine sounds.

Police confirmed today that a report of the sighting had been made but said there were no other reports of the object.

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Mr Humphries, of Norwood Road, was at a bus stop in Birkby on his way to work at Huddersfield Technical College when he saw the object almost overhead.

"I thought at first it was a child's kite but it was about 300ft up.

"There was another man stood nearby and he, too, saw the object, but he thought it may have been a balloon. I have an open mind about flying saucers and the like, but I am certain it was unlike any aircraft or balloon I have ever seen."

● Experts had earlier forecast that last night and Thursday night would be ideal conditions for spotting shooting stars throughout Britain.