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Strange 'blobs' in the skies

STRANGE phenomena which light up the eastern skies have been spotted by West Yorkshire folk over the weekend.

The Yorkshire UFO Society has been inundated with calls, particularly from people in Bradford and Halifax, reporting sightings.

One woman from Halifax claimed she lay paralysed as a bright blob of light came within two feet of her bedroom window and remained there for four to five minutes.

A Keighley man said he saw a brilliant coloured dumb-bell shape hovering over Keighley Tarn for five minutes on Friday night.

The society keeps their names confidential, but T & A photographer Ronnie Patchett, of Bingley, said he spotted a ball of fire over Chellow Dene which seemed to set like the sun before going into eclipse at 11 p.m. yesterday.

Mr. Mark Birdsall, of the U.F.O. Society, said the close encounters were possibly due to a meteorite shower which began last Thursday.

The sightings could be

pieces of rock which pass very close to the earth. "This has been going on for a few days now," he said.

"The sightings only last for a brief time. It is a question of being in the right place at the right time," he added.

The shower is expected to continue for a few more days. Mr. Birdsall said now is an excellent time to watch out for sightings.