

UFO over Yorks



A photograph taken by two North Yorkshire policemen of a stationary object in the air near Grassington is being hailed as the most conclusive evidence of a UFO taken in Britain.

The photograph, produced exclusively by the Yorkshire Evening Post today, shows three balls of bright light seen hovering on the side of a sheer cliff face at Cracoe Fell, between Grassington and Skipton.

Graham Birdsall and his brother Mark, of the Yorkshire UFO Society, have investigated the scene of the sighting and come to the conclusion that the policemen's experience could be one of the most conclusive sightings ever.

The Birdsall brothers, from Leeds, have been in contact with top American UFO photograph analysts, Ground Saucer Watch, to have the picture checked.

It was broad daylight at noon on March 16 this year when the two officers saw the object, and they watched it hovering for about 50

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minutes. Two American tourists also witnessed the object.

Mark Birdsall said that the photograph, the copyright of the Yorkshire UFO Society, had already been analysed by the top British photo experts and they had been "astonished" by it.

"There was no explanation for it, and there has been no tampering," he said.

"This is the most dramatic photo we have ever had. It is the best photographic evidence in this country ever of a UFO."

During the time that the object appeared there was a very large NATO exercise going on, but police inquiries revealed that they were as oblivious to the nature of the lights as were the local authorities.

"They said it would be an impossibility to put markers on the face in any event," said Mark Birdsall.

"The object was seen at the bottom of the fell seven days earlier by the same officers."

Mr. Birdsall said that the main glowing object was about 60 feet in diameter, and was a brilliant light.

They feel that the light to the left has some connection with the main object, although they cannot explain it.

An investigation of the site showed that the rock face has a dull surface, and there is no evidence of running water which may have reflected the sun.

"There is no way of climbing the rock face unless you are experienced climbers," said Mr. Birdsall.

The lights were also tinged with a red glow, and were hovering about 30-40 feet below the top of the cliff.

It was because of the brilliance of the light that the officers decided to take the photograph, using a 35mm. camera.

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