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EARLY in December last year a number of people claimed they saw a most unusual object in the sky above Elvington, near York.

An investigation was carried out by York Astronomical Society, which concluded that the object was a very bright fireball. But others were not quite so sure.

Mark Birdsall, co-founder of the Yorkshire Unidentified Flying Objects Society (YUFOS), believes that there were two quite separate objects in the sky that night.



The mystery object seen near York in September

UFO SPOTTERS have been the subject of the public's derision for many years. They have been pilloried for having over-active imaginations and blasted for inducing innocent people to believe that the meteorite they saw was really a flying saucer complete with armed extra-terrestrials.

But is this fair? Nobody knows for certain just how large the universe is; what it contains; and how it was created.

We all have our views on this eternal and inexhaustible subject so why do we deride those who happen to believe that there are forces about which are beyond our comprehension?

So — bearing this in mind and determined to keep my incredulity in check — I ventured out into the unknown to interview two men who have dedicated their life

to proving that unidentified flying objects do exist.

The venue was amusingly bizarre in the circumstances — on the eleventh floor of one of those massive high-rise blocks of flats so beloved by planners of yesteryear.

Yes, 67 Lovell Par Towers, Leeds, seemed the appropriate place for the nerve centre of one of Yorkshire's newest societies: The Yorkshire Unidentified Flying Objects Society (YUFOS).



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Certainly, it is a good vantage point from which to study any extra-terrestrial phenomena that happen to be passing!

There, waiting for me,