

THE YUFOS/QUEST ORGANISATION HAS CERTAINLY BEEN HITTING THE HEADLINES LATELY! THE YORKSHIRE POST A NATIONAL NEWSPAPER RAN A FULL MAJOR ARTICLE ON THE WORK AND THOUGHTS OF THE ORGANISATION. PHILIP MANTLE WAS INTERVIEWED AND PUT FORWARD THE GROUPS THOUGHTS IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS. THIS IS GOOD PUBLICITY FOR THE SOCIETY AND WILL INFORM THE PUBLIC JUST WHAT UFO RESEARCH IS ALL ABOUT.

THE TELEGRAPH & ARGUS, BRADFORD'S MAIN NEWSPAPER RAN A FULL STORY WRITTEN BY MARK BIRDSALL IN CONNECTION WITH UFO OVERFLIGHTS OVER THE CITY. THIS STORY RAN JUST BEFORE CONFERENCE 86 AND ALL AGREED THAT MANY PERSONS TURNED UP FROM THAT CITY, WANTING TO LEARN MORE OF THE PHENOMENON. THE PRESS IS A 'UFO TOOL' WHICH SHOULD BE USED TO IT'S FULLEST POTENTIAL, THE PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW THE FACTS AND THIS ORGANISATION IS DOING EVERYTHING IN IT'S POWER TO BRING THEM TO YOU.

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# Encounters with the unknown

CONTRARY to public opinion, UFOs are regularly seen over major cities and Bradford is by no means an exception.

The Yorkshire UFO Society has on record many startling encounters over Bradford and its surrounding satellite towns and villages.

Reports of strange incidents is nothing new to this area, yet how real is the phenomenon and can it all be placed in categories which support a more down to earth explanation? The evidence suggests not, and we must point out that the following documentation has been analysed by some of the leading UFO researchers in this country and much of the data suggests an unknown intelligence.

Reports of UFOs continue to build up in our files relating to the Bradford area, but we must go all the way back to 1960 to find a classic example of how the subject displayed itself to a couple of innocent witnesses. This report, compared with recent encounters, will amply show how little the UFO has changed in the eyes of the un-knowing witness.

## Froze

Two women had left a house in the Low Moor area and were heading on foot towards High Fernley. Suddenly they became aware of a dark grey saucer shape just above a nearby hillside. Around the centre of the object a series of brightly lit 'portholes' were very evident. No sound could be heard even though the object was just two hundred feet away, hovering motionless just above some advertisement boards. The couple froze for a moment, and watched the very large craft move silently towards the Pennines.

There is nothing in the report to suggest a hoax or mis-identification of any known airborne object.

How physical is the phenomena and do UFOs constitute a threat to the public? A

MARK BIRDSALL, Research Director of the Yorkshire UFO Society, describes recent sightings, and concludes that Bradford is on a major UFO flightpath. Mark, a 28-year-old computer operative, formed the YUFOS with his brother in 1981. It now has some 200 members, 40 of them in Bradford.

terrified witness living in the King's Road recalls: "The year was 1967 and I was aware of a loud, pulsating, whirling sound outside my bedroom. The time was 2.30 a.m. I turned my bedroom light on and the sound grew louder. At this point my bedroom light started to flicker. I looked outside the window and couldn't believe my eyes! An enormous domed saucer was moving slowly across the street. It sent shivers down my back. It was bright silver and had a series of flashing lights around a raised dome. I would estimate its size to be no smaller than 150 ft. It was incredible."

The modern era of UFO sightings and the lengthy investigative methods and procedures YUFOS undertake to solve such mysteries are today 'dogged' by man's own advanced technological achievements in aviation. Today there are so many unusual objects to be seen in the skies. But could anything explain the object which hurtled towards Bradford on November 7, 1981?

Many witnesses as far afield as Huddersfield spotted a strange sphere cruising at tree top level and spinning rapidly. As it approached south Bradford, people observed a smaller sphere entering the large windowed hall.

1981 was perhaps Bradford's year in so far as UFO sightings are concerned. But few of the witnesses to the following daylight

experience will ever forget the month of June. We had received calls relating to the sighting of a large saucer shaped craft hovering over the West of the city. Quite quickly our Bradford investigators hurried to the scene.

Perhaps as is always the case with UFO investigation, the object had departed! The story does not end there however. For at 7.30 p.m. the same evening further reports were made of the identical object.

Seven statements taken by our investigators related heavily towards each other, all the observers offered similar descriptions — a silver craft with a purportedly 'glass' dome being illuminated from inside.

Yorkshire has a great reputation in

relation to such encounters with the unknown and perhaps one of the most disturbing occurred near Haworth. We have tried to solve this mystery for nearly four years, but still we remain totally baffled by the strange incident at Cullingworth Moor.

On September 17, 1982 at 10.30 p.m., two women were driving over Cullingworth Moor towards their home in Haworth. The road was deserted when suddenly a cluster of multi-coloured lights took up a position directly in front of the vehicle and around 30 ft. off the ground.

The women, absolutely terrified, slowed down immediately to around 5 mph. As the vehicle passed under the lights they could clearly see a large dark structure which

emitted a brilliant white beam at the car. The driver was flooded by an intense white light, she lost control of the car. Just seconds before they plunged down an embankment, she managed to regain control. The vehicle stopped. The glowing object moved off slowly towards the Skipton area, and quite silently left the women.

Both extremely upset they raced for home. When they arrived home they noticed the clock. A journey which usually takes less than thirty minutes had seemingly taken nearly two hours.

Some four days later the women decided to re-trace the journey at exactly the same time. Both very frightened they started to travel on the same stretch of road. Their fears were to

be realised when at exactly the same locality they had encountered the UFO, a red mist appeared from thin air and engulfed the vehicle.

The driver pressed hard on the accelerator and cleared the thick red glowing mist. When they arrived home they realised they had lost some thirty minutes again.

## Mystery

UFO sightings continue in the Bradford area and reports are still well above the national average. Even now, as we endeavour to evaluate the masses of information, people still come forward to relate strange encounters and observations. Such was the case just before Christmas when two astronomers claimed they saw a UFO glowing brilliant yellow in the sky over Shipley. Why Bradford is witness to so many UFO overflights remains a bigger mystery than perhaps the phenomena themselves. Perhaps the key lies with the city's locality. Bradford backs on to the vast, open areas of Yorkshire and just a short distance away the Pennines, scene of the most intense UFO activity in the United Kingdom. Is that why we are on the UFO flightpath? Time will tell.

Tomorrow the Yorkshire UFO Society will be staging a major conference with leading figures from all over Europe attending. The meeting is being staged at Centenary House, North Street, Leeds, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (doors open at noon).

International speakers will be relating substantial evidence which will dismiss the sceptics claims of 'no material evidence'. The Society will be presenting some of the strangest incidents this country has ever seen, making Yorkshire the key in the vast jigsaw so aptly termed The UFO Paradox.