

ARE THESE UFOs?

CRAVEN could be providing an underground base for extra terrestrials.

This is the theory of UFO investigator Tony Dodd who lives at Wharfedale, Grassington.

And the far-from-eccentric Tony does not rely on fantasy for his argument, he believes he has the truth to substantiate his claims — like the picture of two blurred objects hovering over the area recently.

"This area has a very high percentage of the national sightings," said Tony. "I took this picture of something flying around at night.

"The majority are seen at night, they have been seen many times around here. I have seen 60 or 80 of these machines in the last ten years.

"If you see one at a distance it appears just as a ball of light, but as it moves closer the definition improves.

"The ones in the picture were a ball of light. They were the usual common balls, and were about 400 yards away.

Sightings

Tony is the official North Yorkshire investi-

'We're in an ET hotspot'

gator for the UFO tracking organisation Contact International, and he is trying to find out why there are so many unexplained sightings in this area.

"I feel because this is one of the hotspots, as far as sightings go, there are bases located in certain places where they go underground," he said.

In his time as an investigator, Tony has had encounters with different types of spaceship, but one, in particular, stands out in his memory.

"There was an occasion when one came right across my car flying low.

"It was a giant triangular shaped object — a great triangle of lights. I flashed a torch at it and they turned round and came back.

"At one time I was a bit apprehensive, but I have been so close to these things they they know I am there. There never been any aggression at all.

"There are strange things flying around at night, but where they come from is another thing.

"I can't believe they are anything that has been produced by us, purely and simply because there has been one sighted in the atmosphere travelling at 72,000 miles an hour.

Machines

"They seem to be more prevalent on winter nights. A lot of the ones I have seen have been way below cloud level. They tend to move more frequently North to South.

"They are huge machines these, and, although they are nothing like anything that has been made on earth

they seem to be nuts and bolts."

Tony says there is a long history of UFO activity in this area, but that only around 10 per cent. of the sightings are ever reported.

He said: "What we are trying to do is find the common factor which could tell us why it is they are here. I wish people would report the sightings — not just the distant blips, but something which could give us something to work on."

Anyone who has any information about UFO activities in the area should contact Bernard Walsh at the Craven Times, and he will put them in touch with Tony.

