

UFO hunters click on Yorkshire moors

The Yorkshire UFO Society is on the lookout for mysterious objects in the sky over the region this week, as members conduct a nine-day "skywatch".

Results of their 24-hour-a-day vigils and logging of any unusual sightings in the heavens above part of North Yorkshire are likely to be studied by Leeds and Sheffield Universities.

They set up a caravan near Carleton and Elslack Moors, Skipton, last

Friday, and they believe they may have already had one "sighting".

That was early on Saturday morning, and has hopefully been photographed, using some sophisticated camera equipment.

The society's co-ordinator of research, Mr. Mark Birdsall, said: "A lot of people think there are frequent sightings, but in fact they are very few and far between, and we were lucky to have at least one possible one during

our Skywatch."

Members are also using astronomical telescopes.

Society members can distinguish between satellites, planes and meteors using their state-of-the-art technology, according to Mr. Birdsall.

Meanwhile, the group is hosting some lectures in Yorkshire. The first, at Christ Church Parish Room, Knaresborough Road, Harrogate, tomorrow, starts at 7.30 p.m.