



METAL BOXES 1

U.F.O.s OVER NORTH YORKSHIRE

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"I WAS ABSOLUTELY petrified".
"Never seen anything like it, no way
that was an aircraft". These were two
short statements from two young
police officers who never in their
wildest dreams imagined coming face
to face with one of the worlds great
mysteries — the UFO.

To millions of ordinary people, from
postmen to presidents to policemen,
UFOs are more than just a story.
They are a reality.

There have been sightings of UFOs in
Northern England for centuries. At the
moment, a mammoth catalogue is
nearing completion by a team of
researchers, and it lists events that date
to AD 91 when a ship was seen in the
sky over Humberside. The descriptions
always relate to the era in question —
in the eighth century 'fiery dragons'
were reported in Northumbria, and on
September 15th 1749, cattle were
frightened and trees burnt by a
flaming UFO in South Yorkshire.

The North of England is just like any
other part of the world in that UFOs

are seen everywhere and by all kinds
of witnesses. The phenomenon does
seem to prefer the less populated
locations, however, such as the
moorlands of the Pennines.

On the night of Thursday 1st June,
1978, at the small North Yorkshire
village of Darley, Mr Robert Harvey
was outside his house when he noticed
a brilliant white light high in the sky.
It was much bigger and brighter than
the surrounding stars. Knowing the
stars in that system contained no light
previously of that size, he kept watch.
He was quickly rewarded, for suddenly
the object, from being quite station-
ary, suddenly descended and made a
'figure of eight' track before returning
to its original position. It carried out
this manoeuvre several times before it
changed and made a track similar to
that of a letter Z.

Shortly after midnight, the object
raced away over Brimham Rocks,
leaving behind a somewhat puzzled
Yorkshireman.

Two days later, at 11.05 p.m. on the
Saturday evening of June 3rd, a
brilliant red object appeared directly
over the Hayshaw T.V. mast. Its
colour then changed to green, then
quite unexpectedly the object emitted
a blue halo from the underneath of the
craft which covered a wide area of
hillside, including the T.V. mast. This

fascinating and 'breathtaking event'
lasted some 35 minutes, when at the
end the light went out, and the object
was no more.

News of the phenomena spread
quickly, and for days afterwards
villagers made a point of watching the
skies late at night in order to see these
strange lights.

It was to be a lengthy wait, but the
happenings were repeated in full view
of the people of Darley.

At 10.30 p.m. on 28th July, a Friday
night, two objects appeared in the
southern sky. The first, slightly to the
left, was brilliant white, the other a
brilliant red. The white object was
revolving ever so slightly, the red
object was completely stationary.
Quite suddenly over the same horizon
three objects appeared, line abreast,
all glowing and emitting different
colours.

At precisely 10.45 p.m. from a large
dark cloud there suddenly dropped at
speed a brilliant white object, the
shape and size of a lamp bulb at 20
feet. The whole sky was lit up, the
hills were clearly visible. A woman in
her eighties recalled that it was "an
absolutely marvellous sight", and an
elderly neighbour said "Oh, whatever
can it be? Its beautiful".

As the white glow saturated the
countryside, the object in its
stationary position between cloud and
land, suddenly changed colour. It was
now a brilliant red, and remained like
that for 20 seconds before racing off
towards and over Brimham Rocks.
There had been no sound and no
vapour; shortly afterwards the sky was
quite still and peaceful.

A month later, three young girls from
the same village observed a semi-
circular object on the skyline several
hundred yards away. It was pale cream
in colour, and slightly tilted at an
angle. On one end was a brilliant
white light, and from it came a beam
of light that arched toward the
ground. It was some 60-70 feet above
the ground, 20 feet in length, and 7-8
feet in height. After five minutes the
object simply faded away, there was
nothing sudden about it.

The village constable who investigated
this particular sighting could find no
cause and told me that he had known

