

# YOUNG TORIES MOUNT A SKYWATCH FOR UFOs

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Strange unidentified flying objects which drift silently across the sky, coupled with reports of weird people landing on Earth from another planet, are just two of the stories which are making scientists think again about UFOs.

Sightings of these strange crafts, known as flying saucers, have been recorded all over the country. Some are definitely false — but what about the rest?

Recently the Sutton News ran a story of a sighting in Sutton Park where a member of Little Aston Young Conservatives said he saw a cigar shaped object hovering over the railway line.

The report was investigated by a leading Midland "Ufologist", who claimed it was among the most common of sightings and described it as "an energy source."

From then on the Young Conservatives took an interest in the subject and invited Ufologist John Clarke - Allmark along to one of their meetings to discuss that and other sightings.

Such was the mystery and intrigue surrounding the topic that they decided to do a little bit of investigating themselves, and last Thursday went on a skywatch.

A group of a dozen young Conservatives, led by John Clarke - Allmark, went to Castle Ring at Gentleshaw, on Cannock Chase, to an old fort high up on a hill.

The weather was not too good but they claim to

have seen a "red, green and orange flashing star" which after a few minutes disappeared.

The colours projected by the "star" were not that of a plane, and so it could quite easily have been a UFO, they felt.

John Clarke - Allmark works alongside two other ufologists and every so often the three of them go down to Warminster to join other in long, but profitable, skywatches.

"There have been quite a number of sightings in the Warminster area and so that is where most of our work is carried out," said Mr. Clarke - Allmark.

"But there have been reports in the past of UFOs drifting from West Bromwich over to Lichfield."

In recent months a steady flow of reports of extra - terrestrial activity have been received from all over the Midlands.

In June, an airline pilot reported seeing a metallic saucer - like aeroform hovering over Cannock Chase. Then a clear night in August treated an Oldbury man to a typical UFO sighting.

During the later afternoon, while working in his garden, he saw a white saucer with a domed top which had dark portholes around its side.

The craft hovered for a short while and then moved off at such speed that within seconds it became no more than a tiny spot in the distance.

Last month, close to

home, a Lichfield man said he saw something strange in the sky while taking his dog for walk one evening.

He described it as being about the size of a football and was emitting a blue and red light from the rear, after a while the craft travelled towards Birmingham. Sightings like this, John Clarke - Allmark said, are "allowed" to be reported but if anything is published which is a little too close to the truth, the writer bets a visit from the "men in black."

"There have been cases when someone has got hold of some useful information about UFOs, but when that person comes to publishing it they get a visit from the people we call the men in black," Mr. Clarke - Allmark said.

"I don't really know where these people are from, but I would have thought they would have something to do with the Government."

A question of doubt hangs over this highly controversial subject, but it must have started from something or other.

But the question is, what?



Above: Little Aston Young Conservatives prepare to set off on their skywatch in Gentleshaw with leading Midland Ufologist John Clarke - Allmark (right).

Below: A strange craft from another world drifts silently across the dark sky leaving behind it a mysterious bright light. And they say cameras never lie.

