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All set now for 3404 those UFOs

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With only one mention of Daleks and a few of mystery saucers in the sky, eight people last night sat in a Cardiff house and formed a group to probe reports of unidentified flying objects.

The South Wales Unidentified Flying Object Research Group is now on the launching-pad.

"We will welcome genuine reports of unidentified flying objects from the public," said the chairman, Mr. Derek Toombs, of Piercefield Place, Roath, Cardiff.

People reporting cigar-shaped objects, saucers and the like will be sent a four-page questionnaire asking for details of where the sighting took place, what the weather was like, colour, speed and shape of the object.

Group members may go out and investigate spots where the craft are reported to have landed.

Experts

Completed questionnaires will be sent to the group's national headquarters in London for further examination by experts.

Mr. Toombs, a clerk, decided to form the group after seeing a UFO at Abertillery in November. But his interest goes back more than 20 years.

"I saw one between Brighton and Eastbourne about eight years ago" said Mr. Thomas Burchell, a finance officer, of Plasturton Avenue. "It was very high and the sun reflected from it."

Mr. Peter Hughes, 18, of Cowbridge Road East, Cardiff, said the peaceful aspect of anything from outer-space had been overlooked.

"People get frightened by stories of Daleks coming down and saying, 'Bang, bang, you're dead'." Mr. Hughes works in Central Library, Cardiff.

Mr. Toombs said, "I think many people are afraid of being scoffed at if they say they have seen flying saucers but we certainly will not."