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Gwent UFOs: expert may investigate

A UFO investigator may visit Gwent to probe recent sightings over Cwmbran, Monmouth and Newport.

Nearly thirty sightings have been reported in the county over the last month - three over Monmouth and three over Cwmbran with the rest mostly over Newport.

And it is thought Mr David O'Donnell, an in-

vestigator for the UFO Society, may visit the area soon.

One person who has logged all his sightings is Mr Frederick Jackson, 62, of Dorset Crescent, Newport.

Apart from a few sightings earlier in spring and summer, he said activity over Newport began on September 13, with two stationary UFOs visible to the north of the town.

The UFOs, flashing red and blue with brilliant white lights, were seen by nine people besides Mr Jackson.

Police sergeant Kenneth Perrett, who lives nearby in Dorset Close, said: "They didn't move, and they did appear to be different to the stars surrounding them."

He said he saw the three mysterious objects and added: "I reserve judgment on what they were, but they were certainly up there."

More sightings followed on six separate dates between September 21 and 30 - and on each night Mr Jackson had witnesses.

Two officers from Maindee Police Station were with him on September 23, when three similar stationary lights were seen high up, two to the north-east and one in the west, which later moved northwards.

He said the policemen did not believe him until they looked through his binoculars. Then they submitted a report confirming his findings.

On another occasion Mr Jackson said he saw two more at about 7.40, one in the west and one in the north.

"They looked like stars," he said. Both were stationary and flashing red and green lights.

His son-in-law also saw the lights through binoculars.

Mr Jackson said most of his sightings were in the west, occasionally in the north. But one of the September 23 sightings had been in an easterly direction.

"It's the various positions that make me think there's something up there," he said.

Gwent is not normally a hotbed of UFO activity.

A spokesman for the UFO Society said: "I know there have been very few investigators and consequently very few reports investigated."

An air traffic spokesman at Cardiff-Wales Airport said there had been a lot more aircraft around than usual with summer traffic."