

Saucer spotters are on lookout

UFO buffs in South Cumbria should be out in their gardens this month spotting mysterious objects, experts have said.

Sharon Larkin said the summer months are the best time to spot UFOs flying in the Cumbrian skies.

Ms Larkin, who is the investigations and administrations spokeswoman of Cumbria UFO Research and Investigation, wants to encourage people to take advantage of the recent good weather by searching the skies.

She said: "Everybody thinks we only see UFOs at night time, but we actually can see them clearly during the day, especially when the sky is clear from clouds."

She claims she spotted an unidentified silver object hovering in the sky last week while she was out enjoying the sun.

She said: "I spotted an odd-shaped craft, which was white or silver in colour and looked your usual disc with a dome on top."

She said that the sighting lasted for about one minute before it was obscured by clouds.

Ms Larkin is also investigating other sightings reported to her this summer by shocked Cumbrians.

These include two witnesses who saw a yellow light moving vertically in the sky south of Caldbeck.

The light on the horizon stayed in the same area of the sky for one hour, moving up and down silently.

Two days later, a man driving home from work said he saw a large black triangular craft over Moota.

The craft was hovering over a field, with three white lights and one red light.

Ms Larkin wrote to the Ministry of Defence about the incident who replied that it could not justify spending public funds on investigating the incident.

She has recently featured in a new television show talking about her interest in UFOs and investigations of local sightings.

She has attracted considerable attention, both nationally and internationally, with her claims that West Cumbria is a hotbed of UFO activity.

Ms Larkin, 27, was selected by satellite channel BBC Choice to take part in its series, *Rush*, which looks at the quirky offbeat and sometimes wacky stories of people living along the coast of Britain and Ireland.

She was filmed for the show at various locations around the Cumbrian coast.