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### Sheffield UFO Incident 2?

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Hello to all the people on the Haunted Scotland list

Here's an interesting article that has just appeared in the Sheffield Star Newspaper on the 14.07.99.

If you have followed the Sheffield UFO incident, in which two investigators seem to be having a verbal war via the internet, then you'll find the following interesting....

MAM TOR HUNT AFTER "AIR CRASH"

Rescue teams spent hours searching Mam Tor after reports of a light aircraft crash. Police alerted the Edale, Buxton and Kinder teams after receiving several reports of a plane in trouble (sounds familiar?) that may have crashed near Castleton. Two helicopters, 104 mountain rescue team members and six search and rescue dogs combed Mam Tor, Lords Seat, Perry Foot and Sparrow Foot before abandoning the search as bad weather set in last night. They will search again today...

The above totally matches Mike France's statement to myself during the investigation of "The Sheffield Incident" that "it is a regular occurrence...people mistake aeroplanes taking off and landing at Manchester airport or they mis-judge the height of an aircraft when infact it is at a safe height." Mike France 20th April 1997

Again the above case has the same commitment and dedication from the brave voluntary rescue teams combing over 25 square miles just because of several reports.

I would be interested in what other people think...

Martin and Louise Jeffrey  
 Mystery Magazine

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Hi,

Heres a neat twist for you on the above. The incident occurred at Chapel-en-le-Frith. I live at Dove Holes - a mile away. I was one of the witnesses who assisted Buxton police on this non event. I heard the aircraft and the explosion and gave details of both to David Clarke at the Star and to the Daily Mail, who phoned me. The Mail seemed to want it to be a phantom bomber from World War Two. There is no chance of that. This was a plane far smaller than a bomber.

The whole affair was, in my view, an 8 hour exercise in futility. The aircraft was unusual - a small light plane flying very low (500 feet or so). Yes, planes come over here going into Manchester every few minutes. They are very high (8000 feet or so) and quite different in every respect. All locals know them backwards. Yes, military jets nearly knock our rooftops off every few days on a training exercise. This was no jet but was as low as they fly. The plane was sufficiently odd to cause me to go to the window and look (I saw nothing) but unlike an airline pilot who lives in Chapel and reported it to the police I thought nothing other than it was a low flying plane maybe doing aerial photography (as one did last year for a new housing estate). The pilot says he thought the engine sounded rough. It did not to me. It was merely flying in low cloud, its sound thus echoing a bit in the humid atmosphere and crossed right over my house heading for Mam Tor. But because of the credibility of the pilot witness the police launched a search and alerted Ringway (who are scanning radar records but don't seem to have recorded anything - as I don't expect them to have done, since at 500 feet this plane would have been too low for radar coverage in these hills).

As for the explosion, it followed some minutes later, was never directly connected with the plane by me (I thought - and still think - they were two entirely separate incidents) and was without question an airborne report not a ground impact. This I know for certain because the RMC quarry at Dove Holes shakes our house regularly with detonations of limestone. This bang was much louder but caused no ground shake, because, in my view it was airborne. The weather was humid, low cloud, drizzle and at the time I believed it was an isolated thunderclap ( although no actual storm followed - rain did). I still think this.

I was first alerted when Dave called me next morning. I had never connected either of these events with anything strange or linked them together, frankly. I told the police in my view this was an unconnected overflight by an unusually low flying light plane and a subsequent thunderclap. They told me this was what they had concluded as well and were delighted to have my account as it fitted their findings.

This morning I went to Chapel (as I do every Saturday) and asked around in the library, newsagent, supermarket, bakery etc. I found nobody who had heard either noise. Several had heard the story but none of those considered it in any way an unusual matter and were perfectly happy with the aircraft and thunderclap solution. It is not creating any interest in these parts.

Sorry - no mystery.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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