

# THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PRUFOS POLICE REPORT 2006

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This report does not reflect the views of my force, the British Transport Police.

This report is now the fifth one I have completed since I launched the PRUFOS Police Database in January 2002.

The current total is 213 cases dating between 1901 and 2005 involving 500 British police officers.

What follows is the most comprehensive police archive of UFO sightings ever published anywhere in Britain.

(NOTE - NEW CASES FOR THE 2006 REPORT ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED)

## ON DUTY SIGHTINGS

1901

1. 21/12/1901. 0045 hours. Location: Haworth, West Yorkshire. As two uniformed police officers, PS JOHN JOHNSON and PC CLARK were walking along a snow covered beat in Haworth when suddenly a green light illuminated the surrounding area. The officers looked up to the sky to see a luminous UFO shaped like a cigar pointed at both ends. The object emitted occasional flashes and sparks. They watched the object for 15 minutes as it slowly and silently moved across the night sky before disappearing into the distance. PS JOHNSON stated that the object was seen at an altitude of 100-150 feet before gradually gaining height. Two members of the public reported seeing similar objects in Keighley and Shipley respectively.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND). On duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – Mr Midgley via Keighley News 02/12/94.

1950

2. Monday. 02/11/50. Location – Gowerton, Wales. Following a report by a member of the public of two lights traveling across the sky, DETECTIVE SERGEANT AMBROSE DAVIES, of Gowerton Police station observed a single white ball of flame. It was much brighter than any star and after a few seconds

was seen to break into two pieces. A shower of reddish sparks were seen to the rear of the objects. The officer ruled out planets and meteors stating that there were definitely two objects in the sky and that they were joined by some kind of tether. UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – UFO Magazine Press Archive.

1952

3. 2115 Hours. Location - Leek, Staffordshire.

A police officer on plain clothes observations and two passing civilians saw a UFO literally above their heads at the recreation ground, Burton Street, Leek, Staffordshire. The object was seen for approx 2-3 minutes at an alt of 500 feet. They described it as orange in colour prior to the object changing shape from sphere to cigar by which time it was blue. Eventually the object accelerated away at a fantastic speed in a northerly direction. Throughout duration of the sighting the UFO made no noise whatsoever. It was a clear cold night, no wind and the stars were visible. The sighting was reported by the officer but he was told by his Superintendent to 'keep his mouth shut'. The sighting was released to the press. UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND).

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: Irene Bott archive.

1954

4. February. 0600 hours. Location – Bognor Regis, Sussex.

PC WILLIAM KEATS was cycling to work for the 6am shift when he saw the road ahead suddenly illuminated from behind him. He stopped and turned to see an intense white light travelling from west to east. Upon reaching the police station two other officers from Chichester, PC HOWARD NORTH and PC TONY COX confirmed they too had seen what they described as a 'tadpole' shaped UFO. UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source: Daily Mail 11/02/54.

1955

5. Evening. Summer. Location - Sussex coast. An on duty uniformed police officer PC JOHN L CLARKE observed a bright light flying at high altitude along the Sussex coast on a late evening summer's sky. He estimated the size of the UFO as ¼ size of the moon. It was first seen low from the east taking ten minutes to arrive overhead and then a further ten minutes to disappear from view. No sound present at any time. He described the UFO as a distinct circular shape at the front with a broken and distorted rear.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source - John L Clarke.

1957

6. September 1957. 2345 hours. Sunday. Location. Bristol Channel. Three uniformed officers observed a red disc shaped UFO rise from the Bristol Channel. One half of the disc was like a large harvest moon and moved out of sight towards the west. The officers reported the sighting to Glamorgan Police HQ. UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL/USO (NOCTURNAL LIGHT/UNDERWATER SURFACE OBJECT)

On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source: Daily Telegraph 04/09/57.

7. November 1957. 0235 hours. Location – Cowbridge, Glamorgan. Two uniformed officers observed a green blue UFO as it passed over South Wales. Five minutes later two other uniformed officers saw the same object as it passed over the Rhondda Valley. The object was described as being delta shaped and travelling at high speed. Several civilian witnesses also observed the UFO.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 4 Officers. Source – Press Archive.

1962

Location – Dartmoor, Devon.

8. A senior police officer in a newspaper article confirmed that two officers on mobile patrol had had a UFO encounter over Dartmoor. He said that the officers had chased the object along country roads where it was seen to stop and hover before disappearing. The officers submitted a long report about the incident.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: Sunday Mirror 19/08/1979.

1963

9. July. Location - Charlton near Shaftesbury, Wiltshire. An on duty uniformed police officer, PC ANTHONY PENNY reported seeing an orange coloured UFO flash across the sky in the above location and disappear over a potato field where days later a large spherical crater measuring eight feet was found. The crater appeared from nowhere in the field and within its centre was a hole three feet deep, 5-12 inches in diameter. Radiating from the centre of the hole were four slot marks, four feet long and one foot wide. No cause could be found for the appearance of the crater or the marks found within it. The crater was investigated by a Bomb Disposal Unit but no satisfactory explanation was ever found for it. The mystery was even mentioned in parliament on 29th July by Major Patrick Wall, Conservative MP for Haltemprice.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source - UFO Flying Saucers over Britain by Robert Chapman. Mayflower Books. Pages 104-107.

1964

10. 20/02/64. 0955 hours. Location: Shoeburyness, Southend, Essex. PC 392 CROOK was on patrol when he observed three fast moving objects in the southern sky. They were spaced in a line. The colour of the objects was off-white and their shape appeared to be oval. They were seen above cloud height and travelling at great speed with no discernable sound. The officer forwarded a report to the Air Ministry who stated he may have witnessed three Lightning fighter aircraft flying in formation.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – DD (DAYLIGHT DISC)  
On duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – Irene Bott archive.

1965

11. 1500 hours. 30/11/65. Location – Warminster, Wiltshire. An on duty uniformed police officer, PC ERIC PINNOCK was on foot patrol of the Bishopstrow area of the town when he observed a large bright silver ball shaped UFO hurtle through the sky before it disappeared over Sutton Common. He said, "It was a giant plate of light. It lit up the whole horizon with a glare". It was flying low over the landscape and appeared to be spinning. During the mid sixties

Warminster was a haven for UFO spotters and there were literally hundreds of sightings made in that area.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – DD (DAYLIGHT DISC)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source - The Warminster Mystery by Arthur Shuttlewood. Tandem Publishing 1976. Page 139.

12. 1954 hours. Thursday 16/12/65. Location - Chineham, Basingstoke, Hampshire. An on duty uniformed police officer, PC J HARWOOD was speaking with a member of the public outside the man's home when they both observed a tadpole shaped UFO with a large green dome on top and a flaming red tail that was two or three times the length of the dome pass by overhead. It was seen only briefly as it sped across the sky from south to north at an incredible speed. The object was estimated to have been four to six feet in length. PC HARWOOD said, "The colour attracted me - green. This may have been caused by low clouds. I have never seen anything like it before". The member of the public, Basil Gibbons (aged 67), likened the object to a Gemini space capsule.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source - The Warminster Mystery by Arthur Shuttlewood. Tandem Publishing 1976. Pages 141-142.

## 1966

13. 0410 hours. March. Location - Wilmslow, Cheshire. An on duty uniformed officer, PC COLIN PERKS was on foot patrol on Alderley Road in the above town when he saw a UFO moving across the sky at an altitude of only 30 feet and that it was only 100 yards from him. He described it as being 30 feet in diameter and as bulky as a double decker bus. He said, "There was an eerie, greenish-grey glow in the sky. Then I picked out an object about thirty feet long and built up in three sections with the top looking like a dustbin lid. It gave off a high pitched whine. I was paralysed. I just couldn't believe it." The duration of the sighting was five minutes before it disappeared. His police report was forwarded to the MOD who did visit him to investigate his story. When officers visited the scene a short time after the incident the area where was seen was covered in a fine glass like substance that dissipated after a short period.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE2 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 2<sup>ND</sup> KIND)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source - UFO Flying Saucers over Britain by Robert Chapman. Mayflower Books 1999. Page 43 and PRUFOS.

14. September. Location – Southampton, Hampshire. Following a report from a member of the public that a UFO was hovering motionless over the city a marked police vehicle was sent to investigate the claim. When they arrived at the man's address on Coxford Road they were amazed to see the object where he had claimed it would be. They contacted Police HQ by radio and said, "He's right. There is an object in the sky to the west and remaining still. It keeps flashing red, white and blue lights and dropping flares. There's no sound of an engine and it does not appear to be an aircraft." Enquiries with Eastleigh Airport proved negative as did those with Southampton University Air Squadron. Calls to the Southern Meteorological Centre also proved fruitless. Eventually the UFO disappeared at high speed in the direction of Eastleigh.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source - UFO Flying Saucers over Britain by Robert Chapman. Mayflower Books 1969. Page 43.

1967

15. August 1967. Location – Worthing, Sussex.

Four campers reported seeing two UFOs over Rye Bay near Worthing that were later confirmed by two uniformed police officers. The objects moved quickly across the sky heading in a north easterly direction.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: Evening News 21/08/67.

16. July 1967. 2110 hours. Saturday. Location – Nottingham, Nottinghamshire.

A member of the public, teacher Mr Doy, reported seeing a UFO over a local school and a PC HOLMES attended the school and confirmed the object in the sky. He then reported the sighting to his duty officer, Inspector R Street. PC HOLMES stated that the object was a bright light spinning on its own axis in a stationary position above the school. The police could not offer any explanation for the UFO.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: Nottingham Evening Post 10/07/67.

17. October 1967. Location - Sussex and Oxfordshire.

Following reports by several members of the public (including an RAF Wing Commander) police officers across the counties of Sussex and Oxfordshire observed a fiery cross UFO. One of them, a motor cycle officer, PC BRYAN CAWTHORNE, observed the UFO between Ringmer and Halland having initially thought the object to be a star. He pulled over to the side of the road to get a better look at it and described its motion as slowly moving forward and backwards. He definitely confirmed that the object was actually moving by lining it up with a telegraph pole. He reported the incident to his control and was informed that other officers had also reported seeing the object.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source: Evening News 25/10/67.

18. The following two sightings took place within two days of each other across the counties of Devon and Sussex at a time when sightings of fiery cross shaped UFOs were being widely reported in the media. October 1967 0445 hours. Wednesday. Location – Sussex. A uniformed police officer observed a fiery cross shaped UFO. October 1967 1600 hours. Tuesday. Location – Devon. A uniformed police officer, PC KEITH DROUDGE observed a UFO and said of his sighting, "There is no doubt in my mind. It was a UFO. It wasn't a plane. We've seen enough planes not to be fooled like that".

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: Sunday Express 29/10/67.

19. 0130 hours. 05/07/67. Location – Stoney Cross, New Forest, Wiltshire. Following a report by a member of the public of an orange ball shaped UFO above Stoney Cross, New Forest a uniformed officer, PC DAVID HOLLOWAY, was dispatched to the scene. He corroborated the sighting of the orange UFO that he said did a 'loop the loop' before heading away in the direction of Southampton.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – FSR Vol 13 No 5.

20. 27/08/67. Location - Between Spelsbury and Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire. Two on duty uniformed officers observed two dark oval shaped UFOs on the road between the above locations. They estimated the size of the objects as fifty feet in diameter each. The craft disappeared in a northerly direction at a height of 600 feet.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source - A Covert Agenda by Nick Redfern. Pocket Books 1998. Page 97.

21. 27/08/67. Location - Glossop, Derbyshire. Six on duty uniformed police officers observed a UFO over the town from a number of different locations. They described the object's movements as 'swinging' from side to side.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 6 Officers. Source - A Covert Agenda by Nick Redfern. Pocket Books 1998. Page 97.

22. 10/08/67. 0043 hours. Location: Hindley, Wigan, Lancashire. During the early hours two uniformed police officers, PC LIONEL HAW and PC STEVE PARSONAGE, observed a round shaped object in the sky that appeared to be travelling too fast to be either a comet or plane. PC HAW made a pocket notebook entry regarding the sighting. The officers observed the object for two minutes and dismissed any notion that they had seen a trick of the light. Chief Superintendent Tom Andrews of Wigan police confirmed the officer's report of the sighting.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – Daily Mirror 16/08/67.

23. October. Location – Gosport, Hampshire. Two uniformed officers PC EDNA WIELK and PC TONY CONNELL observed a red and white coloured UFO whilst on mobile patrol in the Little Anglesey area of Gosport. The UFO was seen above the HMS DOLPHIN submarine base. They got out of their vehicle to watch the object which they observed for five minutes before it moved out of sight.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – Steve Gerrard, Southampton UFO Group (SUFOG).

24. Evening. 21/10/67. Location – South Shields, South Tyneside. Following a report by a member of the public, a uniformed police officer visited the family and witnessed with them the sighting of three triangular shaped UFOs in the sky above Tyne Dock, South Shields. The objects appeared to fly in formation before stopping and coming to a brief hover. They departed heading off in the direction of Newcastle. The objects were extremely bright to look at and were seen for a duration of 30 minutes.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – FSR Vol 14 No 2.

25. 0400 hours. 24/10/67. Location - A3072 between Okehampton and Holsworthy, Devon. Two on duty uniformed police officers, PC CLIFFORD WAYCOTT and PC ROGER WILLEY had spotted a pulsating flying cross whilst driving between the above locations. It was seen at low altitude moving above the treetops of the surrounding countryside. Intrigued they began to chase the UFO, however they were never able to significantly gain on it. At times the object slowed to 50 mph and at one point came to a stop in mid air. The pursuit involved speeds of up to 90 mph and covered a distance of 14 miles. Whenever they did gain a little ground on the object it would simply accelerate away from them. Eventually they reduced their speed fearing an accident themselves. The closest distance they reached to the UFO was 400 yards. At one point they stopped at a farm to wake up the owner so they could gain some corroboration

that they were not mistaken in their sighting. At a later press conference PC WAYCOTT said, "The light wasn't piercing but it was very bright. It was star-spangled - just like looking through wet glass and although we reached 90 mph it accelerated away from us." Before the object disappeared from view they saw a second UFO that was also cross-shaped, very bright and made no noise. Both officers were impressed by the relevant speeds of the objects as they quickly departed, especially the first one. Enquiries at nearby RAF Chivenor proved negative. Within 48 hours numerous other witnesses began to report sightings of similar objects. A 'fiery cross' was witnessed above the skies of Glossop, Derbyshire by six police officers.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source - UFO Flying Saucers over Britain by Robert Chapman. Mayflower Books 1969. Pages 13-15.

26. 0500 hours. 25/10/67. Location – Okehampton, Devon. Two uniformed officers in a patrol car observed a fiery cross shaped UFO above the town. One of the officers was a police photographer but he did not have time to get a picture of the object as the duration of the sighting amounted to only a few seconds.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – FSR Vol 14 No 2.

27. 0205 hours. 26/10/67. Location – Okehampton, Devon. Only two days after his involvement in the famous high speed police UFO chase, PC ROGER WILLEY, observed a similar star shaped UFO in the skies above Okehampton. It was seen to drop down low as if to land in the area it was originally seen. The sighting was very brief lasting only a few seconds.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – FSR Vol 14 No 2.

28. 0530 hours. Late October. Location - Bacup, Lancashire. An on duty uniformed police officer, PC BRIAN EARNSHAW heard a crackling sound coming over the station's short wave radio. Curious he went outside to see what might be causing the interference. When he did so he looked up to see a cigar shaped UFO hovering 250 feet above the station. He said, "It was approximately 50 feet in length. There were portholes on the side but there were no visible signs of propulsion. The ship appeared to be metallic and gave off a bright glow. There was a low whirring sound coming from it." Two other uniformed officers, PC COLIN DONAHOE and MALCOLM READER also saw the same object from a different location in Lancashire, watching for several minutes before it rose vertically into the sky and disappeared. Later a statement was issued by Lancashire Police that read, "We have had UFO reports before, but nothing like this. There has been no reasonable explanation but it was something definitely seen."

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1/EM (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND/ELECTROMAGNETIC EFFECTS)

On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source - UFO Flying Saucers over Britain by Robert Chapman. Mayflower Books 1969. Page 19.

29. 0520 hours. Late October. Location - Lancing, West Sussex. Three on duty uniformed police officers including PC MICHAEL SANDS spotted a silver UFO above the skies above Lancing. PC SANDS said, "It looked like a silver point of light which moved rapidly across the sky."

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source - UFO Flying Saucers over Britain by Robert Chapman. Mayflower Books 1969. Pages 19-20.

30. 0445 hours. 25/10/67. Location - Lewes, Sussex. Following reports by at least five police officers the senior officer for Lewes, G .W. R. Terry called a press conference at the Lewes Police HQ to discuss their sightings. All the officers, each from different vantage points described the same object - a bright light travelling in a northerly direction in total silence. These sightings along with many others made by the public were part of a high number of similar reports in the Sussex area over a number of days.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 5 Officers. Source - A Covert Agenda by Nick Redfern. Pocket Books 1998. Page 97.

31. Before Midnight. October/November 1967. Location – Sharneyford near Todmorden, West Yorkshire. Two uniformed officers were parked up in a marked police vehicle when they observed a bright light between their location and Stoodly Pike (local landmark). The light was well below cloud level. Then the object rose vertically into the sky before moving horizontally across the landscape in a side to side motion. The object itself was described as cone shaped, similar to a Gemini space capsule. Later the officers reported the sighting to the duty night shift Inspector. The reporting officer eventually spoke with an official from the War Office who asked him to submit an official report. This was duly completed and submitted. The officer never received any further communication about the incident.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – PRUFOS/CONFIDENTIAL.

## 1968

32. Thursday 38/03/68. Evening. Location – Torquay, Devon.

Two uniformed police officers saw a UFO over Torquay. Both officers reported the sighting to senior officers. A police spokesman said, 'There appears to be something in the story.'

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: The Sun 29/03/68.

## 1969

33. August 1969 0430 hours. Location - Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.

Three uniformed police officers, two with binoculars, observed a triangular shaped UFO with concave sides over Mansfield General Hospital for one and half hours. It was first seen by PC PAGE at around 0430 hours. At 0606 hours the object was seen to change colour and disappear. A police report was sent to RAF Finningley.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source: Newspaper archive.

34. Dagenham, Surrey. 0630 hours 1969.

Two uniformed police officers observed a UFO above the Surrey Downs minutes after it had been seen over Dagenham.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: Researcher Roy Lake.

35. August 5th 1969. Location – Camarthen, Wales. Two uniformed police officers were among several civilian witnesses to a UFO seen hovering over Camarthen. Initially spotted by several members of the public a motor cycle

officer turned up at the home of a farmer and confirmed the UFO through binoculars. It was described as being spherical in shape and silvery in colour. Later a second officer observed the object. Checks with the RAF proved negative.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source. Newspaper report posted 06/08/69.

36. Late evening. 10/11/69. Location – Withernsea, North Lincolnshire. A couple observed a triangular shaped UFO as it flew low over the sky near the above named location. The object moved closer to the vehicle they were in. Frightened they contacted the local police and were informed that a police officer had also witnessed the same thing. This information was confirmed by CHIEF INSPECTOR W BARROWCLOUGH of Withernsea police who also went on to say that checks had been made and that no aircraft had been in the area at the time of the reported sightings.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – FSR Vol 16 No 1.

37. Late Evening. November 1969. Location—Werrington, Stoke on Trent, Cheshire. A uniformed officer, PC TREVOR BLOWER was driving a marked police vehicle when he was advised by radio to look for an unusual object heading in his direction. Moments later he observed a 'V' formation of nine UFOs. There was no sound at all and they moved at an exceptionally high speed. The officer stated the object had mother of pearl effect with colours swirling all around each other. It was a clear night with little cloud cover. He reported his sighting over the radio and heard another officer saying he too had witnessed the lights. The next day he attended Leek police station with another five officers who had witnessed the formation. Each independently gave their descriptions to a civilian male. Senior police officers later advised all the men to keep quiet about the incident.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 6 Officers. Source—PRUFOS Police Database.

## 1970

38. 0400 hours. Tuesday 16/06/70. Location – Hampstead, London. Two Metropolitan uniformed police officers, one of whom was PC H M BISHOP, observed a bright light whilst driving on Lyndhurst Road, Hampstead. The object was seen only briefly before disappearing from view. They continued to drive in the area until they saw three separate lights low in the sky having turned onto Netherhall Gardens, Hampstead. Two of the lights were ahead of a third one that seemed to be lagging behind the others. The officers stopped their vehicle to get a better look at the objects. After about 30 seconds and against a clear sky, each of the lights in turn disappeared from view as if they had gone behind an invisible screen. The objects were traveling at an altitude of 100-500 feet when first seen and then at 2500 feet by the time they vanished. The duration of the sighting was one to two minutes. It was a warm night with little cloud giving excellent visibility.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – DD (DAYLIGHT DISC)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – FSR Case Histories Supplement, October 1970.

## 1971

39. Location – Tynemouth, North Tyneside. A uniformed police constable based at Tynemouth Police station was driving a marked panda car along Tynemouth Road when he noticed a bright circular disc hovering in the sky above

Knot's Flats. The officer pulled over the vehicle into Oxford Street car park to get out and take a better look at the object. He observed it for about five minutes as it hovered over the flats before suddenly rising into the air vertically in a tremendous burst of acceleration and out of sight.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: [www.wearsideonline.com](http://www.wearsideonline.com)

40. 2140 Hours. 27/10/71. Location – Banbury, Oxfordshire. An on duty uniformed police officer, PC PERRY JACKSON, accompanied by a Cadet, WILLIAM BRYON spotted an orange coloured UFO moving across a moonlit star filled sky near to Bratch Hill, Banbury. It was the size of a golf ball to us. It was seen for three seconds before it moved downwards to the ground at a 45 degree angle. Numerous members of the public also reported sightings of the object. All the reports were collected by Banbury police and submitted to the Ministry of Defence.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: FSR.

41. 0615 hours. Late February, 1971. Location – Nuneaton, Midlands. Four uniformed officers observed a UFO over the Nuneaton area during the early hours of the day. PC BRIAN HEWITT of Foleshill Police station said, "We were attending a job in Lythalls Lane when we saw a strange thing in the sky. It was not a meteorite or anything like that." He described seeing three white lights in the sky over Nuneaton which were moving at great speed heading in a westerly direction towards Birmingham. The lights were independent of each other and appeared to be traveling in formation. He checked with Air Traffic at Birmingham Airport and drew a blank.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 4 Officers. Source – FSR Vol 17 No 2 March/April 1971.

42. Evening. August. Location – Aldridge, Staffordshire. Four uniformed Staffordshire police officers which included PC LESLIE LEEK observed a disc shaped UFO above the night sky over Aldridge. PC LEEK photographed the object.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 4 Officers. Source - UFO Flying Saucers over Britain by Robert Chapman. Mayflower Books 1969. Page 45.

1972

43. August. Early hours. Wed. Location - Acton, Hounslow, London.

Following a report by a member of the public to Hounslow Police station two officers inside the building viewed the UFO with binoculars. They saw a circular UFO with black spots and its brightness increasing. It was described as being four times brighter than Venus. A spokesman for Scotland Yard confirmed the sightings.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source: Acton Gazette 17/08/72.

44. December. Location: Beoley, near Redditch, London. A young couple observed three lights hovering 600 feet above the ground for four hours. They contacted the police and two police officers attended the scene. A spokesman for Henley in Arden police confirmed that two officers had seen the lights.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – Irene Bott archive.

45. Location: Banbury, Oxfordshire. Two on duty uniformed police officers, PC PERRY JACKSON and PC WILLIAM BRYNE saw a cigar shaped UFO that

was yellow in colour. BRYNE said, "It travelled along slowly for a few seconds, then shot off into the night at a fantastic speed. We didn't know what it was, nor had we ever seen anything like it but many reports have been made at the police station of strange lights and objects. The MoD confirmed that numerous reports had been made to them over several weeks but no conclusions had been reached as to their origin.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – Irene Bott archive.

46. Late evening. Thursday 14/09/72. Location – Crumlin, Monmouthshire, Wales. Following reports by several members of the public of a UFO above the village of Crumlin, several uniformed officers were sent to the scene. There they observed the object which was described by PS CLIVE WILLIAMS as an orange circle in the sky that changed its shape to become a cone shaped UFO. The duration of the sighting was 60 minutes.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source – FSR Vol 18 No 6.

47. March 1972. Late Evening. Location – Liverpool, Merseyside. Three on duty uniformed officers (one sergeant and two constables) were on patrol, in a van in Liverpool city centre late one evening, when they observed a brightly lit UFO over the Pier Head that is alongside of the River Mersey.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source: The PRUFOS Police Database.

## 1973

48. Early hours. 1973. Location – Tynemouth, North Tyneside. The same officer was driving his marked police vehicle along Tyne Tunnel Road when he noticed a bright light travelling parallel with their car. The UFO appeared to keep pace with his vehicle and when he stopped the car so did the object, hovering approximately 150 yards away from his location. There was no noise emitted whatsoever. When he got back into the car he drove on with the object keeping pace just ahead of his position. He followed the light northwards in the direction of Seaton Burn. When he reached the Seaton Burn flyover he stopped the vehicle again and observed it moving back and forth over the A1 for several minutes before it turned north and disappeared from view. The officer reported the sighting to his colleagues who were dismissive of his claims, however a short time later a second uniformed officer from Morpeth confirmed the sighting of the UFO.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: [www.wearsideonline.com](http://www.wearsideonline.com)

## 1974

49. December. Location – Morpeth, Northumberland.

An on duty uniformed police officer observed a white light UFO that appeared to disappear or drop behind nearby housing. The officer did not think the object was an aircraft. At the same time a member of the public viewed the object through binoculars and described it as being round and bigger than a plane. He saw the object disappear into cloud after viewing it for some ten minutes.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: Newcastle Evening Chronicle 11/12/1974.

1975

50. 0010 hours. Location. Cleve Hill near Evesham, Gloucestershire. An on duty uniformed police officer was sent to investigate reports of a stationary light above the police radio masts on the top of Cleve Hill. As he made his way up a narrow road toward the mast he saw a large bright UFO hanging in a stationary position to the right and above the radio masts. His police radio went dead as did his personal radio. He watched the light for a few seconds before it silently moved away from him following the line of a nearby ridge. Getting back into his police vehicle he attempted to pursue the light. At one point the UFO crossed the road on which he was travelling. For reasons he still can't explain he flashed at the object with his car headlights and immediately the object disappeared out of view at a tremendous speed. Moments later he saw another marked police vehicle and spoke with the officer who corroborated that he had witnessed the UFO shooting across the sky at great speed. On duty sighting. This forms the first in a series of four sightings by the principal officer.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL/EM/INT (NOCTURNAL LIGHT/ELECTROMAGNETIC EFFECTS/INTERACTION)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source - Confidential (PRUFOS) Database.

51. August 1975. Between Middlesbrough and Hartlepool, Cleveland.

Following a report by a member of the public a Middlesbrough uniformed police officer saw a bright white UFO in the Acklam area. Later a Hartlepool officer saw what is believed to have been the same object at broadly the same period. Police checks with the RAF, Teesside Airport and the Coastguard all proved negative to account for the object.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: North East Evening Gazette 11/08/75.

52. 0400 hours. Winter 1975. Location—Normanton, West Yorkshire. A uniformed officer, PC ROBERT TOMLINSON, was on mobile patrol driving a marked police vehicle on Wakefield Road near Normanton during the early hours when he saw a huge UFO hovering low on his left. He estimated the object's altitude as being in the region of 200-300 feet. It was shaped like a kids spinning top. There were lights all around the lower rim where there were a number of rectangular windows. He stopped the vehicle in the middle of the road. He watched it for several minutes before the object streaked off in the direction of Wakefield and out of view. Estimated size of the UFO—100 feet in diameter.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)

On Duty sighting. 1 officer. Source—PRUFOS Database.

53. 0325 hours. 15/08/75. Location – Bury, Greater Manchester.

Two uniformed police officers in different police vehicles observed a bright lighted UFO heading in the direction of Heywood. One vehicle was north of Bury whilst the other was in the town itself. The object was also seen by a member of the public.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – FSR Vol 23 No 2.

54. 0150 hours. August. Location – Salford Docks, Lancashire.

PC FRED PULLAN was on foot walking his beat on part of the docks when he became aware of a large oval shaped UFO approaching his location. The object came to within 30 metres of his position, hovering in total silence above a nearby amenity block. After a short period the object moved horizontally over towards another building where again it stopped and hovered for several minutes before

departing at speed, at an angle, with a tremendous burst of acceleration. The officer did not report the incident fearing ridicule from his colleagues, however he did get some corroboration as he was nearing the end of his night shift when a colleague who had been walking a different beat on the dock asked him if he'd seen a strange light over the docks. When they compared notes they realized that they had both seen the same UFO but from different geographical positions on the dock. The UFO was described as being in the region of 30 feet in diameter.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)  
On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – PC PULLAN and PRUFOS.

55. 0615 hours. October. Location – Salisbury, Wiltshire.  
Two uniformed officers, one of whom was PC VIVIENNE WHITE, observed a saucer shaped UFO whilst on mobile patrol in the area of Churchfield Road, Salisbury. They stopped the police vehicle and got out to observe the object. The officers described the UFO as yellow and orange in colour moving slowly at an altitude of approximately 500-700 feet. The object came to a hover for about 45 seconds before accelerating away at a tremendous speed out of view. The object left a 15 second vapour trail as it departed. The officers submitted an official report about the incident.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – Steve Gerrard, Southampton UFO Group (SUFOG).

56. 11/09/75. Middlesbrough. Cleveland.

Following numerous reports of a UFO in the Redcar and Middlesbrough area the police confirmed that an officer had also seen the object at the same time.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: North East Evening Gazette 12/09/75.

1976

57. 03/07/76. Location: A62 Manchester Road, Manchester, Greater Manchester. Two on duty uniformed police officers, including a Chief Superintendent Hobson, were on routine patrol driving along the A62 in Manchester when they observed a UFO. He said, "We watched the light for about two minutes. I then followed in a police vehicle along the A62."  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – Freedom of Information Act.

58. Early hours. Sunday 01/08/76. Location – Hemel Hempstead, Bedfordshire. The crews of two police uniformed police officers observed a UFO hovering over the Buncefield Oil Terminal. The vehicles were parked up on the M1 motorway at the time of the sighting. They observed two lights above the terminal for several minutes before the object departed the scene. Checks were made with Luton Airport which proved negative for air traffic.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source FSR Vol 22 No 4.

1977

59. July 1977 0433 hours. Location - Bradley near Skipton, North Yorkshire.

Two uniformed police officers, PC KIRKBRIGHT and PC TRUEMAN reported seeing a UFO over Bradley, Skipton that they couldn't identify. They submitted an official report about the incident.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: North East Evening Gazette 06/07/77.

60. 0412 hours. 03/05/77. Location: Hainault Forest, London.

Following a report of an unusual object in the vicinity of a lake in the above area by a member of the public, two uniformed officers attended the scene. On arrival they used a key to access the forest park area. Once inside they immediately noticed a large red light on the east side of the lake. They stopped their vehicle and got out to observe the object. The UFO was approximately 300 yards away from them and low to the ground. It was bell shaped and its size was a thumb nail held at arms length from their position. They watched the object for two or three minutes before it was seen to pulse dull to bright red whilst hovering in total silence. Without warning the object disappeared from view. The officers split up to approach the spot where it had been. Suddenly one of the officers saw an object that he described as a white inverted UFO, low in the sky above his position before the craft disappeared from view. There was a slight smell of burning in the air. The incident was officially reported via the police vehicle radio. UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – FSR Vol 23 No 2 Aug 77.

61. Between 0010-0030 hours. Sunday 28/08/77. Location – Windermere, Cumbria. At 0010 hours an on duty police officer PC IAN MACKENZIE observed two very bright horizontal lights in the vicinity of Langdale Pike that moved towards him and grew brighter. He ruled out any type of aircraft. At the same time PS JOHN McMULLEN also spotted the UFO from his location whilst walking through Keswick with three other officers. He described the object as being 'hang glider' or diamond shaped. At 0020 hours PS JAMES TROHEAR and PC JOHN FISWICK also reported seeing the object from their position at the Fallbarrow Park Caravan Site on the shores of Lake Windermere. Other unnamed officers were also present at that location and saw the object. PS TROHEAR described the object as triangular or diamond shaped. At 0022 hours PC ALEXANDER INGLIS was driving home with three colleagues along the A591 Keswick to Bothel road when they too caught sight of the lights. As the object approached them he pulled the car over to have a better look. Despite their efforts they could not make out a distinct shape of the object. All they could make out was two extremely bright lights attached to it and there was a faint 'purring' noise associated with it. At 0025 hours PC JOSEPH MAW and a colleague spotted the object heading in the direction of Buttermere. It was travelling at a low altitude over the surrounding fells. At around the same time PC DAVID WILD spotted the UFO whilst out on foot patrol on the A592 Rayrigg Road to Bowness. He described it as 'kite' shaped and that it was a very large structured craft. At 0030 hours a number of civilian witnesses also spotted the object. At the same time following a police radio request for officer sightings, two further officers, PS GEOFFREY MERCKEL and PC RONALD JONES observed the same UFO from their position at Skelwith Bridge on the A593 road. They described the object as being 'kite' shaped as they watched it go out to sea over Morcambe

Bay. Multiple police witness corroboration reported from several geographical locations.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On and Off Duty sighting. 17 Officers (nine named plus a number of unspecified officers). Source - A Covert Agenda by Nick Redfern. Pocket Books 1998. Pages 131-132.

62. Late October 1977. Location – Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire.

A uniformed officer observed a UFO at an altitude of only 500-700 feet above Salisbury Plain. He described it as being oblong with a rounded top and a flat bottom. The object was seen to travel at a very slow speed across the landscape.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – BUFORA Vol 6 No 6 March/April 1978.

63. 17/07/77. Location - Arkesden, Saffron Walden, Essex.

A police dog handler, PC PETER FROST, reported seeing a white cigar shaped UFO in the sky above the village of Arkesden near Saffron Walden. "It stayed for about 25 minutes in all, it must have been about 13000 feet high and was very big. I'm pretty sure it was a UFO." A women also reported seeing the object at around the same time from a village 20 miles away from Arkesden. PC FROST submitted a report to the MOD via police channels.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: Daily Mail 18/07/77.

## 1978

64. 24/10/1978. Addlestone, Chertsey and Woking, Surrey.

Four uniformed police officers based at Addlestone, Chertsey and Woking police stations reported seeing a red and green coloured UFO in the sky in their respective areas.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

Source: Daily Express 25/10/78. On duty sighting. 4 officers.

65. 31/12/78. 1900 hours. Location - Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

Several reports by members of the public were made in an area between Berwick and Sunderland. In Sunderland two uniformed police officers described seeing a cylindrical UFO with a blue and white vapour trail. The coastguard suggested that the object was nothing more than a meteor however several of the witnesses had described how the object had changed direction i.e. north then south then east, if this information is accurate it would rule out the latter explanation.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: Newcastle Journal 02/01/79.

66. 31/12/78. Location - Darwin, Burnley, Lancashire.

Following reports by several members of the public of an aircraft about to crash two uniformed police officers observed a UFO the size of a double decker bus as it slowly made its way across the sky. The object had a tail three times the length of its head.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: PRUFOS Police Database.

67. 1645 hours. 11/01/78. Location – Rainhill near St Helens, Lancashire. Following a number of reports by members of the public in the January period, two uniformed officers, PC LOWE and PC ROBERTS of the Prescott Division, observed a brilliant white light hovering over the Bold Power Station. After approximately 10 seconds the UFO zoomed at speed toward the Fiddlers Ferry Power Station where it stopped and hovered once more. The object then began to pulsate and after a few seconds the object appeared in the form of an inverted 'T' that glowed brightly. After a further 20 seconds the UFO streaked out of view travelling vertically into the sky. From being low in the sky to becoming a pinpoint of light high in the sky took literally a second.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – FSR Vol 23 No 6.

68. 0230 hours. January. Location - Cononley, Skipton in North Yorkshire. Uniformed officers PS TONY DODD and PC ALAN DALE were travelling in a marked police vehicle when they observed a dome shaped circular UFO in the vicinity of Cononley near Skipton, North Yorkshire. They saw it at close proximity at an altitude of 100 feet moving silently over fields. The object passed directly over the police car. Portholes could be seen on the upper dome part of the craft and there were three spheres protruding from its underside. As they continued to watch the object was seen to go over a hill as if to land. They did investigate but found no sign of the object. Soon they were joined by another officer in a marked vehicle who confirmed he too had witnessed the UFO from a different geographical position. Checks were made with Manchester Airport radar but proved negative.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)  
On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source - Alien Investigator by Tony Dodd, Headline Publishing Books 1999. Pages 7-10.

69. Late evening. Mid May. Location – Lewisham, London. Two uniformed Metropolitan Police officers watched a yellow coloured UFO for 20 minutes over Coldbath Street, Lewisham. The officers stated that the object was six times brighter than any star as they observed the UFO through cloud. Several reports were made the same evening by members of the public. Checks were made with Heathrow Airport and nothing was on their radar to account for the object.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – BUFORA Vol 6 No6. July/August 1978.

70. April 1978. Location: Farnborough, Kent. Initially reported by a member of the public a uniformed police officer, PC ALAN CRAGGS attended his home and was amazed to see the UFO for himself. He described it as being 20-30 feet above him with wings like fins on a dolphin. He could not identify the object. The object had been seen in the sky for over forty minutes prior to the officer's arrival at the scene. It is interesting to note that the original civilian witness had served with the Royal Observer Corp and that PC CRAGGS himself had served in the RAF Police and was fully aware of aircraft characteristics. He said, "I've been in the Air Force, I know what an aircraft looks like at night."  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)  
On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – Irene Bott archive.

71. 0300 hours. 1978. Location – Chiltern, near Long Crendon, Buckinghamshire. Two uniformed officers, PC ERIC RAYMENT and a Special Constable were parked up talking to another uniformed officer when they observed a brilliant light going Northwest. After a few seconds it disappeared

from view only to reappear a short time later a half mile from their location. The object was travelling at a slow speed at an altitude of 500 feet. No noise was heard. The light was described as the size of a football field. As the UFO slowly passed over the landscape the officers observed several smaller lights flying around the main object. They watched the UFO for approximately five minutes before they literally disappeared before their eyes. During the sighting the officers used their police radio (VHF) to contact Kiddlington Police Headquarters. They were asked to give a description of the object over the air knowing that the details would automatically be recorded in the Control Room. PC Rayment made a full pocket book entry and completed a sketch of the UFO.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source – Eric Rayment/PRUFOS.

72. 2135 hours. 06/08/78. Location – Billingshurst, London.

Following a number of reports from members of the public, Horsham Police dispatched a marked police vehicle to the Billingshurst area. On arrival PC PAGE observed a triangular shaped UFO hovering motionless in the sky as clouds passed by it. After a short period the object departed in a Westerly direction.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – FSR Vol 24 No 6.

73. 0300 hours. Location – Halifax, West Yorkshire.

Two uniformed police officers in a marked vehicle observed a bright light pass over their location at Southowram, high above Halifax. The UFO came to a silent hover above the Savile Park area of the town. They observed other officers watching the same object from the latter location. They watched the object for between 20-30 minutes until it suddenly increased its size many times over before moving away at speed. The sighting was officially reported to Divisional Police Headquarters in Halifax and a number of the officers involved received visits from members of the MOD.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 4 Officers. Source – PRUFOS/CONFIDENTIAL.

74. October 1978. Location – Denbigh, North Wales.

PC NEVILLE HUGHES and two uniformed colleagues (one of who was a sergeant) observed a UFO whilst in the grounds of North Wales Hospital in Denbigh.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source – FSR Vol 25 No 2 Mar/Apr 79.

75. 1530 hours. Sunday. Late October 1978. Location – B4011 Oakley to Long Crendon road, Buckinghamshire. As PC ERIC RAYMENT was driving a marked police vehicle between Oakley to Long Crendon he observed a series of lights, equally spaced in a horizontal row above the village of Long Crendon. He described seeing six to eight lights, 100 yards apart at an altitude of 1000 feet. He initially thought it was the 'Red Arrows' Air display team and stopped to look at them. However he soon realized that it was not them and watched the lights for several minutes. The lights remained fixed in the sky and did not appear to be getting closer to his position. The lights seemed to tilt from side to side in the sky whilst hanging motionless. He then drove in the direction of the objects but by the time he got to their location they were gone. By chance the next day he was in the village when he saw a shop owner and mentioned the lights. The shopkeeper stated she had seen a long cylindrical UFO over the village at the same time as his sighting. She described the object as having a series of equally spaced lights on its length. She said that the object literally disappeared before her eyes after viewing it for approximately one minute. The officer did not report the sighting for fear of ridicule.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – DD (DAYLIGHT DISC)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – Eric Rayment/PRUFOS.

1979

76. 0230 hours. January. Location - A65 Skipton to Gargrave road, North Yorkshire. Two on duty uniformed officers, PS TONY DODD and an unnamed officer were travelling in a marked vehicle on their way to meet another police vehicle to exchange internal mail. There was a heavy coating of snow on the ground and the driving conditions were dangerous. They drove over the brow of a hill to see below and to their left a bright light in the distance. Initially thinking it was a house they soon realised the light was in an empty field that they'd passed by many times in the course of their duties. The object was stationary for a moment before slowly moving across the wintry landscape. The object was dome shaped with a white light that appeared to be coming from some kind of window structure. Forms part of a series of sightings by the principal named officer.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source - Alien Investigator by Tony Dodd. Headline Publishing Books 1999. Pages 20-21.

77. Late evening. 25/01/79. Location – Denbigh, North Wales.

PC NEVILLE HUGHES observed a UFO after responding to a call from a Denbigh family.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – FSR V25 No 2 Mar/Apr 79.

78. 2045 hours. 26/01/79. Location – Denbigh, North Wales.

A member of the public, Keith Jones was about to go into the restaurant where he worked near Denbigh when he observed a UFO at an altitude of 100-150 feet. He went inside and asked his employer to go outside and look at the object. They watched a stunning aerial display by the UFO for several minutes before calling the police. A short time later two uniformed police officers, PC BERWYN JONES and PC NEVILLE HUGHES arrived at the scene where they too witnessed the UFO. The object was disc shaped with a dome underneath. There was no noise and it was described as being too low and too bright to be an aircraft. The object was last seen heading in the direction of Ruthin.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source FSR Volume 25 No 2 Mar/Apr 79.

79. Location - Luton, Bedfordshire.

Two on duty uniformed police officers observed a UFO at close proximity whereby one of the officer's clothing was scorched/burned. The reporting officer is still too reluctant to release any other details at present but has retained the relevant clothing.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE2 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 2<sup>ND</sup> KIND)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source - Confidential (PRUFOS) Database.

80. 0300 hours. Location – Todmorden, West Yorkshire.

A uniformed police officer was parked up in a layby when he observed a bright light that suddenly began to perform a series of spectacular angular manoeuvres for approximately 5-10 seconds before disappearing at speed from view. No noise was heard during the observation period.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – PRUFOS/CONFIDENTIAL.

81. Late 1979. Location – Dumfries, Scotland.

Five uniformed officers were involved in a sighting of multi coloured UFO that was seen to hover over the town of Dumfries, Scotland. Later at a press conference two of the officers involved, Sergeant BILL McDAVID and PC JAMES SMITH spoke about their experiences. PS McDAVID said that he drove to within a mile of the object. He described it as being longer than an aircraft and hovering at an altitude of only 500 feet. He described the shape of the UFO as being similar to that of an airship with five or six white lights shining from six different areas of the craft. PC SMITH said, "I never believed in UFOs up to now. It was raining at the time and the cloud base was very low." The UFO remained in a stationary position for around 20 minutes until it vanished over the hill to the west of the town. Several members of the public also reported seeing the UFO. Checks with the Glasgow Weather Centre proved negative as they could not explain the configuration of the lights as described by the witnesses.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 5 Officers. Source—The World's Greatest UFO Mysteries Page 122. Hamlyn.

82. 0325 hours. Friday 30/11/79. Location – Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire. Two uniformed officers, PC PHILIP MOORCROFT and PC ANNE-LOUISE BROWNE observed a brightly lit UFO whilst on mobile patrol in the area of Long Lane, Rickmansworth. A mile away in another marked police vehicle PC GARY MAHONEY and PC MARK CHAPMAN also observed the same object whilst in the area of Commongate Road, Chorleywood Bottom. At 0530 hours two more uniformed officers, one of whom was PC DAVID SHEPHERD, in another vehicle, observed a cigar shaped UFO from Berry Lane, Mill End. Checks were made with RAF West Drayton but nothing was shown on radar. Later all six officers gave a press conference about their observations. A newspaper put forward the theory that the object was nothing but a weather balloon. However a local journalist, Florence Scott went back to see the officers for their views on this idea and found that all of them were highly indignant at such a suggestion!

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 6 Officers. Source – FSR Vol 30 No 3.

83. Early hours. Late 70's or early 80's. Location – Todmorden, West Yorkshire. Five on duty uniformed officers, which included a police sergeant and two police vehicles, attended an alarm activation at a warehouse outside the above town. As they awaited a keyholder to arrive, several of the officers observed a bright light hovering stationary above a nearby railway line. Initially the officers thought the light was from railway workers doing maintenance. However they soon realized that they could not hear any sound coming from it. The object was no more than 200 yards from their location at the time of the incident. Curious several of the officers begin to approach its location only for the UFO to rise into the sky and move away. On police vehicle set off in pursuit of the object but in vain. The incident lasted 30 minutes in duration.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)

On Duty sighting. 5 Officers. Source – PRUFOS/CONFIDENTIAL.

84. Late Seventies. Location: Laisterdyke, Bradford, West Yorkshire. An on duty senior police officer, CHIEF SUPERINDENDENT COOPER of the West Yorkshire Police was on mobile when he observed a bright silver light that he initially thought was a star. It was low in the sky visible above the rooftops on Ferrand Avenue at the junction with Hambleton Avenue. As he continued to watch the object over the rooftops it suddenly disappeared. He contacted police operations to see if there had been any other sightings but there had been none.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – Freedom of Information Act.

1980

85. December. 1645 hours. Location – Hexham, Northumberland.

Following several reports by members of the public who described as many as 12-13 lights in the sky above Hexham, PC KEITH BOTTOMLEY also observed the UFOs. He witnessed approximately 8-10 lights moving high across the sky.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: Newcastle Evening Chronicle 31/12/80.

86. November. 0245 hours. Location – Taunton, Somerset.

A police inspector observed a strange light in the sky over the Henlade area of Taunton. He described the object as a series of blue and white lights. Later Bridgewater police observed an object moving south to north in the direction of the Bristol Channel. Checks with the coastguard were negative. Later ATC West Drayton confirmed that an object had been detected briefly on radar at the approximate time of the sightings.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL/RC (NOCTURNAL LIGHT/RADAR CONFIRMATION)  
On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source: Sunday Independent 25/11/80.

87. December. 0200 hours. Monday. Location – Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

Two on duty uniformed officers, a male and female, observed a strange light travelling east to west above Boyah Farm, Dale Abbey, Ilkeston. The light was at a low altitude against a clear sky. They described it as a bright green oval shaped object with a white tail. The officers saw it for about five seconds before the UFO disappeared from view. The officers reported the sighting to Ilkeston police station who informed Derbyshire police HQ at Ripley. Enquiries with Manchester Airport proved negative.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: Derby Evening Telegraph 02/01/80.

88. Christmas 1980. Location - Skirlaugh, Hull, Lincolnshire.

Following reports by several CB radio enthusiasts' two police officers, one male, one female, attended a local quarry where they observed a UFO descend into it. The female officer was very traumatised by the incident. Interestingly it is believed that a senior Humberside Police officer had meetings with his Suffolk counterparts within days of the Rendlesham Forest sightings over the same period of Christmas 1980.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: PRUFOS Database/Confidential.

89. 30/08/80. 0135 hours. Location - Dumfries, Scotland.

A PC SMITH and five other uniformed officers plus several members of the public observed a cigar shaped UFO with a series of lights over Dumfries, Scotland. The case was reported to the MOD.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 6 Officers. Source: PRUFOS Database/MoD.

90. 0400 Hours. 13/09/80. Location – Manchester Area, Greater Manchester. Two uniformed officers in a marked vehicle followed a UFO as it flew over the Manchester area. Manchester Airport confirmed to the RAF that they

had a track of the object that mirrored the estimations of direction of travel and height made by the police officers.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL/RC (NOCTURNAL LIGHT/RADAR CONFIRMED)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: Declassified RAF file.

91. Mid December 1980. Location. North Yorkshire.

A total of five uniformed on duty police officers observed a UFO over Yorkshire that was recorded on three separate radar stations. Four of the officers followed the object in two marked police vehicles for several miles as it flew over the landscape before disappearing from view.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL/RC (NOCTURNAL LIGHT/RADAR CONFIRMED)

On Duty sighting. 5 Officers. Source: Yorkshire Post 19/12/80.

92. Late evening. 15/09/80. Location – Wetherby to York, Yorkshire.

Two uniformed officers first observed the object in the vicinity of Wetherby traveling at an altitude of 2000 feet. No noise was heard. The officers followed the object in their police vehicle. Over Wetherby the UFO was seen to change direction heading towards York. Alerted by the West Yorkshire Police two officers of the North Yorkshire Police, PC ROY ALLEN and PC RICHARD GORDON, waited to pick up the UFO. PC Allen later said, "We were waiting on the York bypass when suddenly we saw it. The light stopped moving and hovered in the sky for some time. Eventually it moved off in the direction of Hull." Police made checks at a number of RAF bases but could not find a satisfactory answer. A senior officer at York said, "There is nothing more we can do. It has been logged as a UFO.

On duty sighting. 5 Officers. Source – FSR Vol 26 No 4. Nov 1980.

Possible explanation – The above case is one of the first investigations carried by Graham Birdsall and Mark Birdsall. They interviewed many of the people involved. A scientist later stated that the object seen was the planet Venus. In addition a number of photographs were taken by a Scene of Crime Officer that appeared to support the Venus theory. However I have examined the statements of several of the officers concerned and they are very specific about there being a definite change of direction over Wetherby. In addition the altitude quoted by some of the officers is only 2000 feet and the object was followed in a police vehicle for several miles. Given these specific descriptions I believe this one is still up for debate.

93. 0400 hours. 29/11/80. Location – Moors near Todmorden, West Yorkshire. Three West Yorkshire uniformed police officers, PC JOHN PORTER, PC HOWARD TURNPENNY, PC JULIE BAXTER and a fourth officer were high on the moors looking for stolen motor cycles when they observed a blue coloured UFO making a series of angular turns low across the valley. The object jerked from one side of the valley to the other and was last seen heading in the direction of Todmorden. This was officially reported by telex to West Yorkshire HQ in Wakefield. This sighting links to the Alan Godfrey case.

On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source – PRUFOS Police Database.

94. July 1980. Location: Littleborough, West Yorkshire.

Two uniformed police officers, PC STEPHEN HOWARTH and PC CHRIS FERNHEAD had left Littleborough police station in a vehicle bound for Todmorden four miles away. Prior to leaving the police station the building had been experiencing a series of fluctuations in the electrical power supply. Enquiries with the Electricity Board had revealed no known faults to the power supply. Later as they drove along Nayland Moor between Littleborough and Todmorden the

officers saw a hat shaped UFO beside two electricity pylons. The object appeared to be rotating and changing colour from yellow to bluish white and then back again to yellow. The object slowly began to rise into the sky. At the same time the officers began to hear radio transmissions from the South Wales police approximately 200 miles away when normally the radio would only be 20-30 miles! The officers then observed a second object to the North that was identical to the first. Both objects began to rise into the sky and at 0430 hours they were out of sight as they moved off at speed to Denshaw.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL/EM (NOCTURNAL LIGHT/ELECTRO MAGNETIC EFFECTS)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – Yorkshire Evening Post 11/07/80.

95. June 1980. 2245 hours. Location: Pontefract, West Yorkshire.

Following a report by a member of the public a uniform police officer attended a Pontefract home where he viewed a UFO through the witnesses' binoculars.

Eventually up to eight police officers (including some in plain clothes) arrived at the home to see the object that was described as a spherical bright light surrounded by a red glow with blue and green lights. Checks with radar proved negative.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 8 Officers. Source – Daily Mirror.

96. 0500-0550 hours. 29/11/80. Location - Todmorden, West Yorkshire.

An on duty uniformed police officer, PC ALAN GODFREY was making one last sweep of an housing estate looking for a number of cows that had been seen roaming loose in the area before going off his night shift. As he was about to turn right off Burnley Road, Todmorden he looked up the road to see what he initially thought was a bus slew across the road. However almost immediately he realised it wasn't a bus and decided to investigate what it was. Instead of turning right he went straight on toward the object. When he approached he saw that it was a diamond shaped UFO hovering in a stationary position five feet above the road. He was within 20-50 feet of the craft. He described the object as being 20 feet wide and 14 feet high with windows on the top part whilst the bottom part rotated anticlockwise. Shocked and frightened he attempted to contact his local police control via the vehicle's radio set but it would not function nor would his personal radio. Whilst sat in the car he decided to sketch the object in front of him. Moments later a bizarre thing happened and he suddenly found himself driving down the same road approximately 50-100 yards further on with the object having disappeared. Puzzled and shaken by the experience he drove back towards Todmorden Police station where he saw a colleague on foot patrol. He picked him up and drove him back to the scene of his encounter. There they found a circular patch in the road where the road was drier (there had been some overnight rain) than the surrounding area. PC GODFREY stated that the rotation of the craft had caused nearby trees and bushes to shake. Leaves and branches had formed a circular pattern where PC GODFREY claimed the UFO had been. Only hours later did it emerge that he had suffered a period of 'missing time' of approximately 15-20 minutes which he couldn't account for at the end of his shift. Interestingly one of his boots had sustained a split under his foot that hadn't been there earlier in the shift. Where it had been he found a red mark on his foot that developed into an irritating rash. This later required minor medical treatment and persisted for several days after the incident. Unable to satisfactorily account for the period of missing time he was eventually persuaded to undergo hypnotic regression in an effort to solve the mystery. What emerged over a series of four such sessions was that of an 'alien abduction' scenario which is widely regarded as one of Britain's finest cases. Under hypnosis he recalled that he had got out of the police vehicle to get a better look at the object, however an intense white light had enveloped him which frightened him he sought the sanctuary of the

police car. He then found in a room lying on a table with a number of small 'bulb' head figures holding him down. A taller 'humanoid' figure came and telepathically communicated with him. Moments later he found himself back in the police vehicle driving along the road, which is where his conscious memories begin. To this day he does not have any conscious memories of the abduction scenario and finds it difficult to comprehend himself. Although the story sounds bizarre, part corroboration for the sighting came in the guise of three other Halifax based officers who were out on the moors only an hour or so prior to PC GODFREY's encounter. This case links to the above named case. In addition a member of the public saw a similar coloured object in the town itself minutes prior to the GODFREY sighting.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE3 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 3<sup>RD</sup> KIND)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source - Alan Godfrey, during a number of personal interviews with him during 2002.

97. 0510-0550 hours. 29/11/80. Location – Littleborough, near Todmorden, West Yorkshire. Two on duty uniformed traffic officers were parked up in a pub car park when they observed a very bright UFO low on the horizon. The object was last seen heading in the direction of Todmorden. This case links to the Alan Godfrey case. The officers contacted Alan Godfrey approximately one year after his sighting. They would not come forward publicly fearing ridicule.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – Alan Godfrey/PRUFOS.

98. Late evening. Location – Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire. Whilst on night duty two uniformed officers observed a UFO. The officers gave chase in their police vehicle. The chase took place between the villages of Luddenden and Sowerby Bridge.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – PRUFOS/CONFIDENTIAL.

1981

99. September. Location - Todmorden, West Yorkshire.

Over several nights over 20 members of the public saw a cigar shaped UFO over the town of Todmorden in West Yorkshire. On one of those nights two uniformed police officers also saw the object.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: Daily Star 30/03/82.

100. 30/11/81. Location – Pontefract, West Yorkshire.

Five on duty uniformed officers observed a spherical multicoloured UFO with a silvery crescent. Several officers observed the object through binoculars as it moved initially west to east before changing to a south to east direction. The object was also seen by several members of the public. The police officers made enquiries with Bawtry Meteorological Office and drew a blank as did their enquiries with Manchester ATC. One officer still had the UFO in view at 0500 hours before it faded from view.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 5 Officers. Source: PRUFOS Database/Confidential.

1982

101. March 1982. 2330 hours. Location – Newcastle, Tyneside.

Following several reports by members of the public two uniformed officers, PC DAVE PARKING and PC BOB TAYLOR observed a UFO hovering west of Newcastle. In total the object was seen for an hour. Checks were made with Newcastle Airport revealed no reports of unknown traffic.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: Newcastle Evening Chronicle 09/03/82.

102. Early hours March 1982. Location – Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire. An on duty uniformed police officer observed a silver coloured UFO with flashing lights during the early hours of a late March morning. The officer reported the sighting to the Ministry of Defence.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: Yorkshire Evening Post 25/03/82 and Daily Mirror on the same date.

103. Sunday 25/09/82. 0400 hours. Location – Monmouth, Gwent in Wales. Two on duty uniformed officers, PC TIM BANKS and PC SIMON HOLDER, observed a UFO over Monmouth in Wales during the early hours of a late September morning. At one point the officers witness two red lights appear to emerge from the main object.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: Daily Express 25/09/82.

104. 0435 hours. 25/03/82. Location - Saxon Street, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire. Two uniformed officers, PS IAN VICTORY and PC ANTHONY UNDERWOOD were driving a marked police vehicle when they observed a yellow lozenge shaped UFO in the sky. Stopping the vehicle they sat and watched it pass overhead. They saw red and blue flashing lights on the craft. The incident was believed to be subject of an investigation by the Ministry of Defence who admitted they had received a report about the officers sighting. The Superintendent for Milton Keynes police, JOHN BURTON, said of the officers, "These are two experienced officers and I have no reason to doubt their integrity."  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source - A Covert Agenda by Nick Redfern. Pocket Books 1998. Pages 159-160.

105. 0130 hours. Location – Todmorden, West Yorkshire. Three on duty uniformed officers, that included a police sergeant and involved two marked vehicles observed a bright light moving high above Todmorden for 30 minutes before it disappeared at speed from view. There was no noise associated with the object. None of the officers reported the sighting fearing ridicule.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source – PRUFOS/CONFIDENTIAL.

106. March 1982. Location: Newcastle, Northumberland. Two on duty Northumbria uniform police officers observed a UFO as it passed over the Tyne Valley, West of Newcastle. It was last seen losing altitude in the direction of the Roman Wall.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sightings. 2 Officers. Source – Newcastle Evening Chronicle 30/06/94.

107. 24/10/82. Location: Elsack and Carleton Moors, North Yorkshire. During the early hours of the morning three uniformed police officers observed a small UFO zig-zagging just several feet above the ground as it passed over Carleton Moor. At 0515 hours a further series of lights were seen to pass directly over their police car.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sightings. 3 Officers. Source – Yorkshire Post.

108. Early 1980s. Brighouse, West Yorkshire.

Whilst driving his police marked vehicle PC GARY MILBURN saw to his left what he initially thought was an aircraft about to crash into the ground. He did an emergency stop and the police vehicle made a slight skid to a halt. He wound down his window and saw the fuselage of an object with no wings moving at an altitude of approximately 500 feet. At that point he was struck by the fact that the object made no noise whatsoever and that it did not crash. He observed it for about 8 seconds. On the side of the object was a series of coloured lights. It was last seen disappearing over buildings in Brighouse. He tried to follow but never saw it again. He did not believe it was an aircraft. He reported the sighting to his HQ and was largely ridiculed by his colleagues for doing so. However he made exhaustive checks with civilian and military sources and was told no aircraft were in the vicinity as the time of his sightings. A few weeks later he received a letter from the CAA saying he'd seen an inbound DC10. He rejected that out of hand because the aircraft has three engines and would have made a lot noise as it pulled out of what he thought was a dive but there had been no noise or air displacement whatsoever.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: PRUFOS Police Database.

1983

109. Early 1980's. London.

This case involved the METPOL helicopter that was based at that time at the London heliport in Battersea. The crew comprised of a civilian pilot and a uniformed police officer acting as a spotter. On this day the helicopter took off and was flying along an air corridor known as H2 and 10. When it was north of Kew Bridge the pilot suddenly reported an airmiss with what he initially thought had been a model aircraft. The on board radar detected that the object was in fact circling the helicopter at close proximity to it! The pilot came back on the air and said that it was not a model aircraft but a UFO. Everyone in the ATC began to listen intently to what the pilot was describing. He went onto to describe the object as a grey metallic disc approximately 3-4 feet in diameter. He then asked could he follow the object which as began to descend toward the ground over a railway goods yard. He was given permission to do so. He then reported that the object was performed incredible feats of manoeuvrability as it darted around the goods yard. It was able to hover, rise vertically and make right angled turns! At one point the object hovered above a man walking his dog who was oblivious to the fact that it was over him inferring that the object was silent as well. Eventually the object suddenly rose vertically into the air at a very fast rate to an altitude of 3500 feet where it disappeared into cloud.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: PRUFOS Police Database.

110. 19/02/83. Daytime. Location – Swansea, Glamorgan, South Wales.

Up to 200 people observed a huge triangular shaped UFO pass overhead in various places along the South Wales coast. They included a class of schoolchildren and a football team. In Swansea two detectives, DS MIKE TROAKE and DC GETHIN HUMPHREYS saw the object glide overhead in total silence. DS TROAKE said, "I'm used to seeing aircraft in the sky but this was massive-much bigger than a plane. There was a large main cluster of lights at the front shaped a bit like a Zeppelin followed by a triangular group of lights. They moved gracefully across the sky about 1000 feet up." Fearful of ridicule neither officer reported the incident to their colleagues.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: Sunday Mirror 20/02/83.

111. July 1983. Location - Toft, Cambridgeshire.

An on duty uniformed police sergeant observed a huge 50p shaped UFO above the village of Toft.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On duty sighting. 1 officer. Source: Cambridge Evening News 17/07/93.

112. Location - Ferrybridge Power station, West Yorkshire.

Two traffic officers observed a UFO for several minutes hovering over Ferrybridge power station. The case was reported to the MOD.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On duty sighting. 2 officers. Source: Newspaper Archive.

113. May 1983 Location – Hartcliffe area of Bristol, Avon and Somerset.

Two female police officers observed a strange light hovering above a hill top in the Hartcliffe area of Bristol. They followed the UFO in their marked police vehicle for a distance of two miles before the object stopped and hovered again. At this point a second UFO approached the first one from a different direction. Moments later both objects rose vertically into the night sky at a very high speed and out of sight. One of the officers said, "It was very creepy". At the same time another officer, SERGEANT IAN LOCK saw a flashing UFO above the Bedminster area of Bristol. In a strange twist to the account the police vehicle involved in the pursuit of the UFO developed a fault with its battery the next day rendering it inoperable. Checks were made with the MoD and local airports put all efforts to identify the object proved negative.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source: Daily Star 17/05/83.

114. 0400 hours. Mid summer 1983. Location – Blackpool, Lancashire.

Whilst on uniformed mobile patrol with a colleague along the promenade area at Blackpool PC GEORGE SHONE suddenly observed a large splash approximately 100 yards off the North Pier. A long dark object either entered or emerged into or out from the water at high speed. The officer turned to his colleague but unfortunately he did not witness the UFO. The officer likened the object as being similar to that of a Polaris missile being fired at sea from a submarine but this was much too close to the shore for that and there was little or no noise.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1/USO (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND/UNDERWATER SURFACE OBJECT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: The PRUFOS Police Database.

115. Early hours March 1983. Location – Ferrybridge, West Yorkshire. Two uniformed traffic officers observed a brightly lit UFO in the vicinity of Ferrybridge Power Station. They observed the object for several minutes as it moved near to the power station and were unable to identify the object. The officers reported the sighting to the Ministry of Defence.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – Yorkshire Evening Post.

116. 14/03/83. 0315 hours. Location: Carleton Moor, North Yorkshire. PS TONY DODD observed two UFOs passing over the moor.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – Yorkshire Post.

117. 29/10/83. 0430 hours. Location: A59 Summerscales, North Yorkshire. Two uniformed police officers observed a large glowing UFO that was hovering over the A59 at Summerscales.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – Yorkshire Post.

## 1984

118. April. Location - Stanmore, Middlesex.  
PC RICHARD MILTHORP was one of at least 20 uniformed officers who observed a dome shaped circular UFO that appeared to 'fire' balls of light to the ground for two hours. He submitted a report with one other officer that was sent to the Ministry of Defence and the Civil Aviation Authority. The Superintendent for Harrow Police station at the time said that the report by MILTHORP and PC PAUL ISLES was made by "two normal sensible men."  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 20 Officers. Source - Page 251, The UFO Encyclopaedia by John Spencer, Headline Book Publishing 1991.

119. Early hours. Winter 1984. Location – Bristol, Avon and Somerset. An on duty uniformed police officer observed a slow moving UFO above Bristol during the early hours of a night shift. The officer made checks with a number of airports but all proved negative.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: The PRUFOS Police Database.

120. 29/02/84. Location: Bordley Moor, North Yorkshire. Two uniformed police officers observed a large glowing white light passing over the moor.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On duty sightings. 2 Officers. Source – Yorkshire Post.

121. Autumn 1984. Location – Netherton, Staffordshire.  
A local member of the public monitoring the police radio channel for K Division (that covers Old Hill and part of Sandwell) picked up on a report that a member of public had witnessed a UFO above Turners Hill/Portway Hill, Rowley Regis. Two uniformed officers responded and were heard to say that they could see a blue coloured UFO above the ground on Turners Hill. The officers drove toward that location until they were directly underneath it. Suddenly the object rose vertically into the air at high speed and disappeared.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: PRUFOS Police Database.

## 1985

122. 0400 hours. 1985. Location – M55 Marton Circle, Blackpool, Lancashire. PC DICKIE MOSS saw a large UFO as it hovered over the M55 motorway near Marton Circle. The object was very large covering the entire width of both sides of the motorway (six lanes). The UFO was described by the officer as saucer shaped, black in colour with a series of lights around its rim and a brilliant white light emitting a beam down to the ground like a searchlight. Reporting the incident by radio PC MOSS requested other officers to attend his location. Two other uniformed officers soon arrived in a vehicle and both saw the UFO for themselves. A short time later the UFO suddenly shot into the sky in the blink of an eye and disappeared from view.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)

On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source: The PRUFOS Police Database.

123. Late July 1985. 0145 hours. Location – Chesterfield, Derbyshire. PC MARK TURNER observed a flashing blue/red UFO for over 35 minutes before it moved off in the direction of Dronfield. The weather was clear with no cloud in the sky. A number of civilian witnesses also witnessed the object.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: Sheffield Telegraph Monday 29/07/85.

124. Late evening 25/10/85. Location – Sunningdale, Windsor, Berkshire. Two uniformed officers, PC LAURENCE MILLIGAN and PC MATTHEW SCOTT, observed a red and green flashing UFO for 45 minutes having responded to a sighting of the object by a member of the public. Attending his home they observed the object through a telescope. Eventually the UFO disappeared in a north-westerly direction. It had been seen over the Virginia Water and Harpsford Avenue areas of the town. Checks were made with RAF Waddington but proved negative.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: Windsor Slough and Eton Express.

## 1986

125. January 1986. Location – Armadale, West Lothian, Scotland.

Two on duty uniformed officers, PS JIMMY BEGG and PC TOMMY MURPHY on mobile patrol observed an orange/red UFO travelling at slow speed (estimated at 60 mph) appear to fall to the ground. They described the object as resembling a flying clothes pole. It was seen at a distance of approximately a mile away. They estimated that the object was only 6 inches wide and approximately 3 feet in length.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: West Lothian Courier 10/01/86.

## 1987

126. Sunday. Location - Holmfirth and Emley Moor, West Yorkshire.

A huge UFO estimated at some 200 feet in length was seen in the vicinity of the Emley Moor television mast and over Holmfirth by several uniformed police officers who reported seeing it from a variety of locations, Holme Moss, Pole Moor and Kirkburton. A Chief Inspector Brian Smelt confirmed that six officers had reported seeing the UFO. Checks with airports proved negative.

**UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)**

On Duty sighting. 6 Officers. Source: Huddersfield Examiner 1987.

127. 2240 Hours. September 1987. Location—M6 Motorway between Junction 28 and 27, Chorley, Lancashire. Two uniformed traffic officers, PC STANLEY OSBOURNE and PC DOUGLAS, were driving along the M6 motorway between Leyland and Shevington at Charnock Richard when a cigar shaped UFO raced passed them on a parallel course. It was in sight for approximately five seconds. The UFO was at an estimated altitude of 30/50 feet making no sound despite the fact that the officers had rolled down the windows.

**UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)**

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source—PRUFOS Database.

## 1988

128. 05/01/88. Location –Kensington, London.

A young girl reported seeing a UFO from her home in Kensington and it was reported to the police. Initially one officer attended and corroborated her sighting. So perplexed was the officer that he called for two more uniformed officers to attend the house. They too in turn confirmed the sighting of the object. In the end another five uniformed officers turned up making 8 in total. The sighting lasted 40 minutes.

**UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)**

On Duty sighting. 8 Officers. Source: Regional/National papers.

129. 2117 hours. 16/02/88. Location - Rosehill area of Willenhall, Staffordshire. Two uniformed officers, PS STUART GRIFFITHS and PC MICHAEL POWELL observed a very large UFO in the night sky. PS GRIFFITHS said, "There were red and green lights all around its circumference which were either flashing on and off or the whole thing was spinning." He went on to say that he had never seen anything like it before and that there was no noise at all. Further enquiries later revealed that at 2100 hours that same evening two other uniformed officers, INSPECTOR ROGER CLARKE and PS STEVE GODWIN, had seen the same object in the vicinity of Walsall. Willenhall Police confirmed that a report was sent to the Ministry of Defence about the officers sightings.

**UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)**

On Duty sighting. 4 officers. . Source - A Covert Agenda by Nick Redfern. Pocket Books 1998. Page 165.

130. Late evening. Friday. 04/03/88. Location – Reigate, London.

Following reports by members of the public of a UFO hovering motionless in the sky above Reigate, three uniformed police officers turned up at the home of a Mr Clarke expecting to find nothing of note, but were amazed to see the object themselves. The officers made checks with Heathrow and Gatwick Airports, the latter of which confirmed that they did have an unknown object on their radar. Later it turned out that the police had recorded between 3 and 6 objects on a motorway camera in the nearby Rickmansworth area (Camera 22, M1, J16) but they refused to release the film. Gordon Creighton at Flying Saucer Review did manage to get hold of the tape which clearly showed three spherical white objects caught on camera.

**UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL/RC (NOCTURNAL LIGHT/RADAR CONFIRMED)**

On Duty sighting. 5 Officers. Source – FSR Vol 42 No 3. August 1997.

131. February 1988. Location – Stafford, Staffordshire.

Two uniformed police officers observed a large bright light as it crossed the skies above Stafford. The UFO was also seen by two other uniformed officers in the

area as well as several members of the public. One officer described the object as a 'giant block of light whizzing through the air'.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 4 Officers. Source: Stafford Newsletter 19/02/88.

132. 01/02/1988. 0625 hours. Location – Cheadle, Stockport, Cheshire. Two on duty uniformed officers, PC IAN WALMSLEY and PC CHRIS EVANS observed a glowing spinning UFO as it hovered above the Cheadle area of Stockport. The officers reported the sighting to Manchester Police Headquarters who later tried to write off the sighting as a Tristar aircraft on approach to Manchester Airport. However the officers rejected the explanation saying, "I've seen hundreds of planes and this didn't look like one. I've never seen anything like it before."

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: Manchester Metro News 02/02/88.

133. January 1988. Location: Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

Two Woodseats based police officers, INSPECTOR DAVID TINGLE and PS CHRIS THOMPSON observed a UFO for thirty seconds as they drove back from the Derbyshire Peak District area towards Sheffield just before midnight. The UFO was also reported by several members of the public.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source - Sheffield Star 23/01/88.

134. February 1988. Location: Ecclesfield, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

Following reports by the public two Ecclesfield based uniformed police officers observed a bright red V shaped object passing over the area. PC SUSAN JACKSON saw the object and got out of the police car to have a better look. "I had the car engine running but could still hear it whirring above. It had rows and rows of flashing red lights all around it." Alerted to the sightings and several hundred metres away, another uniformed police officer, PC JOHN BOAM saw the same object that he described as hovering for 30 seconds before flying off in the direction of Grenoside.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: The Doncaster Star 06/02/88.

135. February 1988. Location: Stafford, Staffordshire. Following a report by a member of the public, two separate uniformed police crews observed two white lights passing over Sydney Avenue, Stafford from different geographical positions in the area. Independently the officer described the UFOs as a giant block of light. The sighting was officially reported to senior officers.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting 4 Officers. Source – Stafford Newsletter 19/02/88.

136. Late October 1988. Location: West Mercia. Two uniformed police officers reported seeing a brilliant white light passing over the landscape of Worcestershire. It was also reported by several members of the public. West Mercia police contacted the RAF at West Drayton who suggested the object might have been a satellite burning up in the atmosphere.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – Droitwich Weekly Mail 04/11/88.

137. Midnight, December 1988. Scotch Corner, North Yorkshire.

Two traffic officers observed a UFO with flames as it cross the sky near Scotch Corner. A Durham police officer also saw a similar object at around the same time, just after midnight. Then a further police officer and a military police officer

observed a UFO near to Richmond Castle. They initially thought the object was an aircraft about to crash but a later search revealed no evidence of such a crash. Checks made with ATC at Leeming proved negative.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 4 Officers. Source: Darlington and Stockton Times 23/12/88.

## 1989

138. Near midnight February 1989. Location – Swindon, Wiltshire. A uniformed police officer was one of several people who witnessed a UFO as it flew over the Pinehurst area of Swindon. The UFO was described as being triangular and larger than an aircraft with numerous glowing lights upon it. The officer saw the object at a distance of a mile and reported the sighting using his personal radio. A short time later the object disappeared with an amazing burst of speed. Other sightings were made a few hours earlier Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. One witness described the UFO as being at rooftop height. A Gloucestershire police officer, Sergeant Parr said, "There were three green lights and the beams shone down in the form of a tripod."  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: Weird Wiltshire UFO Archive.

139. 0500 hours. December. Location - Mow Cop, North Staffordshire. During the early hours of a December morning, radar controllers at Manchester Airport picked up a stationary return on their equipment. Puzzled they asked police officers from the nearby Kidsgrove Police station to investigate. A marked police vehicle was dispatched to a local beauty spot called Mow Cop to see if they could see an object that could account for the radar return. When they arrived there they observed a green and white UFO hanging motionless in the sky in the position indicated by the radar return. At the same time their personal radios went dead. A number of checks were made but no aircraft could be found to account for the object. The Air Force was also contacted who stated they were not responsible for the object. At the same time numerous members of the public rang in with similar sightings. A short time after uniformed officers reached Mow Cop, CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT PETER GROCOTT arrived at the scene and later said, "We didn't get to the bottom of it. The traffic controllers called us because they thought it could have been the county's helicopter but it wasn't flying that night." The sighting was reported to the Ministry of Defence by the police. Later it emerged that the MOD denied ever receiving it.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL/RV/EM (NOCTURNAL LIGHT/RADAR VISUAL/ELECTRO MAGNETIC EFFECTS)  
On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source - A Covert Agenda by Nick Redfern. Pocket Books 1998. Pages 167-168.

140. May 1989. Late Evening. Location – Heywood, Manchester, Greater Manchester. Following a report by an ambulance crew reporting the sighting of a UFO and a loss of power to their vehicle, an on duty police officer also observed the flashing multi-coloured UFO. The officer followed the object in his marked police vehicle for almost a mile before the object shot off at speed.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: Bolton Evening News 20/05/89.

141. February 1989. 2100 hours. Location: Stroud, Gloucestershire. Following several reports by members of the public, a PS PARR confirmed that he too had witnessed a triangular shaped object as it passed over the A46 at Stroud. The UFO was described as being larger than a helicopter but definitely not an aircraft.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – Swindon Star, Wiltshire 16/02/89.

142. March 1989. 2100 hours. Location: Highfields, Stafford, Staffordshire. Following several reports from members of the public (some of whom had viewed the object through binoculars circa 2015 hours) the UFO was observed by two uniformed police officers, PC TERRY GIBBS and PC KEVIN MULLER. Neither officer was able to identify the object which they described as being a brilliant white light that intermittently flashed as it passed over the night sky.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sightings. 2 Officers. Source – Stafford Newsletter 31/03/89.

1990

143. 24/11/90. 0245 hours. Location – Henlade, Taunton, Somerset.

A uniformed police inspector observed a bright light divide into a number of blue and white objects as they travelled south above Henslade, Taunton at 0245 hours. At near the same time two Bridgewater uniformed officers saw a UFO as it disappeared into the distance over the Bristol Channel. West Drayton ATC confirmed that an object had been tracked on radar at the time of the sightings.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL/RC (NOCTURNAL LIGHT/RADAR CONFIRMED)

On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source: Sunday Independent 25/11/1990.

144. Late 80s/90s. Location - Merthyr Tydfil/Brecon Beacons, Glamorgan, South Wales.

Two uniformed officers were travelling between Merthyr toward the Brecon Beacon hills when they observed a flashing light in the sky. They used their radios to report the sighting.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

Source: PRUFOS Police Database. On duty sighting. 2 officers.

145. Thursday, April 1990. Thanet, Kent.

An on duty police officer observed a green coloured UFO with a yellow tail as it passed across the sky over Thanet. Checks made with the civil and aviation authorities couldn't provide an explanation for the object.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: Canterbury, Kent Adscene 13/04/90.

146. Early hours. May 1990. Location – Cheshire, Merseyside and North Wales. Two on duty uniformed officers (male and female) were amongst many people reporting the sighting of several UFOs as they passed over the counties of Cheshire, Merseyside and North Wales. The objects were described as being blue, green and red in colour.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: Chester Tonight newspaper 03/05/90.

147. 03/05/90. 0100 hours. Backford near Chester, Cheshire.

Following reports by members of the public who reported strange lights to both the Cheshire police and the Coastguard two uniformed officers were sent to

investigate the claims. The officers, one male and one female officer were amazed to see a green, red and blue UFO wobbling in the sky. The male officer couldn't believe what he was witnessing and the female officer was amazed.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – Chester Tonight Newspaper 03/05/90.

148. August 1990. Location: Southern Essex.  
Following two sightings of a 'tank' shaped UFO across the county two uniformed officers in the south of the county also observed the object that was seen hovering.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – Essex Chronicle, Chelmsford 31/08/90.

## 1991

149. June 1991. 0500 hours. Gwent, South Wales.

Two uniformed officers a police sergeant and a female police constable were driving in the Blackwood area of Gwent in a rural location when they saw two orange UFOs circling above a farmer's field. They stopped the vehicle and got out to watch. After about 10 minutes the objects disappeared in different directions. As the sun came up they saw a newly made crop circle under where the objects had been seen darting about the sky. Fearful of ridicule neither officer reported the incident. They made a pact not to report the incident.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE2 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 2<sup>ND</sup> KIND)  
On duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: PRUFOS Police Database.

150. June 1991. 0500 hours. Location – Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire.  
An on duty police sergeant and police constable reported the sighting of a UFO above Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: Press Archive.

## 1992

151. Early 1992. Late Evening. Location: Hamworthy, Bournemouth, Dorset. An on duty uniform police officer, PC MALCOLM BRUNT, observed four beams of light coming down from low cloud. He described it as looking like a picture you could get from a projector. He said, "It was in the distance towards Upton and I was very intrigued. I walked toward it to try and trace where it was coming from but it had gone. It was very puzzling. His report matched others from several members of the public.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – Irene Bott archive.

152. December 1992. Location - Langley Mill, Derbyshire.

Two uniformed police officers observed a spherical UFO above Langley Mill just after midnight on Tuesday that was heading in the direction of Jacksdale.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: Ripley and Heanor Times 04/12/92.

1993

153. October. Gravesend, Kent.

Following reports by several members of the public a police officer, PC TONY FRANCIS, attended an address in Gravesend and observed the UFO himself. He had no idea what the object was, nor did he have a reason to doubt the veracity of the woman and son's report he'd responded to. The UFO was described as changing its shape from that of a bell to an oval with spikes protruding from the sides. A seven page report on the sightings was submitted to the MOD who gave no explanation for the UFO.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On duty sighting. 1 officer. Source: Canterbury, Kent Adscene 15/10/93.

154. Between 0100-0130 hours. 31/03/93. Location - Devon.

An on duty Devonshire uniformed police officer telephoned the MOD after witnessing a triangular shaped UFO whilst on patrol with another colleague. He described seeing two bright lights together with a fainter third one which appeared to be flying in a perfect formation ahead of vapour trails. Unusually the MOD ordered confiscation of all nearby radar tapes across several counties in an effort to identify the object. However the craft was not captured on radar and remains unknown to this day. The UFO seen that night forms part of what were literally hundreds of reports from over half a dozen counties. Other police officers also reported seeing the object(s).

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

Off Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source - Open Skies Closed Minds by Nick Pope. Pocket Books 1997. Pages 134-141.

155. Early June 1993. Just before midnight. Location – Galston, Aberdeen, Grampian Region, Scotland. Two on duty uniformed officers, PC EWAN MACRAE and PC ALASTAIR DUFF, were driving in the Galston area of Aberdeen, when they observed several slow moving lights in the sky just before midnight. There was no noise and checks with the coastguard proved negative.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: Western Isles Press and Journal Aberdeen.

156. January 1993. Location: Kilburn, Derbyshire. Two uniformed officers, PC PHIL GARNER and PC HARRY DICK observed a bright light UFO that constantly changed its altitude over Kilburn. Several members of public also reported seeing the object.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – Ripley and Heanor News.

157. 31/03/93. Early hours. Location: South Wales, Devon and Cornwall. This was a major sighting seen by numerous members of the public and police officers alike. Up to 19 officers across several counties observed a high altitude light speeding across the night sky. The MoD ruled out aircraft as being responsible. Many officers described seeing two objects including Liskeard Police.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 19 Officers. Source – Honiton and Exmouth Weekly News 02/04/1993.

1994

158. January 1994. Huntingdon. Huntingdonshire.

Following a spate of sightings by members of the public strange red lights were observed by traffic police officers, PC GEOFF BYE and PC PETER SIMPSON whilst driving a marked vehicle at Hunts Motors roundabout, Huntingdon. They stopped their vehicle and got out to have a better look. PC Bye speculated that the lights must have been an aircraft but expressed genuine puzzlement as to why the object was travelling with their lights displayed as if moving north to south (not the usual flightpath seen). Other reports from the public continued and the mystery of the lights was never solved.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – Cambridge Town Crier newspaper 22/01/1994.

1995

159. 1850 hours. 19/01/95. Location – Birmingham, Warwickshire. Following a number of reports by the public of a UFO in the skies above the city, two uniformed officers were dispatched to Russell Road in the Moseley area to investigate. However as they approached the scene they observed the UFO on Dogpool Lane, Stirchley. There they saw a UFO hovering above some nearby trees. They described the object as being the size of a doubledecker bus. In the middle of the object there was a horizontal bar of orange light, whilst on the outside there appeared to be a blue field of energy. After a few seconds the object appeared to shrink in size and vanish from view. Further reports from members of the public followed the police sighting. Unconfirmed reports allege that several other police officers also observed the object from the vicinity of the West Midlands Police training school at Tally Ho.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – John Hanson.

160. 04/08/95. Location - Westcliff, Essex.

Five on duty uniformed police officers including PC GEOFF HOWELL observed a shuttlecock shaped UFO above Westcliff, Essex, as did several members of the public. PC HOWELLS said, "It made no sound and I'm sure it wasn't an aircraft or a star. It was much bigger". He also viewed the object through binoculars. Checks were made with Southend Airport and local military bases but all proved negative. Puzzled the police sent up its helicopter to investigate the object but it was never found.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 5 Officers. Source - A Covert Agenda by Nick Redfern. Pocket Books 1998. Page 176.

161. 0100 hours. Mid August. Location - Walsall, West Midlands.

Three on duty uniformed police officers on patrol in the Aldridge area of the town observed a cylindrical UFO which glowed with a green haze as it travelled across the night sky in an arc, before appearing to land in a local beauty spot called Stubbers Green pool. The Force helicopter was sent up to investigate the sighting but could find no trace of the object.

UFO CLASSIFICATION - NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source - A Covert Agenda by Nick Redfern. Pocket Books 1998. Page 176.

162. Midday. 23/08/95. Location. Weymouth, Dorset.

Whilst watching the Weymouth Carnival Air Display a Detective Sergeant and two Detective Constables observed a motionless sphere high in the sky above their position. The object appeared to glint in the sun as if metallic in structure. It was seen for several minutes before the officers resumed to their normal duties.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – DD (DAYLIGHT DISC)

On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source—PRUFOS/CONFIDENTIAL.

163. August 1995. Location: Alton Barnes, Wiltshire.

Two Special Constables, one of who was a PC TODD saw a single bright light like a star which appeared from nowhere. It gave off an orange glow and had an outer ring. It hovered near the officers before flying off toward Everleigh. PC TODD ruled out any type of aircraft and described the outer rings as being above the clouds and shaped like pear drops in a spiral.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty incident. 2 Officers. Source – Irene Bott archive.

1996

164. 25/12/96. Holt, Norfolk.

Two uniformed officers, PS STEVE KING and PC ANDY COLLIER observed a UFO in the vicinity of Holt and chased it for over 10 miles in their police vehicle before the object accelerated away over the North Sea. The officers contacted Norwich Airport to see if an aircraft was in trouble but were told no flights were in that area. The airport logged the incident as a 'UFO'. Thirty members of the public also reported seeing the object. A police spokesman said that the officers had no explanation for what they'd seen. The MOD dismissed the sighting as nothing more than a combination of the Boston Stump and an electrical storm!

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source: Daily Mirror 26/12/96.

165. Summer 0100 hours. Location - Cowbridge to Pontyclun, Glamorgan, South Wales.

An on duty uniformed traffic officer was driving along the A4222 road north of Cowbridge towards Pontyclun when he observed a single bright white light in the distance. The light was below the level of the cloud base. He wound down his window and could not detect any noise whatsoever. He stopped the car and switched off the engine. There was no noise. He observed the light travelling horizontally at an altitude of 100 feet travelling at a speed of 50-60 mph before seeing it slowly disappear over a hillside. He described the UFO as being the shape of a circular ball. At the time of the sighting it was dark and there was little wind.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: PRUFOS Police Database.

166. Location - Scotland. Following a 999 call two on duty uniformed officers observed a huge gold coloured egg shaped UFO hovering over fields in Scotland at close proximity of 200 metres. They viewed the object through binoculars and one of the officers made a pocket book entry regarding the sighting. This forms part of a series of three sightings by the principal officer who is very reluctant to release further details.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source—PRUFOS/CONFIDENTIAL.

167. June 1996. Late evening. Location: M62, Brown Cow Public House, West Yorkshire. Two uniformed officers were alerted to a triangular shaped UFO seen in the sky above the Brown Cow Public House by a crowd of people who had stopped their cars to have a look at the object. A member of the public later rang the Huddersfield Examiner newspaper to see if they were going to put out an appeal for witnesses. The caller later received word from the paper that an

alleged 'D' notice from the MoD had been served on the paper not to print the appeal.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source – PRUFOS/MARK G (Independent Film Producer).

168. 05/10/96. 0314-1109 hours. Location: East Coast of England. This was a major sighting that took place off the East Coast where a red and green rotating light was seen by police officers at Skegness and Boston. In addition the object was seen by several coastguard officers and the crew of an oil tanker. Enquiries were made with RAF Kinloss, RAF Neatishead and RAF Waddington confirming that the object was captured on radar. A fascinating and revealing transcript of radio transmissions was obtained by researchers Nick Redfern and Irene Bott who also spoke with members of the oil tanker crew. The crew ruled out any conventional explanation. It is reported that the airspace in the effected area of the sighting was closed for several hours after the sighting. The MoD suggested that everyone had mistaken the light for Boston Stump!

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 3 Officers. Source – Irene Bott archive.

## 1998

169. 23/09/98. 0215 hours. Location: Henfield, Sussex.

Two uniformed police officers, one male and one female were on patrol in the Henfield area on the main A281 Brighton Road when they saw several unusual lights in the sky. Each light was the size of a Jumbo jet aircraft. For scale a large aircraft flew near to the lights. Each light was circular and not connected to the others. They stopped their vehicle to get a better look. As they watched they suddenly saw a beam of light being shone down to the ground approximately 200-300 metres away. It was a rural location with no housing nearby. They drove toward the beam but it suddenly went out. Both the officers were shook up by the incident that lasted in the region of 35-45 minutes. The sighting was officially reported to the MoD.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – Irene Bott archive.

## 1999

170. 1830-1900 hours 09/02/99. Location - Sheffield, South Yorkshire. Four uniformed police officers (which included a dog handler and a sergeant) observed an orange UFO with a triangular formation of red lights which appeared to revolve around the object. Seen from two different geographical positions in Sheffield, the triangulated location of the UFO appears to have been over the Peak District National Park in the vicinity of Derwent and Ladybower Reservoirs. The object was seen for approximately 30 minutes and binoculars were used by some of the officers to confirm that it wasn't an aircraft. The craft was seen to 'bank' left to right and then right to left continuously.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 4 Officers. Source - Andy Ellis (Yorkshire UFO Info) and PRUFOS.

## 2000

171. 19/05/2000. 2240 hours. Location – Southampton, Hampshire.

Video footage by a cameraman records a hovering UFO above Southampton Water. The police helicopter arrives and is clearly seen to fly around it several times before the object fades and disappears from view. A lengthy investigation followed by the Southampton UFO Group. The MOD denied that the police had been involved as did the police themselves.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On duty sighting. 1 officer. Source: PRUFOS/SUFOG.

2001

172. 05/05/2001. Location - Southampton, Hampshire.

A virtual repeat of the above sighting details. The police helicopter was seen to circle around the object on at least two occasions before the object simply vanished in front of them. Both cases were championed by Lord Hill Norton who pursued the government for an explanation. No satisfactory explanation was ever forthcoming.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source PRUFOS/SUFOG.

173. 11/08/2001. 0635 hours. Location - South Shields, County Durham.

A Northumbria police officer began to drive his car out of his drive on his way to work. As he turned right he had a view towards a local technical college. He noticed a cigar shaped object hovering above it. He discounted the shape as an airship. He then walked approximately 40 yards to his garage looked again but the object had disappeared. The officer had spent 14 years in the RAF and was very familiar with aircraft of many types. He did not report the incident fearing ridicule from his fellow colleagues. He later became aware that several members of the public had reported seeing a UFO in the area. The weather at the time of the sighting was bright, sunny with excellent visibility.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – DD (DAYLIGHT DISC)

Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: PRUFOS Police Database.

174. 2001. 0345 hours. Location: Tenterden, Kent.

Two Tenterden based uniformed police officers observed a UFO that passed over Gascoigne Corner, High Halden. As the object passed over the night sky became as bright as day. Several members of the public also reported similar sightings of the object.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting – 2 Officers. Source – Chris Rolfe, UFOMEK.

175. 01/12/2001. 2200-2215 hours. Location: Ashford to Lydd coast road, Kent. Two uniformed police officers were travelling on the coast road when one of them noticed a very bright light in the sky that initially he thought was an aircraft. However he soon ruled that option out given that it was travelling too slow to be an aircraft. After passing overhead the officers observed the object breaking up as it headed toward Folkestone. 20-30 minutes later the officers saw a similar object that again was slow moving. On this occasion the officers saw the light for 30 seconds. Newspapers speculated that the officers saw space junk burning up in the atmosphere whilst others suggested a meteor shower. However given the officers clear description of a slow moving object both suggestions appear to be ruled out.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – Chris Rolfe, UFOMEK.

176. Evening. August. Location – Brighton, Sussex.

Following reports of fires on the beaches at Brighton the Sussex police helicopter was dispatched to investigate. Whilst over the area PS JOHN TICKNER observed and filmed a cylindrical UFO that passed by in close proximity to the helicopter. Note this case is all but solved. The infra-red shot looks a very convincing UFO but when viewed in normal night vision there appears to be a definite flame at its base. The object is now believed to have been a large lantern.

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source - UFO Magazine and PRUFOS.

2002

177. 28/02/2002. 2300 hours. Location – Portland, Dorset.

An on duty uniformed officer was one of several witnesses of a UFO seen to hover near a set of transmitting aerials at an altitude of 1000/2000 feet. There was no noise and the object was seen to hover for between 60-90 seconds before slowly moving away and out of sight. The officers sighting was one of many in what was a series of sightings in the Dorset area.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: Press cuttings.

2005

178. 21/01/2005. 0000-0600 hours. Location: Runcorn, Cheshire.

Approximately 20 objects were seen in the sky by several members of the public above Halton Lodge, Runcorn at an approximate altitude of 7-15000 feet. The objects initially appeared to be spread apart in the shape of an arc. The weather at the time of the sighting was a clear moonlight sky. The objects made no sound and appeared to move left to right and sway back again. At times they made incredible changes in direction. They were white in colour although a red flash could occasionally be seen coming from them. The objects appeared to interact by flashing at each other. Four Cheshire uniformed police officers saw the lights as well as a Liverpool Air Traffic Control night watch officer who viewed them through binoculars from the Tower and who confirmed nothing could be seen on radar. A total of 20 witnesses (including police officers) saw the objects.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On Duty sighting. 4 Officers. Source – PRUFOS Police Database/SB

## OFF DUTY SIGHTINGS

1963

1. Summer 1963. 0200 hours. Location - Netley, Hampshire.

As an off duty female officer, WPC POTHECARY was cycling near to Netley Railway Station on her way to work when she observed an orange coloured sphere on the road directly in front of her. It was approximately 4 feet in diameter. Initially she hid behind some nearby buildings and watched the object which made no sound whatsoever as it landed in a railway goods yard. After initially being frightened she slowly moved toward the object. She got right up to the object and was actually able to pick it up. It was very light in weight. Thinking she ought to take it to the police station where she worked (Netley) she picked it up and managed to hold it with one hand as she cycled toward her home station. However within feet of moving the object it began to decrease in size until it had completely disappeared. Given the fantastic nature of the incident she decided (in the absence of the object) not to report the sighting as she feared ridicule from her colleagues.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)  
Off Duty. 1 Officer. Source: SUFOG (Southampton UFO Group).

1965

## 2. Dungeness, Kent.

A uniformed police officer, PC ALAN DIGWEED had just gone off duty when he saw a brilliant light over Dungeness. At first he thought it was the air sea rescue but when he contacted them he was told it was not them. A short time later the light vanished. Kent radar contacted him and confirmed that they had briefly picked up unidentified traffic at the time he saw the UFO. He said, "I'd always been sceptical up to then but there was something in the sky and no one knows what it was." He went public with his sighting when he published it in the Kent police magazine 'Patchwork.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

Source Daily Mirror 12/03/76. Off duty sighting. 1 officer.

1966

## 3. Daytime. May. Location - St. Helens, Lancashire.

Whilst on sick leave at home with his family a uniformed police officer, PC DONALD CAMERON reported seeing six UFOs above his home on Chilton Road. He and his wife were looking out of a window when they spotted the objects which he estimated as being approximately one mile away travelling in a south-easterly direction. He said, "We could see it quite clearly, although it was a dull day. They were white and glowing. One was bigger than the others with a cup shaped dome. The others were oval."

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source - UFO Flying Saucers over Britain by Robert Chapman. Mayflower Books 1969. Page 43.

1967

## 4. October. Dusk. Location – Lytchett Minster, Dorset.

Two uniformed officers were in their respective police houses when a member of the public reported that a cigar shaped UFO was hovering above the above named village. One officer came out of the house with the witness and initially observed nothing of note. Then the UFO reappeared into view. However, according to the witness its shape had changed. It now appeared as several bands of red, green, yellow and blue. As a result another officer came out of his nearby police accommodation to witness the same object. The object had initially been reported as being 70 feet in length, coffee brown in colour with yellow lights on its length as well as what appeared to be a series of windows. It was reported to have been hovering at an altitude of only 200 feet. After watching this object for several minutes the officers then observed the UFO changing shape for themselves. The UFO 'split' into two and the two halves positioned themselves vertically above each other in the air. After a couple of minutes the objects faded from view before reappearing once again. Moments later the objects began to move away, slowly at first before a sudden burst of acceleration took them out of view.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)

Off Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source FSR Vol 15 No 6.

5. Evening. Late October. Location – Portsmouth, Hampshire.  
An off duty uniformed officer PC JOHN WHITCOMBE was driving through Portsmouth with his wife and family when they observed a UFO above the town. He said, "It was like a rugby ball or a fat saucer, so bright I had to shield my eyes."

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source - UFO Flying Saucers over Britain by Robert Chapman. Mayflower Books 1969. Pages 19-20.

6. June 1967. 2350 hours. Location: Canewdon near Southend, Essex.  
An off duty police officer, PS CHRIS BEARD was fishing when he saw two red lights approaching in the distance. He initially assumed the lights to be that of an aircraft however as they grew closer he realised that they were independent of each other. Against a clear night he was certain that what he was looking at was extremely unusual. The objects eventually passed directly overhead and he heard a faint 'whirring' noise. It was last seen heading in the direction of Southend.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

Off Duty incident. 1 Officer. Source – Irene Bott archive.

## 1972

7. Late evening near midnight. 11/06/72. Location – Ogmere Valley, Glamorgan, Wales. Off duty officer PC DAVID HARRIS was out walking with his dog with his father in law when they observed a tubular object some feet in length moving slowly across Llangeinor Mountain before disappearing over treetops. The altitude of the UFO was described as 100 feet from the ground. There were lights at each end of the object but no wings were observed. Weather conditions at the time were clear and no noise was heard at any time. The duration of the sighting was one minute.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – FSR Vol 18 Number 4.

## 1976

8. 0150 hours. 02/04/76. Location – Bury, Greater Manchester.  
After completing his duty DETECTIVE SERGEANT NORMAN COLLINSON was driving home along the M62 and M66 motorways. As he turned north onto the M66 he observed a white disc of light moving very fast which crossed the path he was travelling. The object was heading toward Knoll Hill, east of Bury. The UFO made a right angle turn onto a south to south-east heading. The object was heading in the direction of Heywood. Puzzled the officer stopped his vehicle and got out to look at the light. As he did so the light stopped and hovered near to his location. It then began to perform a series of spectacular 'box' right angle turns. The UFO began to move off in the direction of Heywood once more with DS Collinson following it in his car. The object stopped a second time and again repeated the angular movements described earlier before streaking away at a tremendous speed out of view. The incident was reported to the MOD and Manchester Airport.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – FSR Vol 23 No 2.

9. 1715 hours. 02/11/76. Location – Lutterworth, Leicestershire.  
An off duty uniformed officer, PC BRYAN McCANN, was out driving with his wife when they observed a cigar shaped UFO hovering in a stationary position between the villages of Walcote and Swinford. It was approximately 400 yards away from their location and held its position for four minutes. The object was described as having four brilliant lights and being large in size. The officer dashed

home to get his binoculars but by the time he returned to the scene the object had departed. He reported the incident to Bitteswell Air Control. He received confirmation from them that another controller had witnessed the same object the same night.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)

Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – FSR Vol 22 No 6.

1977

10. 0050 hours 21/10/77. Location - Bodmorgen, Anglesey.

PC JOHN OWEN observed a dome shaped UFO whilst off duty at home with his wife. The object appeared to have portholes and be part of a structured aerial craft. He described the colour of the object as that of the setting sun. He made checks with RAF Valley who confirmed there were no night flights. The incident was reported to his police HQ at Colwyn Bay. Duration of sighting - 7 minutes.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)

Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source - BUFORA Magazine Jan/Feb 1978 Volume 6 Number 5.

11. 0030 hours. Location - Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire.

An off duty uniformed police officer observed a huge cross shaped UFO above the M5 motorway at the rear of his home in Tewkesbury having just completed a 2-10 late shift at Cheltenham Police Station. He heard a swishing noise outside his home which attracted his attention. Going into the garden he saw the object slowly rotating above the quiet motorway. He described it as the size of a civil airliner and watched as it began to move across fields towards his home. It was moving at a low altitude of 50 feet above the fields and he observed that there was a red light at the centre of four cross arms. At one point the object turned on its side to reveal that it was very thin in depth when viewed side on. For reasons he doesn't understand he rushed inside to get a torch. Once back outside he used it to flash once at it. The UFO appeared to react and moved slowly back over the motorway where it performed an extraordinary manoeuvre. He watched at one arm of the cross remained in a stationary position whilst the rest of the craft rotated around its axis. A short time later the object moved into the distance and out of site. Forms part of a series of four sightings made by the officer.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1/INT (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND/INTERACTION)

Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source - Confidential (PRUFOS) Database.

12. 1315 hours. Prior to a 2-10 shift. Location - A38 Tewkesbury to Coombe Hill, Gloucestershire. The off duty uniformed officer was on his way to work at Cheltenham Police station driving along the A38 when he heard a 'clanking' noise outside. From his left he saw a three pronged UFO which appeared to have a 'barbell' on the end of one of its arms. The object was described as the size of a civil airliner and was moving slowly at a low altitude. The craft came to a hover above the village of Deerhurst. The barbell appendage appeared to be transparent and as he watched it his mind filled with the image of a humanoid figure. For reasons he can't explain he flashed the car headlights at the object and the figure disappeared as did the craft. The duration of the sighting was two minutes. This forms part of a series of four sightings by the officer who is now retired from the Gloucestershire Force. Weather - dry, fine and clear.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE3/INT (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 3<sup>RD</sup> KIND/INTERACTION)

Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source - Confidential (PRUFOS) Database.

13. 1720 hours. Autumn. Location - Isfield near Lewes, Sussex.  
Whilst waiting at bus stop a female off duty uniformed officer observed a dome shaped UFO at a low altitude of 300 feet. She described the object as having the appearance of a light or green coloured metal with a moderately reflective surface. On top of the dome protruded a blue/green light whilst underneath there was an area of intense black. For reasons she doesn't understand she waved at the object and it passed to within 50 feet of her position. The next thing she remembers was the bus arriving and that when she tried to move her limbs felt numb. She also noticed that she had developed an acute headache. Over the next week she developed other ailments including thirst and conjunctivitis. For a time afterwards she suffered with recurring bouts of gastric problems. She cannot account for a period of 20 minutes of time whilst stood at the bus stop. She has not had any form of hypnotic regression. She was a former member of the Royal Observer Corp.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND/SYMPTONS)  
Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source - Pat Grant (independent UFO researcher) as outlined in Beyond Top Secret by Tim Good, Pan Books 1996. Pages 78-79.

14. Evening. Location - Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

An off duty uniformed Gloucestershire officer observed a large UFO in the vicinity of Orchard Road and Hesters Way, Cheltenham whilst out with his then wife. He described the object as a flying cross which was the size of a jumbo jet aircraft and that it came to a stationary position above a Catholic church. The object was seen at a low altitude of 50/100 feet. On one of the four arms he observed a red light that flashed four times before disappearing from view. The weather at the time was dark, fine and clear. Forms part of a series of four sightings reported by the officer.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)  
Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source - Confidential (PRUFOS) Database.

15. November 1977. Location – Earlsfield, London.

Inspector DESMOND CONDON reported seeing a hovering UFO over Earlsfield, south-west London at an approximate altitude of 3000 feet. He said, "It was a perfect pillar, it glowed with a bluish haze and stayed motionless for 30 minutes. I've never seen anything like it!".

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer.

## 1978

16. October 1978. 2000 hours. Location: Rosliston, Derbyshire.

An off duty Special Constable, JOHN CLAYTON was travelling in his car from his home in Coton-in-the-Elms to Burton on Trent when he passed through the village of Rosliston he heard a droning noise that caused him to stop the car. When he looked upwards he saw what he described as a 'flying hotel', five storeys in height with windows on each storey all lit up. It appeared black in colour and was approximately 250-350 feet in length! The object was moving slowly towards Swadlingcote and Ashby at an altitude of only 500 feet and at a speed of 10 mph. It eventually gained height and disappeared over Ashby in the east.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)  
Off duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – Irene Bott archive.

1980

17. March 1980. Location - Forfar, Tayside, Scotland.

Whilst at home the officer saw a strange orange light in the sky. It moved away and faded from view. Moments later it reappeared much brighter than before. He could now see a series of four lights on it. The UFO appeared to be hovering above a gas compression plant approximately 2-3 miles distant. So curious was he about the object he awoke his wife and neighbours who also witnessed the light. His neighbours viewed the object through binoculars and described it as an oval rugby ball shape with a glowing white top. The officer rang Forfar police station but enquiries with nearby airports proved negative.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: Dundee Courier and Advertiser 01/04/80.

1981

18. March 1981. Cracoe Fell near Skipton, North Yorkshire.

A police officer's wife reported seeing three lights above Cracoe Fell and alerted her husband who with another officer took a photograph of the lights. They watched the lights for an hour. The picture was sent to Graham Birdsall, the editor of UFO Magazine who launched a secret investigation into its authenticity. The photograph was later examined by a specialist photo lab in America called Ground Saucer Watch. They confirmed the authenticity of the picture. The lights were estimated to be a total length of 60 feet and were seen at a distance of approximately 50 metres. Details of the sighting and the photograph were only released to the public in August 1983, almost two and a half years after the event. A UFO sceptic researcher later claimed that the officers had witnessed a natural phenomena, that of shining rocks—a rare phenomena and to date no-one has managed to replicate the photograph so I'm not convinced.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – DD (DAYLIGHT DISC)

Off Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source Daily Mirror 28/08/1983.

19. 10/03/81 Location: Carleton Moors near Skipton, North Yorkshire. Two uniformed police officers observed a large glowing oval shaped UFO as it moved over the moors.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

On duty sightings. 2 officers. Source – Yorkshire Post.

1983

20. 0100 hours. 25/12/83. Location – Todmorden, West Yorkshire.

An off duty uniformed officer was out with his girlfriend when they observed a large orange coloured UFO low in the sky above the town. The object appeared to have several spike like protrusions coming out of its structure. The UFO was then seen to disappear from view at high speed by making an angular movement. The incident was not reported.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – PRUFOS/CONFIDENTIAL.

21. 1955 hours. 07/11/83. Location - Between Bolton Abbey and Addingham near Skipton, North Yorkshire. Whilst driving with his wife, PS TONY DODD observed a large disc shaped UFO approaching the vehicle from

their right. He estimated the size of the craft as being four times that of a car. It was at a low altitude and passed almost directly over the car roof before disappearing behind nearby trees. His wife described the craft as resembling a child's spinning top. Moments later the same UFO reappeared and swept toward the car once again. PS DODD pulled the car over to a stop and took a series of photographs of the object as it moved away into the distance. The photographs were later sent to a research facility called Ground Saucer Watch in Arizona that specialise in the analysis of reported UFO images. Their conclusion after analysis was that the photographs had recorded a genuine UFO on film, one of the few to meet their strict criteria. They estimated that the object was 30 feet in diameter and was near spherical in shape. This forms a series of sightings by the officer who later became one of the world's leading authorities on the subject of UFOs. UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)

Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source - Alien Investigator by Tony Dodd. Headline Publishing Books. Pages 26-28 and PRUFOS.

22. February 1983. 2200 hours. Location: A51, Stonehill, Staffordshire. Two Special Constables had just left Stonehill Police station prior to going onto a night shift when they were in a car driving along the A51 dual carriageway when suddenly they were shocked to see a green coloured sphere, the size of a motor car, pulling along side of them as if pacing the vehicle. They watched the UFO for a distance of approximately 200 metres before it veered off the road following the line of some hedges off toward Western Bank. The UFO made no noise whatsoever when it pulled alongside the vehicle. The officers debated whether to try and follow the object but chose not to.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)

Off Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – PRUFOS Police Database.

23. February 1983. Location: Near Burton on Trent, Staffordshire. An off duty Special Constable was driving with his wife on a road near Burton on Trent when they observed a green sphere approaching them from the road ahead. The object was described as being the size of car and at an altitude of 20 feet. It passed directly over their car and out of sight.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)

Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – PRUFOS Police Database.

1986

24. July 1986. Location – Stockport, Cheshire.

An off duty officer happened to be cleaning his camera at home when he suddenly noticed a strange bell shaped UFO in the sky above his home. He quickly took a single photograph of the object. The officer later learned there had been a series of reports from members of the public in the Stockport and Greater Manchester area.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – DD (DAYLIGHT DISC)

Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: Stockport Times 04/07/86.

1988

25. January 1988. Location: Holybourne, Winchester, Hampshire. An off duty officer, PC LEN HAFFENDEN, was walking his dog near his Holybourne home when he observed an intense white light in the sky that descended at a 30 degree angle to stop and hover. He ran home to get his binoculars. His wife and son returned to where he'd seen the object. It was still there and through the binoculars he observed what appeared to be a shuttlecock shaped object. He described the object as having a very bright light at its centre

with a misty fluorescence trailing behind. The object was last seen moving toward the horizon and moving into cloud.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – Hampshire Chronicle, Winchester 15/06/90.

1989

26. 23/10/89. Late Evening. Location: Delamere Forest, Cheshire.

An off duty police officer and his wife were driving through Delamere Forest when they observed a triangular shaped UFO that stopped at one point and hovered above their car. On the same evening several members of the public reported seeing unusual light formations above the road between Glossop and Manchester.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND)

Off duty incident. 1 Officer. Source – Metro News 10/11/89.

1992-93

27. 1330-1400 hours. Location - Dundee, Tayside, Scotland.

Whilst looking out of his living room window the officer looked toward Sidlaw Hills that overlooks Craig Owl when he saw a strange movement in cloud. As he looked at the object he realised that he could make out a sphere like object that appeared to have no real substance to it. As he watched it the UFO began to change shape as it appeared to 'dock' beside a communications mast beside Craig Owl. The object turned on its own axis before changing from sphere to an oval shaped UFO. He estimated its size as approximately 50-100 feet in diameter. He observed the object for 1-2 minutes. The object made a sharp movement and began to follow the contour of the hillside until it was out of sight.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

Off duty sighting. 1 officer. Source: PRUFOS Police Database.

1997

28. Mid/Late Summer 1997. 0230 hours. Location: Junction of A30/A303, Near Yeovil, Somerset. An off duty police officer was driving to work on a rural road at the above location when he saw what he initially thought was an aircraft. However he soon realised that the object was not an aircraft as it appeared to be stationary. He described the object as being at an altitude of 45 feet above a line of trees. As he drove towards it he began to make out the shape of the object. He described it as a rectangular shaped block, seen side on that was about the size of half a football field! He drove past the object that was on his right. Having wound down his window he did not hear a sound as he did so. Having passed by the object he turned the car around to go back and have a second look. As he did so he flashed his car main beam at the object which seemed to respond by dipping slightly before moving off at speed out of view.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – CE1/INT (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND/INTERACTION)

Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – PRUFOS Police Database.

1999

29. 0500 hours. Friday 10/09/99. Location - Weston Zoyland, Somerset.

An off duty uniformed officer and his wife observed a very bright UFO moving at high speed in the sky above Weston Zoyland. The object became stationary and

he observed it through a telescope for approximately 15 minutes before it sped away at great speed. He described the object as having a spherical underside whilst on top it had a faint red glow.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source - UFO Magazine Mar/April edition 2000.

30. Between 2115-2230 hours. Saturday 21/08/99. Location - Crofton, Wakefield, West Yorkshire. An off duty DETECTIVE CONSTABLE GARY HESELTINE of the British Transport Police was sitting in his garden looking up at the summer night's stars when his partner, alerted him to some lights flying overhead. The officer looked in the direction she was indicating and observed three white lights moving in a perfect arrowhead triangular formation. They crossed the sky at an elevation of 60 degrees from left to right against the night landscape. The objects appeared to be at a very high altitude and were brighter than the background stars. The officer initially thought that the lights were part of one object but soon realised he could see stars between the triangle of lights indicating three distinct UFOs. No audible noise could be heard. The formation slowly moved above the roof top of the house in a west to east direction. After approximately 20 seconds or so the formation began to 'bank' northwards (left) in what was quite a sharp turn. Amazingly the lights turned and banked as one and never deviated from the arrowhead formation. The officer was puzzled by the lights for several years and dismissed the sighting as being that of a triangular satellite formation (which do exist). However recent enquiries and discussions on the subject have persuaded him that the objects were indeed UFOs because it is believed it would be impossible for a satellite formation to perform such a tight banking manoeuvre over such a short distance. The officer was previously in the Royal Air Force and has a keen interest in aircraft recognition.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHTS)

Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source - Gary Heseltine, founder of the PRUFOS Database.

2000

31. Early evening. Winter. Location – Colchester, Essex.

An off duty uniformed traffic officer was out jogging when he observed a slow moving light low in the sky above Colchester. His first thought was that it was a military aircraft however as it passed directly over him he was struck by the fact that he could not detect any sound whatsoever. He described the UFO as being triangular in shape and definitely ruled out a helicopter as being responsible. The object was seen travelling from South to North. The object was also moving too slowly to be a Galaxy transport aircraft. A member of the public also reported seeing the same object.

UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)

Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source – PRUFOS/CONFIDENTIAL.

2001

32. 2003 hours. Tuesday 06/11/01. Location - Rochdale approaching the M62 motorway in Lancashire. The off duty uniformed officer was with one other person when they saw a bright light which gave the impression of being a cluster of smaller lights set between two areas of red light. The red lights oscillated between various shades of the colour. The UFO appeared to hover for a period of ten seconds before moving off at a tremendous rate of acceleration that was seemingly from a standing start. The object moved off in a 40 degree arc out of sight taking only four seconds to do so. The weather was broken cloud with intermittent rain. There was no obvious sound associated with the object above

that of the surrounding road noise. The UFO was seen at an elevation of thirty degrees. This forms part of a series of three sightings by the officer.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION - NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source - UFO Magazine 2001.

33. 11/08/2001 0635 hours. Location - South Shields, County Durham.

A Northumbria police officer began to drive his car out of his drive on his way to work. As he turned right he had a view towards a local technical college. He noticed a cigar shaped object hovering above it. He discounted the shape as an airship. He then walked approximately 40 yards to his garage looked again but the object had disappeared. The officer had spent 14 years in the RAF and was very familiar with aircraft of many types. He did not report the incident fearing ridicule from his fellow colleagues. He later became aware that several members of the public had reported seeing a UFO in the area. The weather at the time of the sighting was bright, sunny with excellent visibility.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – DD (DAYLIGHT DISC)  
Off Duty sighting. 1 Officer. Source: PRUFOS Police Database.

2002

34. 0316 hours. Sunday 07/04/2002. Location - Hellifield near Skipton, North Yorkshire. The uniformed officer was off duty having just completed a 5-3 shift. As she pulled off the A65 near Hellifield to look for the comet Ikeya-Zhang she caught sight of a triangular formation of lights moving in what seemed perfect unison. The white lights moved slowly across the sky and at one point made a slight 'banking' manoeuvre seemingly moving as one. She is not sure whether she was looking at one large triangular object or three distinct objects. An avid stargazer she is well used to looking at the night sky at various times of the year. Seeking corroboration she had the presence of mind to ring her sergeant who was driving home on his way to Otley, West Yorkshire. He stopped his car and from his location witnessed the same triangular formation. His corroboration came two minutes after the initial sighting. The object (s) faded out of view low on the horizon. This forms part of a series of three sightings by the officer.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT)  
Off Duty sighting. 2 Officers. Source – PRUFOS/CONFIDENTIAL.

2004

35. 13/06/2004. 1700 hours. Location: Oval Cricket Ground, London. Two off duty police officers and two civilian police employees were watching the Surrey v Kent cricket match when one of them spotted what appeared to be a pole/cigar shaped object in the sky. They were able to view it through binoculars but failed to identify it. It was travelling very slowly and rising gradually higher into the sky. The UFO took 20-30 minutes to pass over them.  
UFO CLASSIFICATION – DD (DAYLIGHT DISC)  
Off Duty sightings. 2 Officers. Source – PRUFOS Police Database.

## STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

For a long time I have resisted doing in depth statistical analysis of the reports for two specific reasons. One, after being a police officer for many years I know how statistics can be manipulated thus rendering them meaningless and two, until now I didn't feel that the data sample was large enough to warrant such analysis.

However after five years and over 200 reports I guess the time is now right to do some statistical work on the data.

Broadly speaking around 100 officers have been added each year to the database resulting in a total at just over 500 to date.

Since my last report 43 new cases have come to light involving 100 officers.

There are 178 On Duty cases on the database involving a total of 460 British police officers.

There are 35 Off Duty cases involving 40 officers.

Total cases: 213 cases involving 500 British police officers.

(NOTE: I do not claim to be a statistician so much of the following data is based on what interests me the most).

### INITIAL STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE CASES ON THE PRUFOS POLICE DATABASE 2006

1. The most important statistic for me from the first five years of research is 75% of the 'on duty' cases are multiple officer sightings.

2. The top three multiple officer cases are:

a. April 1984. Stanmore, Middlesex, near RAF Bentley Prior. Up to 20 officers involved.

b. March 30-31 1993 South Wales, Devon and Cornwall involving 19 officers.

c. 28/08/77 Windermere, Cumbria involving 17 officers.

3. 13 'on duty' cases involve 5 or more officers.

4. The five peak years for sightings are:

1967—20 cases.

1980—14 cases.

1978—13 cases.

1977—10 cases.

1988—10 cases.

5. The county with the heaviest concentration of police UFO sightings is West Yorkshire with 25 cases recorded on the database. In second place is North Yorkshire with 12 cases followed closely by London and Staffordshire with 11 and 10 sightings respectively. Wales and Scotland have been dealt with collectively with 14 and 7 cases respectively.

6. The top five UFO Shapes are: Light 104  
Sphere 23  
Cigar 21  
Triangular 13  
Saucer 13

7. UFO Classification breakdown: Category – On Duty:

NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT) – 148

DD (DAYLIGHT DISC) – 5

CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND) – 21

CE2 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 2<sup>ND</sup> KIND) – 3

CE3 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 3<sup>RD</sup> KIND) – 1

8. UFO Classification breakdown: Category – Off Duty:

NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT) – 17

DD (DAYLIGHT DISC) – 4

CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND) – 12

CE2 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 2<sup>ND</sup> KIND) – 0

CE3 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 3<sup>RD</sup> KIND) – 2

9. There are 20 multiple UFO cases.

10. There are 2 cases that involve USOs (Underwater Surface Object).

11. There are 6 cases that involve either a radar confirmation or radar visual sighting.

12. UFO Characteristics: I intend to do more research in this area in the form of graphical charts/spreadsheets but already some interesting aspects stand out. For example when one examines the 'On Duty' CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND), of the 21 cases in this category, 12 display the classic UFO characteristic of being silent whilst being observed.

13. UFO Shapes breakdown in CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND) category:

Cigar 7

Light 5

Saucer 4

Oval 1

Diamond 1

Bell 1

Fiery Cross 1

Shape change – Cigar/Sphere 1

14. Multiple officer breakdown in CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1<sup>ST</sup> KIND) category:

Of the 21 cases in this category 14 are multiple police officer witness sightings i.e. 67%.

\*Note – the UFO Classifications are based on Dr J Allen Hynek's classification criteria in his book 'The UFO Experience' (1972). I have extended the range of CE1 cases from Hynek's 150 metres (distance from the witness to the UFO) to 400 metres for the purpose of this analysis.

## Conclusion

Five years of research have resulted in 500 British police officers being involved in 213 UFO sightings. Whilst I accept that some of these cases are likely to have a terrestrial explanation I genuinely believe that in high calibre witness categories (i.e. pilots, astronauts, cosmonauts, radar operators, senior military figures and scientists and police officers) the majority of cases point to an extraterrestrial conclusion.

I now feel I have enough material for a book and am now looking for a publisher because as far as I am aware there has never been a book solely devoted to police officer UFO sightings anywhere in the world.

As a serving police officer with almost 18 years service, the last 13 years as a Detective in the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), I believe the cases on the PRUFOS Police database offer a wealth of evidence to support my assertion that many of these sightings represent extraterrestrial craft operating in UK airspace with apparent impunity.

Corroboration of that assertion has come recently in November 2006 when Channel Five aired a documentary entitled 'The Great UFO Mystery' that for the first time on British terrestrial television concluded (after a lengthy investigation by Nick Pope during his time in the UFO hotseat at the Ministry of Defence) that a sighting on the night of 31/03/93 involving numerous police and military witnesses had most likely been an extraterrestrial craft operating in British Airspace.

The testimony of the officers on the PRUFOS Police Database is just one raft of a wealth of cumulative evidence that has been available for many years from around the world in the form of thousands of military records, RADAR and trace evidence, the testimony of numerous senior military and scientific people, civilian and military pilots, radar operators, astronauts and cosmonauts etc.

It may be an unsettling conclusion for the public, the media and the British Government to digest but the overwhelming data over 60 years of research by leading UFO experts from around the world proves to me that some UFOs are real and represent extraterrestrial beings visiting the Earth in what can be loosely described as part of an observation or surveillance operation.

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