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Dear XXXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 304/25

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 10 March 2025
I note you seek access to the following information:

Please could you provide information regarding the number of reports made to Cumbria Police regarding sightings of UFOs (unidentified flying objects) or abduction by aliens from 2010-2025 (to date)?

Could you also provide the details of the reported incident too

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold information relevant to your request and I have today decided to disclose this to you.

Year	Description
2011	LOOKING FACING TOWARDS EAST OF THE M6 & I CAN SEE A NUMBER OF LIGHTS IN THE SKY, I AM UNSURE IF THERE LANTERNS OR UFO'S. ONE OF THEM SEEMS TO BE GETTING BIGGER & HASNT MOVED & I BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE A UFO.
2011	CALLER RANG TO REP HAS SEEN AN ALIEN CRAFT OVER THEIR HOUSE AT 2020HRS TONIGHT WHICH THEY HAS FILMED. CYLINDRICAL FLYING OBJECTS WHICH SEEMED TO HOVER AND THEN DISAPPEAR.
2012	CALLER DECLARING THAT THEY ARE ABOUT TO BE ABDUCTED BY ALIENS AND THAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY ALIENS
2015	UFO CALLER CAN SEE LARGE SPINNING DISC IN THE SKY WITH LIGHTS ROUND IT AND OTHER SMALLER OBJECTS JOINING IT SLOWLY;AT FIRST THERE WAS A HIGH PITCHED NOISE;ORANGE LIGHTS;BIG WHITE LIGHT IN THE MIDDLE
2016	FROM HOUSE CAN SEE A RED AND WHITE FLASHING LIGHT FROM A FLYING OBJECT - FIRST THOUGHT COULD BE A HELICOPTER BUT THERE IS NO SOUND FROM IT. IT IS MOVING BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS FROM THE SEA TO THE FELLS SWEEPING FURTHER AWAY FROM CALLER . IT LOOKS ABOUT 3 TIMES THE HEIGHT OF A STREET LIGHT. ITS BEEN GOING ON FOR THE PAST 10 MINUTES OR SO. CALLER WAS ASKED IF IT COULD BE A DRONE AND SAID IT COULD BE



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2017	CALLER REPORTING THAT APPROX 21:00 HOURS WAS OUTSIDE HOME ADDRESS WHEN SAW A SMALL FLYING OBJECT INITIALLY DESCRIBED AS A PLANE BUT POSSIBLY A DRONE. CALLER SAYS THAT THE PLANE/DRONE APPROACHED PROPERTY . CALLER SAYS THE PLANE/DRONE WAS FLYING LOW, AT TREE HIGHT. CALLER SAYS THE PLANE/DRONE FLEW OVER TREES AND THEY COULD NO LONGER SEE IT. CALLER SAYS THAT THE PLANE/DRONE HAD FOUR PINK LIGHTS. CALLER THEN SAYS POSS MORE THAN ONE PLANE/DRONE AS ONE WITH A WHITE LIGHT ALSO SEEN. CALLER SAYS THIS WAS AT A DISTANCE OF APPROX 100 YARDS FROM PROPERTY AND THAT THE PLANE/DRONE FLEW OFF IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION.
2018	CALLER REPORTING HAVING SEEN A SUSPICIOUS LOOKING UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT, POSSIBLY A DRONE. IT HAD TWO FLASHING GREEN LIGHTS AND TWO RED LIGHTS. CALLER SHONE TORCH AT IT AND IT FLEW AWAY. IT THEN RETURNED LATER LOGGED FOR INFO AT THIS TIME

To retrieve information relevant to your request, searches were undertaken on the Constabulary's Incident recording database for the following keywords: 'UFO', 'UAP', 'aliens', 'extra%terrestrial', 'saucer', 'flying object' 'aerial phenomenon', 'spaceship', 'unexplained phenomenon', and 'UAP' for the date parameters 24/06/2010 – 26/03/2025. Relevant incident logs were checked for relevance and therefore the information provided is subject to the analysts interpretation

it should also be noted that we have included possible drone sightings within the information provided.

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

Complaint Rights

If you believe your request has not been properly handled, or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to request an internal review.

In the first instance, please email freedomofinformation@cumbria.police.uk quoting the FOI reference number and explain why you are dissatisfied. Your complaint will be considered and a response will be provided to you after your complaint has been investigated.

If you remain dissatisfied following conclusion of the internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary

