

## Bolton was local hot spot for UFOs in 2016

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It seems Bolton drew some interest from far-away sources in 2016.

The results of the 2016 Canadian UFO Survey have been released, and despite an apparent quiescence in media, UFO sightings are still being reported at a near record level.

In 2016, 1,131 UFO reports were officially filed in Canada, the fifth year in a row there were more than 1,000 cases.

The Canadian UFO Survey is produced by Ufology Research, based in Manitoba, with the cooperation of investigators and researchers across the country.

Since the annual Canadian UFO Survey was initiated in 1989, 18,038 Canadian UFO reports have been catalogued.

This is much more than the files of the United States Air Force's infamous Project Blue Book, which investigated and recorded 12,618 UFO reports from around the world between 1947 and 1969. And, while Blue Book listed 701 cases as unexplained, there are 2,145 unexplained cases in the Canadian UFO Survey.

Authors of the report indicate that this data clearly contradicts comments by those who would assert that UFOs are a 'passing fad' or that UFO sightings are decreasing in number.

In 2016, most UFO reports were recorded during the summer with June, July and August combining for 37.7 per cent of all cases.

Most UFOs were simple lights in the sky, known as Nocturnal Lights (54.9 per cent), and Close Encounters comprised less than one per cent of the total. This is borne out by the bell-shaped distribution of 'strangeness' in 2016, where most UFO sightings were unremarkable and simply lights or distant objects moving in the sky.

The percentage of UFO cases considered unexplained in 2016 has dropped to four per cent, the lowest in 28 years of study.

One of the more fascinating reports occurred Nov. 14 at 6:22 a.m. in Toronto. A commercial aircraft had a 'near miss' with an object while on a routine flight.

While passing through 8,300 feet approximately 29 nautical miles east on the initial approach, the flight crew noticed an object directly ahead on their flight path. The object appeared to be solid, approximately five to eight feet in diameter and shaped like an upright doughnut or inner tube.

Cabin crew members received minor injuries when evasive action was taken.

While the object was not likely a balloon and was suggested to be a drone, it was noted that drones could not fly at that altitude and distance.

According to the Transportation Safety Board: 'The incident will remain identified as a near collision with an unidentified airborne object.'

Bolton had three sightings last year.

In Bolton, Jan. 11 at 8:30 p.m., a round object was spotted, with multi-colored lights going around it, hovering in place.

April 29 at 9:45 p.m., there was a report of a stationary, pulsating red, green and white light.

Sept. 24, at 8:45 p.m., someone reported 15 orange lights moving above neighbourhood houses.

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