

Accounts of UFO encounters showcased in exhibition

Accounts of apparent UFO encounters have been made public in a new exhibition.

Photographer Alexander Ward is behind the Apex exhibition at Suffolk Aviation Heritage Museum in Kesgrave. "Some people I spoke to had just seen a light in the sky, but others had really significant and sometimes traumatic experiences," he said. Mr Ward has been interested in the subject since he was a teenager when he had his own potential alien encounter.



"I saw a triangle in the sky when I was 17. I've always been open to the subject, but I didn't want to steer this project in one way or another. I want people who come along to the exhibition to make up their own minds," he said. Mr Ward said he wanted to tell the human experiences behind the strange encounters, rather than proving or disproving them. "I really wanted to understand how people had these experiences and how it changed their view of the world. I wanted to do their experiences justice," he said.

He spent a lot of time reassuring his subjects that he was not intending to make fun of them. "Many photographers have tried to make a mockery of this subject in the past, so a big part of it was gaining their trust."

Mr Ward said the project had convinced him of the existence of extra-terrestrial life. "We all have our lines in the sand in our mind of what we are prepared to believe in and this project has really shifted that. We are such a tiny grain of sand compared to the vastness of the universe and it would be very strange if we were on our own," he added.

The exhibition is being held in an old Cold War bunker at the Aviation Museum, which was involved in one of the most famous purported UFO sightings in history at Rendlesham forest.

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