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A DARGLE farmer says he was startled by a bright white light which circled above his homestead briefly on New Year's Eve before disappearing in a north westerly direction.

Mr Ronald Poulton, a recently retired professional man, said he was standing near his lounge windows at 8 pm when "an object about the size of a big star" circled his house noiselessly for about 10 seconds.

"It was a cloudy and misty evening and the thing circled slowly at about 1,000 feet up. I immediately called my wife who also saw it"

Other farmers contacted in the Dargle area did not report any sightings and most said they had either been watching television or preparing for bed.

One farmer suggested that gases from a marsh in the area could have caused the strange light but added that the object sounded too high for this.