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# UFO IS SIGHTED

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POLICE in March are investigating reports of a mysterious flying object which terrified railwaymen working a night shift.

And the railwaymen are not the only people to have seen the massive ball of orange flames hovering in the sky. There have been recent sightings of a similar object by several March policemen.

More than a dozen rail workers at the town's rail loco yard in Hundred Road watched as it hovered and then dived over the Flaggrass Hill area. Driver Mr Stan Bolton was the first to see it as it appeared in the sky.

He said: "It was about 12.30 am and the foreman had just sent me outside to do a job. It was very odd because you could hear a pin drop, it was that quiet.

"Then there was this really bright white light which started to turn orange. As it got over the Creek Road area it started to go really bright as if it

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was burning up.

"I have never seen anything like it in my life. I know it was far too big for a plane or a shooting star. I should think it was about one hundred times bigger than a star."

When Mr Bolton of 3 Whittlesey Road, March, ran to tell the other workers they joked about it. But then someone else spotted it.

Mr Albert Haynes said he realised it was too big to be an aeroplane and called the other men over to have a look.

He said: "It was very strange and looked just like a ball of orange fire.

"I don't really believe in funny things like space ships but it was most peculiar."

One of the policemen called to the scene was Pc Cyril Ayres.

He said: "The men told me what they had seen but I couldn't see anything. By their attitude I know it

not a hoax. I have an open mind about this, if a little green man tapped me on the shoulder I would believe that he was there."

And it seems there have been other close encounters of a strange kind in the town. One looked like a giant coal sack with smoke coming out of the bottom.