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WATCH AS UFO HOVERS

SHOCKED householders at Abbey Hulton were still talking today about their close encounter with an Unidentified Flying Object.

At least seven residents from the Tranter-road area spotted an object hovering over their rooftops for several minutes last night.

And one witness, 16-year-old Anthony Simpson was so mystified by what he saw that he quickly contacted the local police.

"He stood on the doorstep and watched it drop down behind a tree a few hundred yards away and then rise again before disappearing," said his mother, Mrs. Cynthia Simpson.

Mrs. Simpson, 41, and her 49-year-old husband, Graham, saw the object as they were walking along Greasley-road at 11.15 p.m.

She said: "It came from the direction of Hanley and slowly passed overhead before disappearing over Birches Head. It was quite large and oval shaped with a red-cranse colour. I could even hear it humming. It couldn't have been a plane because there were no tail-lights.

Phoned police

"When we got home, Anthony was on the doorstep watching it. He rang the police and when they sent someone round, he described in detail what he had seen."

She added that two girls standing nearby were so frightened by the object that they were trying to get into the house.

One of the girls, Deborah Cartledge, 14, of Holehouse-road said that the object was moving slowly across the sky before it swooped down and rose again.

Her 15-year-old friend, Sandra Hurd said it was her second U.F.O. sighting in the area in four months. Two men nearby also saw the object, she added.

Mr. Tony Pace, the Research Director of the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, said: "The fact that there was a sound with this sighting and the object behaved in a peculiar way, makes it unusual and more interesting. We shall be following it up."