

# Brilliant white U.F.O. spotted

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PEOPLE on North Tyneside have reported a close encounter of a mysterious kind with an unidentified flying object.

Police have taken statements from two people who witnessed the strange oval-shaped object in the sky between the villages of Holywell and Earsdon early yesterday.

Mrs Lillian Middleton (33), of Tilmouth Avenue, Seaton Delaval, said the brilliant white U.F.O. seemed to follow her car.

It then came down to about 50 feet above the ground and hovered before rising into the air again.

When Mrs Middleton stopped at a garage a taxi driver came up to her and asked if she had a camera because he wanted to take a photograph of a U.F.O. This was before she had even mentioned her experience.

Mr Thomas Anderson (23), of Linskill Terrace, North Shields, also backed up Mrs Middleton's story.

## ON WEARSIDE

The Air Ministry was today investigating reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects in parts of Durham and Northumberland overnight. Some Wearsiders formed the impression that a flying saucer was trying to land at Sunderland Airport.

Mrs Mary Barnes, of Crieff Square, Hylton Castle, said: "About midnight I saw this bright object hovering low over Ferryboat Lane. At first I thought it was a plane, but then I realized there was no sound. Suddenly the bright light went out and it began to emit red and green flashes."