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# The night Lillian joined in space race

Housewife Lillian Middleton, aged 33, drove the fastest 10 miles of her life when she saw an unidentified flying object hovering above the roof of her car.

Police are treating seriously her claims that she was followed at speeds

of up to 70 m.p.h. by the mystery object.

Her husband John said at the family home in Tilmouth Avenue, Seaton Delaval, near Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear: "This really terrified her.

"Neither of us has ever had the car go faster than

50 m.p.h. but she was so shocked that she just wanted to get away.

"I am keeping an open mind but my wife is not trying to invent things.

"She said that the object was as big as her car and

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at times was almost touching the roof. It had a brilliant white light but every time she stopped the car it zoomed back into the air and hovered above

Police said that the object had been spotted

early in the morning by a number of other people on the quiet moorland road between the two villages of Earsdon and Holywell.

A police spokesman said: "We are treating this seriously because a number of different people saw the same thing.

"At one time quite a few people at an all-night garage were watching this object."

Mr. Middleton said: "Although it has not put my wife off driving, I think it will be a long time before she goes out on her own at night."