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Driver Lil flees from a flying white light

Housewife Lillian Middleton (33) drove the fastest ten 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 mph by the mystery object.

Her husband, John, said at the family home in Seaton Delaval, near Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear: "This really terrified her. Neither of us has ever had the car go faster than 50 mph, but she was so shocked that she just wanted to get away.

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

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

Watching

Police said the object had been spotted by a number of other people on the quiet moorland road between the two villages of Earsdon and Holywell in the early hours of Thursday morning.

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 hasn't put my wife off driving, I think it will be a long time before she goes on her own at night."