

'Flying saucer' spies on children

A STREET game turned into a close encounter for a group of Accrington children when a "flying saucer" stopped just 50 feet above their heads.

Five youngsters were playing in Broadfield Road when they spotted a UFO hovering above the rooftops.

As they rushed to get a closer look, the object, which is said to have been dome-shaped with a bright green tail light, zoomed off vertically.

Today, Carol Holden, 13, of Broadfield Road, said the incident was frightening.

Carol, a pupil at Hollins County High School, said: "We were playing in the street when we noticed the UFO above the rooftops. It was dome-shaped and had a green light. We ran to get a better look, but as we got near it took off again. In the distance I just looked like a bright green star."

A resident of nearby Downham Drive, Mr Ronald Gudgeon, who also saw the UFO, said: "It came from the Rossendale Valley area and headed towards Blackburn. It passed about 100 feet above my head. It was dark underneath, but the dome was lit-up and it had a green tail-light. It could not have been an aircraft as it only made a very low humming noise."

Accrington police said they received a report of "bright lights in the sky" from a resident in the Rising Bridge area at about the same time as Mr Gudgeon and Carol Holden saw the UFO.

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Distorted

AT about 4.30 a.m. one morning, upon glancing out of the bathroom window in a southern direction, I saw a huge and radiant white circular object that seemed far too big and brilliant to be a star. It even seemed to be emitting rays.

When I put my glasses on and looked toward the remarkable object again, I found it had shrunk to the normal, large, bright star that I think is Venus.

Can it be that many of the UFO sightings are stars being viewed by people with defective eyesight that distorts what they actually see?

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