

Mario's close encounter

PAPER mill worker Mario Luisi claims he's had a close encounter of the spine-chilling kind.

The 36-year-old father-of-three says he met and talked with two beings from another planet.

And he has given detailed descriptions of the aliens and their spacecraft to the "Post".

Mario has also showed us his melted torch — burned, he says, by some kind of ray gun they were carrying.

But he refused to reveal details of markings on their craft and emblems on their clothing, because he was warned against it.

Today, as he relived the amazing meeting that left him riveted to the spot with fear, Mario, of Hall Park, Burneside, Kendal, said: "I know I'll be the laughing stock of the village for this.

"But I'm not bothered because I know what I saw. I'm not looking for any

Space invaders spoke to me — mill worker

By David Jones

sympathy or anything — before, I might not have believed it myself."

He says he saw the human-like creatures one evening as he walked his dog on the banks of the river, near Croppers' papermill.

"I saw something that I thought must be a cow, at first. I swung round, and shone my torch and a light flashed back, melting it.

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"Then I saw the craft, about 16ft long and 8ft deep and dark-coloured with a blunt nose and sort of glass windows, hovering just off the ground.

"A man and a woman stood next to it. They were the most beautiful people I have ever seen. Their hair was light-coloured, in a helmet style down past their shoulders.

"They wore skin-tight suits, a sort of back wet-look, and she had a cloak over hers. They were about 5ft 6in tall.

"Their features were out of this world and they had very pale skins as though they were ill or something.

"I was with them about two or three minutes. The woman did all the talking

would not harm me but that I must not tell certain things, like the letters on the craft.

"I wanted to run, but I couldn't. I didn't believe it was happening to me but it was. Then they got back into the ship up some fold-down stairs and it shot straight up into the sky in a red glow."

POLICE

Mario, who has been off work awaiting an operation since June, then ran as fast as he could until he reached home.

He reported the incident to the police and told his wife, Judith, and next door neighbour.

"I knew another woman in the village who says she saw something similar in the same field," he added. "But she doesn't want her name mentioned.

"I always believed in UFOs but never have any experience of them. I know its far-fetched, but how do you explain the torch?"

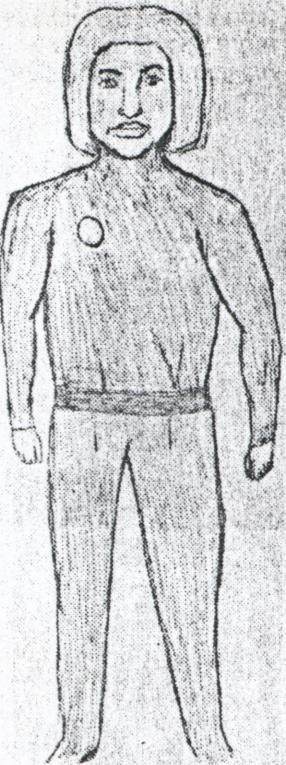
Judith added: "He never gets scared but he was that night."

A spokesman for Kendal police said: "Mr Luisi did report this to us and we sent a man out. He found nothing, so that's the end of the matter as far as we are concerned.

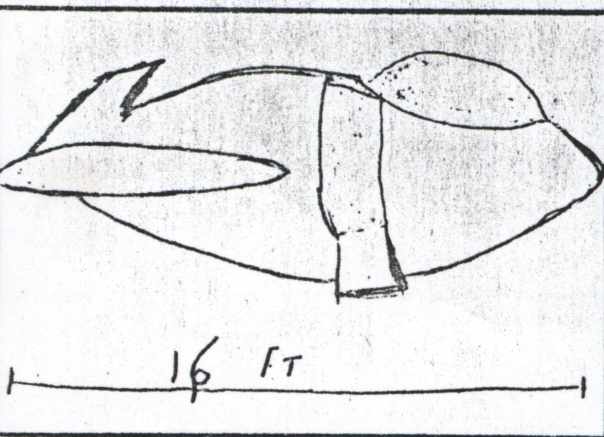
"We did have one or two reported sightings in the Crook area about two years ago, but nothing recently."



● Mr Luisi crouches in the hollow of the tree from where he sighted the space



● Mr Luisi's sketch of the space man.



● The space ship — as seen and sketched by Mr Luisi