

Well, was it a balloon?

THE MYSTERY of an unidentified object reported hovering over Walton in the dwindling light of Thursday evening has been solved.

A Ministry of Defence expert said that the deflated balloon-shaped object was probably just that — a runaway weather balloon.

The UFO was reported at about 4.30 pm by a man who saw it crossing the sky from the Reigate direction.

Mr Martin Smart telephoned the "Advertiser" from Betchworth railway station when he saw the object heading for Walton on the Hill.

A spokesman at the Ministry of Defence UFO section, said from Mr Smart's description it was probably a weather balloon.

"This is one of the more common mistakes or misidentifications," he said.