

HEXTHORPE IS BUZZED BY A MYSTERY VISITOR

A SPACE INVADER?

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Prepare to repel boarders! Those extra-terrestrial 'peeping toms' have been at it again

The latest UFO sighting has been reported by a group of security officers on early-morning duty at a Hexthorpe factory.

The quartet — Barrie Rowlands, Patrick Coxon, Bill Bailey and Stanley Boniface — are adamant that what they saw was not hallucination.

Said Mr. Rowlands: "The object was flying at about 500 feet and appeared to be following the railway line or river in an East-West direction.

'Headlamps'

"There were two lights on the front which gave the impression of a car's headlamps coming towards us and it had a red light on the top and bottom.

"It was too dark to clearly decipher the shape but it certainly appeared very large. We were able to keep it in view for about three minutes as it seemed to be travelling very slowly in what is best described as hovering.

"There was no engine noise but as it passed overhead there was a low-pitched humming sound.

"Its movement reminded me of a Harrier jump jet but it must have been 10 to 15 times bigger."

Workers heading for the early shift at Markham Main Colliery at Armthorpe also claim to have seen the mystery flying machine.

No planes

And by co-incidence one of them was Mrs. Mary Boland, Mr. Rowland's mother-in-law, who works in the colliery canteen.

Mr. Rowlands said: "Her description tallied closely with what my three colleagues and myself had seen."

But according to RAF Finningley no aircraft were in that area at the time of the reported sightings, nor was anything monitored.

"I just can't understand it" said Mr. Rowlands. "The only explanation I can offer is that it was flying so low it escaped radar detection."

Flying saucers are nothing new to Doncaster.

There have been dozens of reported sightings of mysterious skyborne objects in the past 30 years, few of which have been satisfactorily explained.

So the question still remains: Was it a plane? Was it a bird, or an optical illusion?

Or are we really being watched?