

# WE SAW UFO, SAY CONSTABLES

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TWO Northumbria police constables were today making out a detailed report on how they watched an unidentified flying object hover over the Tyne Valley for nearly an hour.

The policemen, both on night duty, watched the UFO through binoculars from 11.30 p.m. last night.

The mystery object hovered just west of Newcastle for about an hour before losing height in the region of the Roman Wall.

Northumbria Police said today there was no logical explanation for what their officers had seen.

And their confirmation came as a relief to West Denton housewife Violet Cardew, who first saw the object.

She said today: "When I telephone the police it was obvious they did not believe me. But the attitude changed when the two officers saw it. They got quite excited about the whole thing."

She added: "At least they cannot say I was seeing things. I have never been interested in flying saucers or whatever but there was definitely something there last night."

Mrs. Cardew was at her home in Links Walk, West Denton when she spotted the object.

Her husband Terry, an engineer, son David and daughter Theresa were all in bed.

She said: "It was about 11.30 p.m. I had just gone outside to let my two Yorkshire terriers run on the grass. I looked up and saw this thing in the sky."

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bright lights coming from it. They were red, green, white and blue. It was just hovering.

Mrs. Cardew ran back inside and went to her son's bedroom.

"He got up and through his field glasses I could see what appeared to be electrical sparks coming from the side of the object. But it stayed motionless."

Mrs. Cardew roused her husband and he watched it for a while. Then they decided to call the police.

"Two young policemen arrived. They were a bit cynical about the whole thing but they went the back bedroom and then their attitude changed," said Mrs. Cardew. They got quite excited about it.

They reported back by radio explaining fully what the thing looked like.

"After about a hour the object began to disappear as though it was landing towards the Wall."

"It seemed to be going down behind the houses and then it just disappeared."

Northumbria Police said that the officers, Dave Parking and Bob Taylor, both in their 30s had made a full report on what they had seen.

A spokesman for the force said all the routine checks had been made after the sighting.

"There is no indication of what it might have been," said the spokesman.

At Newcastle Airport an official said there had been no aircraft in the air at the time and nothing



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