

Flying saucers in the Ochils?

EARLY in August we reported how a travelling family living in a caravan near Fishcross were nearly frightened out of their wits one midnight by a strange light flashing in the sky above where they were camped.

Well-known local UFO investigator Malcolm Robinson, of 41 Leven Court, Alloa, has conducted his own

inquiry into the sighting.

And now he admits: "In all honesty we will really never know for sure what was witnessed on that particular night, although there is a fair chance that it might have been a helicopter.

"I am aware that there were supposedly no helicopters in the vicinity at that particular time, but one cannot discount the possibility of a helicopter pilot taking a different course from his flight plan.

"Yet the witnesses in the

Fishcross incident were adamant that it wasn't a plane or a helicopter, while their testimonies seem to confirm that."

The object was first spotted by 8-year-old David Burke, who had gone out of the caravan to the toilet. He rushed back in screaming in terror.

His mother Helen and sisters Ann (13) and Cathy (11) watched with awe for several minutes as a flashing light, accompanied by a whooshing sound, hovered

above the cornfields, before breaking away suddenly and vanishing quickly into the night sky.

An RAF spokesman later confirmed that no service aircraft had been operating over that part at the time of the sighting.

Malcolm is at present writing a book along with a friend from London, about UFO sightings in Britain, and would be particularly delighted to hear of any unusual incidents or sightings in the Wee County for inclusion.