

On E.T.'s opening night . . .

A Waterlooville man has reported seeing what he believes was an unidentified flying object in the sky over Portsmouth.

The mystery object, which Mr. Paul Edwards saw early yesterday morning, was a fast-moving circle that glowed brightly and made a humming noise.

Mr. Edwards of Coltsfoot Drive said: "I was walking from Molehill Road into Frenstaple Road when I heard a medium pitch humming sound.

"Out of the corner of my eye I noticed a brilliant

white light in the sky over some trees to the east.

"At first I thought it was something entering the earth's atmosphere and burning up, but it had no tail.

"It flew across the open sky over Portsdown Hill at what I estimated was about 1,000 feet.

"It only took a few seconds to cross my field of view, travelling from east to west, and it disappeared below the horizon in the direction of Shaftesbury Avenue, Purbrook."

Mr. Edwards said the object moved smoothly, and was much too fast for an aircraft. The light was too brilliant to have been caused by car headlights or even by a searchlight.

"I looked around in the hope that somebody else might have seen the same thing, but there are not many people about at 7.50 in the morning. It was a very exciting experience, but I would like to know if there is anyone else who could corroborate my account."

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