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Iris in hot pursuit of a UFO . . .

A PLYMOUTH motorist had a not-so-close encounter when she chased a UFO through the streets of Stoke.

The alarm was sounded late last night when Mrs Iris Wannell, of Outland Road, was stopped by a man walking his dog, and told to look into the sky.

Two very bright lights were moving slowly across the clear night sky, heading towards the city centre.

As they disappeared behind houses, Mrs Wannell and her 19-year-old daughter-in-law Lyn, decided to go after it and sped-off.

But they soon lost sight of it and were forced to give up the chase.

"We were totally amazed by the craft. It is the first time I have seen anything like it," said Mrs Wannell.

"It was definitely not an aircraft and it had a very faint droning sound.

"Lyn was astounded and suggested we

follow it, but it soon disappeared." Mr Tom Bignell, 64, of Palmerston Street, Stoke, was walking his dog when he caught sight of the Unidentified Flying Object.

He reported the sighting to the Plymouth Rescue Co-ordination Centre at Mount Wise and a report has now been forwarded to the Ministry of Defence in London.

Mr Bignell said that as the craft approached, the two main lights were

part of a collection of smaller ones that formed a semi-circle.

He stopped Mrs Wannell to ask her if it was making any sound because he has to wear a hearing aid.

He telephoned Devonport Police Station and before telling them of his close encounter he assured them he was not drunk or crazy.

A spokesman for the rescue centre said UFO sightings were very rare in Plymouth and that the last one was last October.