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A UFO researcher is over the moon about what could be her first "close encounter."

Mrs Elsie Lee watched an object "like a star with blue and red flashing lights" for more than two hours from her home in Shuttlewood, Bolsover.

Now she is appealing for anyone else who may have seen the mystery object to contact her so she can include their accounts in her report to the Yorkshire UFO Society.

Housewife, Mrs Lee, of 2 Norton Avenue, who has been researching for the society for the past three years, is "pretty excited" about her sighting.

She said: "I keep an open mind and I don't read science fiction books or watch science fiction films.

"I don't know whether it was a space craft, but it was not an object I can identify. I'd certainly like to know what it was."

Mrs Lee first saw the object about midnight on Wednesday, July 24.

Later it disappeared although there was not a cloud in the sky.

When she saw it again she called the police and together with Pc Mark Turner watched the object for about 35 minutes through binoculars before it moved off in the direction of Dronfield.