

# 'My UFO shock' — shaken driver

A SHAKEN 28-year-old woman was yesterday puzzling over the UFO-type object which she says petrified her as she drove to work.

The woman did not want to be named, and said: "People will only think I am a nutcase, but I am not."

It was at about 5.45pm one day last week that the woman, who lives in the Colah area, joined the Quintrell Downs-St. Columb Road road at Mount Joy.

"Suddenly I saw a bright yellow light, about 10ft long, oval in shape, by my offside hedge," she said. "Although brilliant, it did not radiate light, other than a mellow glow on a cottage wall. It was so powerful that it obscured my vision up the road.

"It hovered close to the hedge, then seemed to shrink, went pitch black and moved from side to side across the road.

"It shrank to the size of a large football, changed to bright luminous green with a red glow in the centre, and finally went almost purplish before vanishing.

"Quite suddenly the light appeared again on my right, further down the road, and followed the same pattern of changing colour and size before disappearing.

"This happened six or seven times over a stretch of half-a-mile. I was doing about 20mph, and I was getting mesmerised. All the time it was getting weaker and slower.

By the time I reached White Cross and saw it on the opposite side of the junction I was in such a panic that I turned off my route into the minor road just to get away from it."

The woman, who is married, reported the incident to police, who checked the area and found nothing. They suggested it might have been a weather balloon. "But I know it was not that," she said.

"I know, too, that it was not a white fireball as I have seen one before. It exploded in my kitchen, and I had two other people with me to confirm what had happened."

The woman was certain that the phenomenon was not the result of reflections from her wind screen.

After work, the woman was too frightened to drive back along the road alone. She waited for her husband, and also for another car to be travelling in the same direction.

"I was absolutely petrified," she said. "I had not drunk any alcohol before I left for work, and I do not take hallucinatory drugs.

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