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Family's UFO

IT WAS a normal September evening, just like any other. The O'Rourke family were sat in the front room of their semi-detached house in Huyton watching the television. Nothing extraordinary had happened to them that day but what they were about to see was certainly not an ordinary sight ... even in the wilds of Huyton.

Casually glancing out of the window Mr. O'Rourke noticed some flashing lights. For some reason the lights held his attention and he followed their progress as they moved slowly across the sky above the roof tops of Huyton.

Strange

Said Mr. O'Rourke (39): "As I watched them I realized that they weren't the landing lights of an aeroplane. They were flashing and moving slowly over the garden. I'd never believed in a UFO, so when I saw this I had to have second thoughts. It was all really clear. You could see everything, all the different lights, really clearly."

Patrick O'Rourke had no difficulty convincing his wife Agnes (33), and his four children about what he'd seen. He just pointed it out to them and let them draw their own conclusions.

The O'Rourke family decided not to confide in anyone about their remarkable sightings — people are quick to pour scorn on claims of U.F.O. sightings and very often accuse the claimants of being mad. But there is no doubt in Agnes O'Rourke's mind about the mental stability of her family. "We're not nutty", she says.

After seeing these extraordinary lights for the first time the O'Rourkes began to keep a keen eye open for any more signs of strange goings on in the skys above Huyton.

And sure enough they were not disappointed.

Mr. O'Rourke explains: "Last December, just before Christmas, we saw two lights just hovering over the flats for four hours. They couldn't have been stars because all of a sudden they started

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They shot over the house very quickly. It made our ears pop. They were shaped like 50p pieces."

And the O'Rourkes claim that other people have witnessed these mysterious scenes. Said Mr. O'Rourke, "We've had people here who just smirked when we told them what we've seen. But when they've actually seen it for themselves they've changed their minds pretty quickly."

Flashing

Patrick O'Rourke has not just sat back passively and observed the strange sights he claims to have seen in the skys above Huyton — he also claims to have communicated with them: "I rigged up a telescope with a light attached to it to flash back at these two shapes that had been hovering in the sky. After I'd been flashing this light at them for a while six more shapes

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Mr. Patrick O'Rourke—mysterious sights in the skys above Huyton

appeared suddenly and started flashing back at me. It made the hair stand up on the back of my neck," said Mr. O'Rourke.

The O'Rourkes are fully aware that many people will scoff at their claims but as Mr. O'Rourke said, "We are not trying to convince anybody about anything because we don't know what we've seen anyway. But we wish somebody would explain it to us."