

# 'UFO chased us at 50mph,' say couple

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THE mystery of the Bolton UFO has taken on new twist with reports of two more sightings.

In one incident, a couple in a car claimed the object followed them at speeds of up to 50 m.p.h.

As revealed in the Evening News the terrified owner of a remote farm at Edgworth claims that he and his family were held under virtual siege for three hours by the object.

The strange white glow appeared low in the sky and seemed to get as close as 300 yards.

Britain's top UFO research expert, Jenny Randles, suggested at the weekend that the object could have been the planet Venus.

But now a Halliwell couple and two Farnworth teenagers have reported seeing UFO's.

And today, UFO expert Steve Balon of Leigh, who has quizzed seven witnesses who saw the object at the farm, slammed the 'Venus' explanation as 'rubbish'.

"Myself and another expert interviewed the family and their friends at length. We definitely think they saw something which cannot be explained.

"The object is totally unknown. It is not meteoric. To say it is astronomical is absolute rubbish. We gave the family a severe grilling and they all stuck to their story.

"It was travelling too fast to be anything like a star. I respect Jenny's work but this time I think she is barking up the wrong tree," said Steve.

The Halliwell couple telephoned the Evening News to say they saw the same white glowing object that loomed near the farm.

The couple spotted it while driving near Belmont. The man who does not wish to be named, said: "It was very clear and about 500 feet up. It was like a ball but fuzzy around the edges. It seemed to be over Egerton.

"It followed us down Darwen Road travelling at about 50mph. Then it went slow, started to hover, and went down by Delph Reservoir. It was like a helicopter in its movements but the light was far too big".

The two Farnworth teenagers who saw a strange object were Christopher Scott, aged 17, of Highfield Road and his friend Craig Horrocks, aged 14.

They saw two orange and gold coloured round objects appear to land in a field near Marsh Lane, Farnworth.

As they approached to investigate the objects shot away into the night sky.

Local astronomy lecturer, Mr William Cartwright, entered the controversy today.

Mr Cartwright who teaches at a Bolton college believes the Edgworth 'glow' was probably Jupiter.

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