

UFO riddle: Was it a bin bag?

A POLICE sergeant who reported seeing a UFO may have been the victim of a teenage prank . . . a flying bin bag!

The Mail told last week how Sergeant Jimmy Begg saw a "red-orange" object in the sky over Armadale, West Lothian.

But PC Mike Mitchell, who patrols nearby Livinston, believes he can explain the mystery.

He said: "We were baffled when two young girls reported sighting a long tube-shaped object floating in the sky over Livinston.

"Like the one in Armadale, it seemed to be blown from within.

"It is only by chance that we learned from a taxi driver that the local youngsters had found a way of making bin bags fly."

Sergeant Begg, a policeman for 19 years, was so baffled by the flying object that he made an official report.

• And he flatly dismisses the bin-liner theory.

He said: "I've certainly heard about this, but what I saw was nothing like that."

A Lothian and Borders Police spokesman said the bin-bag theory sounded "quite likely."

But he added: "I have never heard of this prank myself."