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UFO has em stumped



● Scanning the skies for more amazing sights ... building society manager Tracey Wogan (left) and colleague Libbey Jones.

Fireball!

A MYSTERY fireball which flew across the sky over Windsor glowing red and trailing smoke, has baffled air and space experts this week.

Windsor police — who take the reports “most seriously” — have found no trace of the object, thought to have been as big as a helicopter, although it was seen to fall near the race-course.

Express inquiries have drawn blanks from West Drayton Air Traffic Control, the Royal Air Force, the Civil Aviation Authority, the British Airports Authority, the Bracknell Weather Centre and the BBC’s science expert James

Wilkinson.

The flying object was seen by several people in Dedworth at around 2 pm on Monday, including staff at the Anglia Building Society in Dedworth Road.

Manager Tracey Wogan said: “We just couldn’t believe it. It was travelling across the sky, and going

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too slowly for a meteorite.

“It was glowing red and there was white smoke coming from it — it looked like it was very hot. There were pieces of what seemed to be hot metal falling from it.”

She added: “People just don’t believe us — they think we’re round the twist!”

Housewife Sheila Goulden, who spotted the fireball from her home

in East Crescent, said: “I was absolutely amazed. It was pretty large and seemed to be under power of some sort.”

West Drayton Air Traffic Control, the RAF, the CAA and BAA all said there should not have been aircraft in the area at the time, and have received no reports of pieces falling from planes, a common happening in the Heathrow area.

Bracknell Weather Centre said it was “extremely unlikely” to have been a weather balloon as they are launched a long way away, and rapidly disappear above cloud level.

BBC news science correspondent James Wilkinson scotched rumours that the object might have been falling debris from last week’s shuttle disaster in America.