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UFO IN TOWN?

POLICE in north Derbyshire are investigating the alleged sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object over Chesterfield.

Mr. Melvyn Broadhurst, 30, of Hanbury Close, Holme Hall Estate, was playing his cassette recorder on Saturday night when he spotted an orange glow above trees at Ashgate Woods, only a few yards from his flat windows.

"I thought immediately it was a flying saucer. It looked as though it was searching for somewhere to land so I dashed downstairs to try to watch its movements.

"It was going in the direction of the top end of Linacre Road, towards Ashgate Hospital. It was oval shaped, about the size of a mini

car, very bright yellow, about the same colour as street lamps, with a blue flashing light on top.

"It was absolutely silent - no engines whatsoever. I watched it for about 20 minutes but it was a bit cloudy and it went into the clouds to the east and I lost it."

He reported it to police, and to the UFO Society who visited him on Tuesday to log the details.

"It was the wrong shape for an aircraft or even a helicopter. It was definitely a flying saucer," he said. "If anybody else saw it, I would like them to get

in touch. Anyone near the Woodside pub at about quarter to eleven might have seen it."

It was Melvyn's second UFO sighting - he saw one over the miners' statues on Saltergate during the Chesterfield by-election campaign. That was also reported to the UFO Society.

"Until I saw that one I never really believed in flying saucers, but I do now," he said. "I strongly believe there must be some life form on another planet - there can't be just us in the Universe."

Apparently, there have been many sightings reported recently in the Chesterfield area, particularly in the region of Bolchill Quarries at Wingerworth.