

Riddle of Muriel's fiery ball of light

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AN OXFORDSHIRE pensioner is mystified after seeing a strange bright light in the sky near her home.

Mrs Muriel Woodward, 70, was looking out of her living room in Hawthorn Close, Elms Rise, Botley, when she spotted a fiery tennis ball-like shape.

The object went across the sky and was followed by a bright tail. She watched it for about half a minute until it disappeared behind Wytham Woods.

Bright

The sighting happened at about 6.15 pm on Wednesday and Mrs Woodward, a widow, said the tail was about 50 ft long.

She said: "I just don't know what it was. I have never seen anything like it before. It was the colour of a bright electric light bulb and when it went out of sight it was as if someone has turned the light out."

She added: "It definitely wasn't a plane."