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# seen in Hull

A HULL space expert has solved the mystery of a fast-moving bright light which flashed across the sky above the city last night.

Revellers returning home at 11.35pm may have thought they were seeing an unidentified flying object.

But keen astronomers were expecting the unusual sight. It was, in fact, a Russian space station with three other craft attached to its docking bays.

"It is the first time it has been clearly visible over the North of England," ex-

plained space expert Mr Leo Sheridan, of Westbourne Avenue.

"It is on a very low orbit—only about 100 miles up—which is why it appears so bright. It looked like a big car headlight travelling across the sky from west to east."

Experts believe the space station is the first stage of the Russian bid to land men on Mars in the next decade.

It is likely to be visible again above Hull tonight between 11.20 and 11.40p.m.—depending on the weather conditions.

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