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A flash of mystery in the air

A GIANT UFO, said to be the 'size of a football pitch', is baffling a Hopton tractor driver and his teenage son.

The mystery craft was spotted hovering over RAF Stafford by Mike Johnson, 40, and his son Robert, 15, as they walked from Hopton Farm last week. Later scores of people in Nottingham reported seeing the Unidentified Flying Object.

"Its size was unbelievable. It had red and white lights along its length and it moved slowly across the sky," said Mr Johnson, of Bricklyn Cottages, Sandon Road. "I thought it was an airship at first but it wasn't. There was no sound. It was very eerie."

Mr Johnson was shutting a gate when Robert, a pupil at Weston Road High School, saw the UFO emerge from cloud, from the direction of Rugeley, about 5pm on Wednesday.

"It was very vivid. We watched it for about five minutes. It seemed to circle twice over the RAF base and then head northwards to vanish in the mist. I have never seen anything like it before in my life," said Mr Johnson.

Similar reports were later received by police in Nottingham where people said the UFO "moved slowly, flashed lights, and gave off a deep hum."

Police in Staffordshire said they had not received any calls. An RAF Stafford spokesman also said nothing had been reported but a woman had made a UFO sighting three weeks ago.