

UFO SIGHTINGS AS MYSTERY BLAST SHAKES A HOUSE

Flying saucer in explosion riddle

A MYSTERY explosion rocked a South East Essex home as an unidentified flying object was sighted nearby.

The blast shook the windows of headteacher Mrs Jane Colby's Bellhill Close, Billericay home. Her shocked mother and son, who had been outside the house, also heard it. Then they noticed an eerie white glow on the skyline hovering above Basildon.

Meanwhile in Canvey Mrs Jean Wil-

liams and her son Shaun were watching a shimmering jellyfish-shaped UFO hovering over the Thames Estuary. They kept the mystery object in their sights for more than an hour.

The bizarre incidents happened the same night a London amateur astronomer sighted a jellyfish-shaped UFO. Her sighting was confirmed by several policemen.

Mrs Colby, head of Noak Bridge Primary School, Basildon, said: "As my son drove up to the house there was a sound like an explosion and the windows rattled.

"He said he saw what seemed to be a flash of lightning. We thought it might be something from Basildon as we saw a glow coming from part of the A127. It lasted about an hour."

Mrs Williams, 52, of Kayment Avenue, said: "I thought my eyes were playing me up. I looked up and the only thing in the sky was this pink shape whizzing round and round like a child's top. I couldn't believe my eyes."

Mrs Williams called her son, Shaun, 19, to look at it.

He watched the jellyfish-like shape through a pair of binoculars to get a better view. At one point a red dot whizzed past beneath the main object.

He said: "It was definitely rotating and kept changing shape. Each time there were circular points with lines leading from them. We were shaking, it was quite eerie."

A Billericay police spokesman said a traffic warden had reported hearing an explosion, but there had been no other calls.

The Echo's inquiries to the county's police, firemen, gas officials and Basildon Council could not solve the riddle.

A British Astronomical Association spokesman said: "Venus is very bright at the moment. Shining through night cloud it could produce a glowing effect.



PUZZLED: Mrs Jean Williams and son Shaun with a drawing of the object they saw