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Northern Lights in star performance!

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SHETLANDERS were treated to a display of nature's own fireworks on Thursday night, in what one seasoned observer called "the best display of the Aurora since I was a child."

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The Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights, exploded across the sky, causing many drivers to pull in and watch with awe.

The natural phenomenon dwarfed the glow from the Sullom Voe oil terminal's flare stacks, and a meteor shower added to the entertainment.

Mr Alan Gair, of the Shetland Observatory, said: "It was probably the best display of auroral activity for some years."

According to Mr Gair, further displays are expected over the next few years as the number of sun spots increases towards the "solar maximum."

Sightings of Thursday's display brought varied reports. Householders reported a "pyramid" effect with huge beams of light seeming to meet in a pulsating spiral directly above their houses.

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