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Little red-faced men

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IT sounds as though too much night duty has seriously affected the judgment of the two young bobbies who made proper charlies of themselves at the weekend after reporting that they'd seen a mysterious object flying in the sky above Cheadle Hulme.

The object turned out, surprise, surprise, to be an aircraft, a Tri-Star jet arriving from New York — which left the two coppers looking extremely silly indeed. In fact I'm convinced those science-fiction-made UFO spotters who get excited at the idea of flying saucers and little green men descending from outer space must be slightly unhinged. Perhaps all prospective PCs should be vetted for their views on extra-terrestrial beings before joining up.