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'Floating city in the sky' mystery sighting over Redditch

# IT CAME FROM OUTER SPACE

An unidentified flying object which resembled a "city in the sky" was spotted over Redditch last week.

And now UFO experts are investigating reports of the sighting made by Redditch mother Mrs Margaret Brannan outside Hewell Recreation Club near Redditch.

Mrs Brannan, wife of a prison officer, spotted the UFO with her two children, aged 11 and 13, as well as her 11-year-old niece and Beverly Wake, the 15-year-old daughter of a neighbour.

And similar sightings of an unidentified flying object over the West Midlands were reported independently the same evening by patrolling police officers in Willenhall and Walsall, and by a Frankley Beeches resident.

"My brain was telling me it must be a plane," said Mrs Brannan, "but as I looked I realised that it couldn't be.

"It was the most fantastic thing I have ever seen. I still can't get over it.

"It was like a floating city in the sky, and the most vivid memory I have is of the tiny windows on it, which made it look like a block of flats."

Sgt Stuart Griffiths and Pc Michael Powell of Willenhall Police saw a low flying flashing object in the sky.

Sgt Griffiths described the three-minute sighting as:

"A very bright block of light, like an oblong block. There were red and green lights on the perimeter, which gave the impression that it was spinning."



Young UFO spotters Elizabeth Brannan, aged 13, brother Peter, 11, and Kelly O'Brien, 12, who saw something in the sky over Redditch.

## UFO group plea for spotters

UFO enthusiasts investigating the most recent sightings over Redditch want to set up local groups of 'spotters'.

The appeal has been made by Derek Lawrence and Tony Green from the six-strong Worcester Skyscan group.

Co-ordinator Mr Green says there have been more than 200 sightings in the county in the last 16 years.

"Most of the sightings can be explained," he said.

"They are normally lights from aircraft, weather balloons, satellites or deliberate hoaxes.

"But around eight per cent of them

remain unexplained.

"The exciting thing is following up the reports.

"It's just like a detective story, and you get a lot out of finding out what these sightings really are."

At present Mr Green is putting all information about UFO sightings into a computer.

"This may help us explain future sightings or draw parallels between them," he said.

Anyone interested in representing the group locally in Redditch, Bromsgrove or Droitwich should contact Mr Lawrence, Skyscan, c/o 145 Tudor Way, Dines Green, Worcester.



UFO spotter Derek Lawrence.

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