

Close encounter of the wierd kind

A DRIVER has had a close encounter of a strange kind on a dark country lane near South Harting.

Mr. Dennis Hoare, of Barncroft Way, Leigh Park, Havant, was driving his Ford Granada on the B2146 near the National Trust house Up-park when the car began to behave strangely.

"It was dark, all of a sudden the radio started buzzing and the next thing I knew the headlights were going dim then I saw my ammeter was at full discharge," he said.

"Then I looked to my left where there is a dell and the land sweeps up. I could see what looked like arc lamps on top."

NORMAL

As he drove on the radio and ammeter returned to normal as he went on to South Harting.

But on the way home later the same evening the radio began to

buzz again as he reached the road near Uppark.

"I just kept my toe down - I didn't want to stop in the middle of nowhere. When you are right out in a dark place like that you imagine all sorts of things," he said, adding that the car had worked perfectly well both before and since that evening.

UNUSUAL

"I just wonder if anyone else has had something like this happen to them."

A spokesman for the nearby Bordon garrison said it would be very unusual for the army to be doing any exercises in this area because it was not MoD land.

"I would very much doubt if it was any of our exercises," said Col. David Bagnall-Oakley. He added that it was not likely either to be the RAF flying helicopters in this particular area.