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And on the subject of things weird and wonderful

EVEN by the standard of stories told to the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association—and they should know—this one is bizarre. A former special constable “saw a purple glow” whilst walking through his local park late at night.

“The next thing I knew,” he says, “I was lifted up and carried off the ground. My body went numb and my eyes felt dizzy.”

Mr Martin Cohen, 21, insists he was

walking towards—and not from—the pub when all this happened.

“I then saw some figures of what looked to be women,” he went on. “They were like humans except they were furry. Then I blacked out.”

The BUFORA says it is investigating the claims and has taken soil samples from Roundhay Park, Leeds.

Investigators have spoken to Mr Cohen, and to Michael Cotran, 23, who says he saw Mr Cohen return to earth

in the early morning of the day after he says he left. “Martin was rambling on saying ‘I have had this weird experience. I have been somewhere else,’” said Mr Cotran.

But the association’s chief investigator Jenny Randles is treating the tale with extreme caution—to say the least. “This sort of thing is what we call a close encounter of the fourth kind,” said Ms Randles. “We listen to what people say—but don’t say anything.”