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# Close encounter

ONE fine summer's afternoon a seven-year-old girl had a close encounter in Halifax with a UFO which has haunted her life ever since.

Now Lorraine Clark is seeking help to throw light on an astonishing experience which is still as vivid as when it happened 21 years ago.

She was playing by herself near Wainhouse Tower when she saw a huge clear-shaped object hovering above some trees.

"It was like a metal airship but I could not see anybody in it or any windows," says Lorraine.

"There was no noise and I must have watched it for several minutes.

"Then it started moving and I waved and ran after it. I was not a bit frightened. I just felt disappointed and a bit mad at not being able to get any nearer to it. "The object disappeared in a flash over Devil's Rock".

There were some people near Wainhouse Tower who had been taking pictures and Lorraine thinks some of them must have seen the UFO.

Lorraine hurried home to Orside Street, King Cross, and told

her mother, Mrs Doreen Victor, what she had seen.

"She told me not to be silly and said I couldn't possibly have seen what I described."

She did not tell anyone at school in case they laughed at her. "If I had not seen it I would not have believed it."

She left Halifax when she was about 10 but she often thinks about that encounter.

Lorraine, of South Street, Oakenshaw, Bradford, has been back to King Cross to show her husband, Martin, where she saw the UFO.

In search of an explanation she wrote to Jenny Randles, Director of Investigations for the British UFO Research Association, after reading her latest book.

Jenny, of Heathbank Road, Cheadle Heath, Stockport, wants to hear from people who saw the UFO near Wainhouse Tower and anyone who took a photograph of it.

Andy Roberts, of Elland Road, Brighouse, a freelance writer and lecturer with a special interest in UFOs would also like to hear from anyone who spotted this particular UFO.