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Mystery UFO was a comet

STARGAZERS were light years away from guessing the real identity of a mystery object in the sky that had telephone lines to the Evening Telegraph buzzing.

Readers were convinced they had a close encounter with a UFO after spotting the bright blue ball in the night sky.

And instead they could have unearthed an unknown comet — never spotted by observers before.

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The identity of the object which set people's tongues wagging was revealed after intensive probing by UFO investigator Andrew Cochrane.

Now urgent enquiries are being made at America's Smithsonian Institute to see if the comet has been recorded.

On October 27 dozens of city people were shocked to see the mysterious object hurtling through the sky.

Little Simone Coley, (3) from Whittlesey, was so taken by what she saw she drew a picture of it — five times — to convince her mother.

Many others contacted the ET and we immediately telephoned Mr Cochrane — who works for the UFO investigation team.

He immediately set about his task to uncover the truth behind the sighting and spent almost one month solving the riddle.

He said: "The investigation on this one was relatively simple. I contacted the people who had reported sightings and got detailed descriptions from them.

"I am quite sure it was a comet that people saw on that night."