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Mystery of 'UFO lights' solved

THE mystery of recent local UFO sightings has been solved.

Experts say the brilliant light in the night skies over the Peterborough area was probably a comet.

The Evening Telegraph reported the first close encounter sighting on October 27 — after a Peterborough baker had been star-struck by a mysterious brilliant-coloured object flashing across the sky on his way to work.

And the following day we reported the spotting of three-year-old Simone Colley of Whittlesey.

She had woken up in the middle of the night to see a bright light hovering outside her window.

CLAIMS

Their claims were backed up by:

- Peterborough artist Eric Carr, who painted a water colour of what he had seen.
- A Radio 2 news bulletin which reported the sighting of a bright object plunging into the North Sea off Suffolk.
- Several sightings of a UFO in Wales reported in the Daily Star newspaper.

All five sightings were on the night of October 27 — when the sky was brilliantly lit by a full moon.

Several witnesses spoke of a dazzling ball of light, with a blue or orange tale which travelled rapidly across the sky.

REPORT

Now a report from UFO investigation team SkyScan believes all five sightings were linked — and suggests what was seen was a comet.

Comets are bright, round objects with a hair-like tale.

They travel across the atmosphere at about 25,000 miles an hour, faster than a space ship.