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Mum calls police after 'UFO' sighting

Mystery object seen over Little Catins

STRANGE things have been happening in the sky above Harlow.

The mysterious chain of events started on Monday evening last week (January 30) at about 8.30 pm when Lin Pike, of Little Catins, spotted bright lights over her home.

"They were as bright as floodlights", she said this week, "but they weren't floodlights. After a while they became red.

"I was indoors when I saw them. I rushed outside to look closer and called my neighbours out."

The next morning, Tuesday, Mrs Pike was getting her children ready for school when she saw "a big black thing" in the sky.

"It was moving slowly across the window in the direction of Roydon then all of a sudden it disappeared upwards," she said.

"I called the police, because the whole thing was so unusual and I wanted to know what it was."

Mrs Pike described this object to police as "a box-like object, bigger than a passenger jet, hovering and spinning.

"It was black and surrounded by a haze. There were no lights and no noise."

Mrs Pike's children, Greg (nine), Craig (12) and Gary (13), also witnessed the strange occurrence.

Their mother said:

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"Obviously they were excited as it's such a strange thing to see. Later they thought it was a bit of a giggle."

"A next-door neighbour, Claire Prindiville (11), also saw it and when my sons came home from school they said their friends had noticed strange things in the sky as well, so it's not just me."

Mrs Pike added: "I didn't really hold any opinions about UFOs before, and I can't say I'm convinced even now, but I would like to know the explanation."