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UFO puzzle explained

The mystery of the flashing lights seen in many parts of the area in recent days has been solved - they were from a small light plane.

Evening Advertiser reporter Clive Bennett set out to investigate the puzzle after having a close encounter with the lights near Down Ampney.

The white pulsating lights are anti-collision lights which have to be shown by all aircraft.

The man who came up with the answer was stunt pilot Vic Norman, who lives near Cirencester.

He had no doubt of the expla-

nation when the lights were described to him.

"It was a light aeroplane," he said. "It could have been any sort, the lights are standard fitting now."

The lights were not so obvious from the ground when the aircraft was high up, he said. But they were easily seen on clear nights when the aircraft was low down.

The reported sightings in the last few days all mentioned that the object seemed to be at rooftop level or low down and they were all seen on clear nights.