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The night we saw

AN UNIDENTIFIED flying object with pulsating lights has been reported over Swindon.

From their bedroom window on Poplar Avenue, Pinehurst, James and Doris Fisher watched the object for more than 20 minutes.

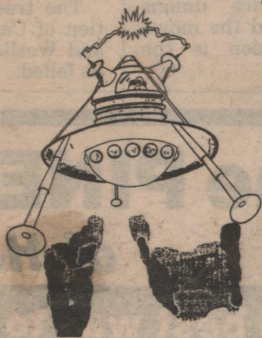
Said Mr Fisher: "it was in the early hours of Friday that we saw it - from ten minutes to one until ten past.

"It was like a chandelier hanging in the sky with red and green lights which changed brightness," said Mr Fisher, who is retired.

"It was a mass of lights and I called my wife who said it did look just like a chandelier.

"It was in a south westerly direction and high in the sky.

● An artist's impression of the UFO reported over the Cotswolds. Among the witnesses was a policeman.



'a flying chandelier'

"It was very hard to tell how large it was or how far away.

"I wanted to report it to the police but I thought they would think that I was a fool."

RAF Lyneham lies south west of Swindon but a spokesman there said he was not aware of any aircraft that could have resulted in such a sighting.

Meanwhile in the Cotswolds, several people, including a police constable, reported seeing a UFO.

A brightly lit object was spotted by motorists driving along the A46 near Stroud.

Again there were a number of lights.

A spokesman for Gloucestershire police said the object had been described as larger than a helicopter, with more lights than a plane. "There were three green lights and the beams shone down in the form of a tripod," he said.

Sgt Parr said that people driving along the road had been so impressed by the sighting just after 9.00 pm on Thursday that they called into a police station and reported the matter.

He said that later a policeman, who had been about a mile away from the road, had reported seeing the triangular shaped object.

All witnesses said the mysterious object disappeared so suddenly that they were not able to say in which direction it had gone.