

EARTH INVADER!

**Farmer
John
sparks
major
UFO
alert**

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THERE were alarming results when farmer John Hope took to his fields for some all-night ploughing.

For his toils sparked off a bizarre UFO scare!

John, of Easter Greenyards Farm near Cowie in Stirlingshire, was using a brand new £20,000 German tractor equipped with powerful red and yellow searchlights and an orange flashing beacon.

And as John drove up and down his furrows the police were getting phone calls from people convinced they were seeing an unidentified flying object hovering over the village.

The police checked the reports but could find no explanation for the strange encounter.

But John told the Mail yesterday: "I reckon I'm the alien. On the night the UFO was sighted I was ploughing on the highest point of my land - that's about the height of Stirling Castle.

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"The tractor's searchlights and flashing beacon could have been seen for miles around.

Newsagent Graham Sharp of Alloa called the police after seeing a multi-coloured object moving slowly over the village. He said:

"I watched it for about half an hour. It changed from red to yellow. It certainly wasn't an aeroplane."

The sighting is being investigated by UFO experts.



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