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'Diamond' UFOs alert

UFO researchers were flooded with calls after the latest in a series of unexplained sightings baffled South East Essex stargazers.

East Anglian UFO Society chairman Ray West said everything went potty on Friday night as sky-watchers reported a series of red, white and green objects circling the night sky.

Calls came in from Laindon, Basildon and surrounding areas after the strange objects were seen.

People stopping their cars, gazing for more than half an hour at the diamond-shaped objects.

One Basildon eye witness took a video of the objects and will hand over the tape to the UFO society.

Another Laindon family reported one of the objects flying low. It was diamond-shaped with flashing lights.

Mr West urges anyone who saw strange objects on Friday night to contact Basildon 286079.