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Pear-shaped UFO 2374 stuns author

A PEAR-SHAPED UFO has been sighted near the Downs.

The dark ominous shape came plummeting towards the earth and burst into flames at dusk on Friday, according to a startled eyewitness.

After it crashed to the ground in the Wannock and Folkington area a huge cloud of smoke rose above it.

When most of the smoke had cleared odd lights were spotted flitting around it which suddenly disappeared.

Local author Cecile Woodford stood stunned at her top flat window in Carmen Court, Willington, too frightened to investigate any wreckage.

She said, 'It was about 7.15pm and was beginning to get dark. There was a bank of cloud in the far distance when this pear-shaped thing started to come down lower and lower.

'It came in front of the cloud and burst into flames, not just a flare it really burst and then it went down.

'Up came a huge cloud of smoke then odd dots of light were around it.

'It was as if something was following it.'

The larger than life UFO was too big to be an air balloon, she said.

And nearby museum owner, Paul Foulkes-Halbard of Fliching Manor, said he heard a loud explosion coming from the same area at about the same time.

'I was sitting in my study and heard this noise. It sounded like a metallic explosion and reminded me of a bad crash where a car had tumbled over and over.'

No wreckage could be found.

The Ministry of Defence could offer no explanation as to what the strange object was.