

UFO panic sparked by giant laser light show

A laser light show threw the West Midlands into panic as people bombarded emergency services with UFO reports.

RAF bases and Birmingham Airport were also inundated with calls.

The show featured high powered beams sending eerie lights whipping across the sky.

It was held to mark the opening of the 1989 Prudential

National Tennis Championships at Telford.

It appeared that while the organisers had obtained the go-ahead from the Civil Aviation Authority and the police had been alerted, the public had not been adequately warned.

The massive beams from the show, at Telford Racquets Centre, could be seen more than 20 miles away.

In Staffordshire motorists pulled up as they appeared to be "buzzed" by the objects and

frightened householders reported UFO landings.

Farmer's wife Mrs Anne Rees, of Lower Farm, Bednall, near Stafford was returning from dropping her daughter at Guides when she spotted the UFOs.

"It was really scary it first. The lights appeared to be low flying objects swooping over the car," she said.

The County Police headquarters at Baswich, Stafford, was besieged with calls.

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