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Laser in the sky

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A FLASHING white light seen over Hyde at the weekend prompted people to phone the Reporter office in the hope that we could solve the mystery.

A call to Greater Manchester Police's Press office gave us the answer. Sorry to disappoint all the science fiction fans, but the little green men from Mars have not landed.

The mysterious light is in fact light from a laser show being staged in Oldham. The police spokesman said that people from far and wide had phoned to report the light, and many thought it was the new

helicopter recently bought by Greater Manchester Police.

"The light was being reported before we got the helicopter. The laser show has been going on for a few weeks," said the spokesman. "We told people that it was not the helicopter, nor were there any Martians."

Mrs Alma Adams, of Dowson Road, Hyde, was on Werneth Low when she saw the light. She rang us and was relieved to hear that that it was nothing as sinister as she had at first thought. She wondered what it could be as it seemed to be above the clouds.