

I WAS HOAXED BY UFO MAN

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A UFO sighting over South Oxfordshire that sparked worldwide interest has been revealed as a hoax.

The tale of how design boss David White was followed by a mysterious red glow in the night sky spread like wildfire.

The UFO riddle made the national newspapers and spaceship fanatics from every corner of the earth rang him at all hours.

Now the bizarre story of that April evening has been told in a new book called *The UFO Report 1990*.

But David said it was all just a joke — and he's sick to death of hearing about it.

His best pal Peter Welch, of Carrimers Farm, Aston Tirrold, yesterday revealed the truth behind the mystery.

In reports at the time, the red glow was said to have been spotted over Blewbury and it then followed David White's car as he drove towards Wantage and Faringdon.

Yesterday David, a partner in Inception Illustrators, of Hollow Way, Oxford, would only say that it was all just a prank — and he pointed the finger at pal Peter.

But Peter said: "I definitely didn't set David up in this one — but I wish I had.

"Just for a laugh, somebody told a newspaper that David had seen this UFO and David has got it into his head that it was me.

"This is probably because this is the sort of thing I would do and because I have ribbed him so much about it.

"He has taken it very well really. It has caused him a few problems. His friends never stop going on about it.

"When we went through a village that has an airship up to guide parachutes we shone our lights on it from behind him and stopped his car.

"We fell about laughing as usual and said: 'There's your UFO, David!'

"He's also had some cranky calls. He was getting them in the middle of the night from people all round the world.

"I desperately tried to convince him that it wasn't me. Whoever did it couldn't have thought of a better joke."