



EXPRESS

Part of Reach

At [Reach and across our entities](#) we and our partners store and/or access information on a device, such as cookies and process personal data, such as unique identifiers and standard information sent by a device for personalised advertising and content, advertising and content measurement, audience research and services development. With your permission we and our partners may use precise geolocation data and identification through device scanning.

- By clicking on I Accept you will agree to your data being used for personalised advertising in exchange for using our site for free.
- If you click Reject and Pay, you will need to sign up to our PrivacyPlus subscription service. For £1.99 per month, this subscription will enable you to access the same content, without sharing your personal data for advertising purposes. For more information see our [Terms and Conditions](#).

Both options enable you to access the content and support the work of our editorial staff who are committed to providing you with quality information every day. We have introduced these choices in accordance with data protection regulations. Please note that some processing of your personal data may not require your consent, but you have a right to object to such processing. You may access more detailed information about the purposes, and tailor your choices, by clicking on More Options. You can change your preferences, view our 1475 partners, or withdraw your consent at any time by returning to this site and clicking the Privacy setting link on the webpage. Your preferences will apply to this website only and will be stored in Browser Cookies for 13 months.

[More Options](#) [Reject and Pay](#) [I Accept](#)



Mechanical theory in 'UFO mystery'

The mysterious severance of a wind turbine blade may have been caused by a mechanical failure, an expert

File: 2009 01 08_Daily Express_Mechanical theory in UFO mystery.pdf

URL: <https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/78925/Mechanical-theory-in-UFO-mystery>

said.

09:18, Thu, Jan 8, 2009



The 213ft turbine at Conisholme in Lincolnshire was left wrecked by the incident, which saw one blade completely severed and another one damaged.

Local residents reported seeing a bright light on the morning it happened, prompting speculation that a UFO had caused the damage.

But Fraser McLachlan, chief executive of GCube, which insures more than 25,000 wind turbines worldwide, said that although it is unusual, this type of incident happens about five or six times a year.

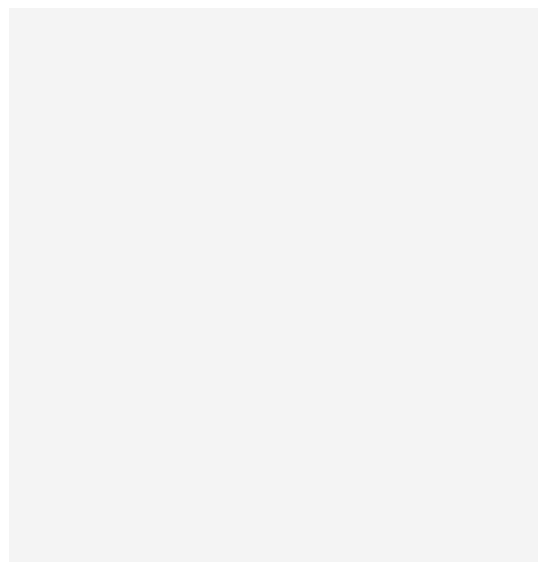
"It does happen that a blade will sometimes just come off a machine for one reason or another," he said. "The main reason is the blade may shear.

"We don't normally see things like aircraft - or UFOs - hitting them. It's usually a mechanical failure that causes the blade to separate from the main hub."

The freezing weather was another possible cause of the breakage, he said, adding that it could cost up to £250,000 to repair.

Others believed there could be more to the incident than a technical fault.

Robert Palmer, 66, leader of East Lindsey District Council and member of Lincolnshire County Council, wants both authorities to investigate what happened. The turkey farmer from North Somercotes said he saw a bright white light with an orange edge as he drove close to the turbine on Sunday morning.



He said: "I would be very interested to find out what it was. If we are being looked at by other people, by other planets, it would be interesting to find out why they have chosen this part of the country. "I am not counting it out that it was a UFO."

Enter your email address **SUBSCRIBE**

We use your sign-up to provide content in ways you've consented to and to improve our understanding of you. This may include adverts from us and 3rd parties based on our understanding. You can unsubscribe at any time. Read our [Privacy Policy](#)

UFO



Sorry, we are unable to accept comments about this article at the moment. However, you will find some great articles which you can comment on right now in our [Comment section](#).









Sunday, 5th January 2025
 See today's front and back pages, download the newspaper, order back issues and use the historic Daily Express newspaper archive.



UK	TV & Radio	Express Comment	Films	Play Express Wins
World	Celebrity News	Columnists	Music	Apps
Politics	Football	City & Business	Books	Puzzles
Royal	Tennis	Personal Finance	Theatre	Horoscopes
US	F1	The Crusader	Gaming	Partner Stories
Weather	Boxing	Travel News	Express Wins	Shop
Science	UFC	UK	Diets	Hopsmore Beer Club
History	Cricket	Europe	Style	Paper
Weird	Rugby	America	Health	Sitemap
Nature	Golf	Africa	Garden	Site Archive
Sunday	NFL	Asia	Food	About Us
Obituaries	Racing	Australia	Property	Social Media
Brexit	NBA	Cruise	Life	Journalists
European Union		City breaks	Cars	How to Complain
Theresa May		Beach Holidays	Tech	Report a Tech Issue
Angela Merkel		Activity Holidays	BeautyBox	Advertising
Donald Trump		Best VPN	Subscription	Affiliate advertising
The Queen		Best Sky Deals		Cookies Settings
Kate Middleton		Best Mattress		Privacy Policy
Meghan Markle		Best Dating Sites		AI Notice
Diesel		Best UK		Cookie Policy
Cancer		Broadband Deals		Terms & Conditions
Diabetes		Freeview		Community Standards
Dementia		Samsung		Developed by Netro42
YouTube		Sky		Syndication and Licensing
InYourArea		Android		Clarifications and Corrections
mynewsassistant		Apple		
		Black Friday		

Would you like to receive news notifications from Daily Express?

NO

YES