

PCs chase 'cross in the sky' at 80 mph

Two policemen in a patrol car today chased an unidentified flying object for about 12 miles.

The officers said it was "very large, bright and in the shape of a cross."

During the chase—at speeds of up to 80 mph—the object flew at about tree-top height virtually over the road.

Later the policemen reported seeing the object again, and this time it was joined by a second, similar object. They were in sight for about an hour.

PCs. Roger Willey and Clifford Waycott were in a patrol car at about 4 a.m. when they first saw the object on the Holsworthy to Hatherleigh road in Devon.

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PC Willey is based at Okehampton, and PC Waycott at nearby Winkleigh. Both are family men in their 30's.

The nearest they got to the object was about 40 yards.

A police spokesman said: "It left them. It appeared to stop in a field, and they stopped and got out, but it disappeared."

The constables were joined by a motorist, Mr. Christopher Garner, of Hatherleigh.

The police spokesman said: "He told the constables that he thought he was having a nightmare."