

A Thing was burning

IT WAS midnight outside a deserted mansion on a quiet country road when the stranger reached out an arm and leaned on Philip Freeman's parked car.

Philip and his girl friend Angela Carter did not stop to chat. For the stranger had a luminous, oblong head and gave off an acrid, burning smell.

Yesterday, at his home in Loder Close, Sheerwater, Surrey, Philip was wondering if he had turned down the chance of communicating with a man from outer space.

"I was so frightened I didn't stop to see any more," the 22-year-old carpenter said.

Staring

"We had stopped outside the mansion near Winterfold, and as I getting back into the car I saw this thing staring at me. It was standing right behind Angela, who was in the passenger seat.

"I said: 'There's a thing out there.' She wouldn't look, but she remembers the burning smell.

"I have given the Surrey Aerial Phenomena Investigation Group a description of the creature and they are investigating."

Angela, aged 21, of Devonshire Avenue, Sheerwater, said: "I was too terrified to look, but I believe Philip."

And Philip's mother, Mrs. Beatrice Freeman, said: "He was scared stiff when he came in. He said he had just seen the most horrible thing. And he is not one to make things up."