

FIREBALL SCARES CAR COUPLES

COURTING couples in a sea-front car park had the shock of their lives when they saw a huge ball of fire heading towards them over the sea.

Keith Young, aged 20, a paint sprayer, of Invicta Road, Margate, was sitting in his car at Joss Bay, Broadstairs, with his girl friend, Linda Catt, aged 18, when he spotted the fiery object.

He said today: "A huge glowing ball suddenly appeared over the Channel and came right over the cliffs. It exploded among the cars.

"Linda was shaking like a leaf. We jumped out of the car—so did other couples nearby—but couldn't see anything."

Keith's father, Mr. William Young, heard the explosion at his home three miles away. He said: "I thought it was a rocket calling out the lifeboat."

Police and coastguards were unable to solve the mystery. And the RAF at nearby Manston could throw no light on it.

A police spokesman said: "We have logged the incident as an unidentified flying object."