

I watched a mystery ball fall out of sky, man tells police *N9.*

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POLICE ARE investigating a report that a mysterious red fireball plunged from the sky and landed near a river and a wood at Haverfordwest.

Garage proprietor Mr. Cyril Hughes, who says he spotted the object, plans to search the area where he says it fell.

He hopes the search will help solve the mystery that has puzzled him for the last day or so.

Mr. Hughes claims to have seen the object — a red ball — falling at medium speed not far from his home at Hook, near Haverfordwest, Dyfed.

"It fell towards the river but when I walked down there from my car there was nothing to be seen," Mr. Hughes said yesterday.

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He reported the matter to the police who yesterday questioned people in the area. But no one else had seen it, a police spokesman said last night.

Mr. Hughes, aged 64, was driving towards Haverfordwest to meet his wife when he says he first saw the object.

"I saw this ball of red fire which also gave off a red glow," he said. "I stopped the car and followed it down until it disappeared behind a bank. I turned the car around and went down to the riverside. But it was dark and there was nothing to be seen. It could have fallen into the wood or into the water. There was not another soul about at the time."

He said he saw the object "absolutely clearly" and had been mystified ever since.

"I have never seen a flare but it was certainly bigger than any firework I have seen," he said. "It was certainly no illusion. I saw it for about 10 seconds."

The fireball could not have been tracked on radar screens at RAF Brawdy because the base was closed for Christmas.