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RIDDLE OF THE ORANGE GLOW IN SKY

UK
EXPERTS WERE yesterday trying to solve the riddle of a flaring orange light in the sky seen in Wales and many other parts of Britain on Sunday. They were trying to decide whether the sightings were of a large meteorite or debris from a space vehicle re-entering the atmosphere.

In the Monmouth area the light was reported as an aeroplane section crashing into Nine Mile Wood near Trelleck shortly after 7 p.m. Police and volunteers spent almost three hours searching the wood but found no debris.

Two men told Monmouth police they saw what appeared to be an aeroplane wing and engine plummeting to earth. They said it was a round object about five feet in diameter.

A police spokesman said last night the London air traffic control centre said the object was a satellite moving eastwards over Gwent and Hereford and last seen over Europe.

Jodrell Bank said the object was almost certainly space debris or a large meteorite but no satellites had been in the area at the time.