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Policemen report UFO in valleys

THREE SIGHTINGS of UFO's — one by two policemen — are beginning to make some people in Gwent think that there could be little green men keeping a "beady eye" on the valleys.

All the reports are similar — red, blue and white flashing lights circling in the night sky.

Two were in the Blackwood area and the third above Cwmbran.

The most detailed report on a sighting was by Police-constable Stephen Gamlin, stationed at Blackwood. He was with a fellow officer.

Their "close encounter" came while they were on early morning duty. They reported seeing blue and white flashing lights circling low in the sky over Blackwood. Pc Gamlin said that he watched the object turn; it headed towards Oakdale, its lights turning red.

At the time the Blackwood Police Station received a call from another person in the area who had witnessed the same phenomenon.

A few days earlier a family called at Blackwood Police Station to report that a similar UFO had been over their car. It was seen by all the members of the family.

The most recent sighting was by 16-year-old Anthea Bailey, of Turnpike Road, Croesycelliog. She said she was out for a walk when she saw a revolving circle of flashing lights in red, blue and white.

"It was some 300 feet above the ground," she said. "I can only describe the way it was travelling as a stuttering sort of movement.

"I could see it for approximately three minutes. Then it circled over police headquarters and went off. There was no way it could have been an aircraft."

Cardiff-Wales Airport reported that at the time of the two more recent sightings there was no aircraft in the area.

There is a meteorological experiment in wind patterns taking place in the Sirhowy Valley. This is a long-term project. There were no aircraft connected with it in the air at the time of any of the sightings and there does not appear to be any link.

Gwent Police are keeping an open mind.