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Couple's close encounter with a suspected UFO

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A PONTYPOOL couple are convinced they have witnessed a UFO after waking in the early hours of the morning to see a bright, hovering light travelling up the valley beyond their home.

And the couple say they were startled to find their sighting was similar to a "flying saucer" seen by three Cwmtillery boys last week.

Glyn and Toni Edwards, of Penywaun Street, Pontypool, say they were in their attic bedroom when they saw the mysterious object at around 5am on Tuesday, October 24. Glyn, a 39-year-old music teacher, described what happened:

"I got up to have a drink of water and saw this ball of light moving

from north to south along the valley.

"It was a clear night — we have a view of the whole valley from our room. The thing was travelling at a very slow speed, much too slow to be a plane or helicopter.

"But what was more striking was there was no noise at all, no engine or background. Noise carries a long way in the valley and we would have heard anything — but it was completely still," said Mr Edwards.

Mrs Toni Edwards also saw the light.

"I saw very bright lights like searchlights trained on the trees, it was moving so slowly it was almost static. It was completely the wrong shape for a plane," said 36-year-old Mrs Edwards, who works as an organiser for Gwent county council school meals.

They reported the in-

cident to the UFO Society, who logged the sighting.

The Edwards say they were then shocked to read the story of the Cwmtillery boys' frightening experience in last Tuesday's Argus. Lee Holt, Carl Jones and Sydney McLoughlin were playing near Cwmtillery Lake when they saw a bright object travelling down the hillside.

"By the description it was the same object, it moved the same way. The only difference was they said they saw it burn up and disappear, whereas ours just passed out of view," said Mr Edwards.

"I have never seen anything like this before and it would take a lot of scientific evidence before I would readily accept it was a 'spaceship.' But I certainly cannot explain what we saw," added Mr Edwards.