



Convinced... Mike Parsons, who says he spotted a UFO. Argus picture

Mystery on the hillside

FORMER UFO sceptic Mike Parsons says jibes that he is "a wally" will not change his mind that there is "something out there" after reporting a sighting.

Mike was so convinced that something had landed on the mountain opposite his home in Glenview, Ynysddu, that he reported the incident to the police and went to the site at 7am on a Sunday to investigate.

Mr Parsons, who is a self-employed gardening contractor, claims his sighting on Saturday January 16, was genuine, what-ever cynics may think.

Mr Parsons was taking his dog for a walk at about 10pm when he saw a big orange and red light hovering in the sky.

He described the object as "a great big red massive thing", perfectly round, and about 15ft in diameter.

"It couldn't have been a plane's lights

because it was too big. It moved across the sky one way and went out of sight behind some trees then it came back.

"There was a big red glow and then it went black," said the 47-year-old bachelor.

"I never believed in anything before and have never believed people who have told me stories about sightings, but I know I saw something strange - I was amazed when I went up the next morning and there was nothing there."

Mr Parsons only came to the Argus because he thought the sighting had already been reported, and phoned to make inquiries.

"I told a few people and they don't believe me. They think I'm a wally, but what I can't understand is why nobody else saw it," he said.

Blackwood police confirmed that the incident had been reported.

If YOU spot one...

THE vice-chairman of the British UFO Research Association, John Spencer, said that thousands of sightings around the UK were reported each year.

Mr Spencer, who has written many books on UFOs and the paranormal, said 95 to 98 per cent of sightings probably have a reasonable explanation, such as aircraft, weather phenomena or meteorites.

The UFOs expert said he doesn't believe in flying saucers or aliens but keeps an open mind, as there are still two per cent

of sightings which are unexplained.

This is what to do if you see a UFO:

- Although you may be stunned by a strange sighting, react quickly.
- Try to get photos - this may help in identifying the object.
- Make some notes about the sighting and give as accurate a description as possible - the mind often plays tricks after the event.
- Report it as quickly as possible - if an investigation is launched, it is difficult to get information if details are too dated.