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That's no UFO — it's just Venus

WAS it a bird, was it a plane, was it a UFO?
No, say the experts, it was Venus.

The Argus reported yesterday that two separate video recordings had been taken of a mysterious white object in the skies above Cwmbran.

To the naked eye, it looked like an extremely bright white star, but magnified 36 times by a video zoom lens, the object seemed to change shape and pulsate.

But experts from the University of Wales College, Cardiff, have studied the videos — taken on Monday and Wednesday nights — and now say they show Venus, which is currently particularly bright in the west in the early evenings.

One of the amateur cameramen, Mr Gareth Shadbolt, of Brynhyfryd, Croesy-cellog, said he was not disappointed by the news — he and his neighbour had reported the object to police as a UFO sighting to try to find out what it was.

He said: "We just didn't know what it was. We had an open mind about it."