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Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a meteor

DOZENS of people were left wondering what they had seen when they spotted lights in the sky on Sunday morning.

Some people said it was a plane; others thought it was a satellite crashing to earth,

while some thought they had seen a flying saucer.

Gwent police received a number of calls from people living in Cwmbran who reported seeing a bright, burning object over mountains at 10am.

But the object spotted by dozens of people across the county was actually a meteor burning up as it entered the atmosphere, experts said.

Neil Bone, director of the meteor section of the British Astronomical Association,

said: "This was almost certainly a piece of rock entering the upper atmosphere. It was reported across the whole of southern England and Wales, from Sussex and Hampshire right across to Gwent.

"It is unusual to see such a sight in daylight and so widely. It was a clear morning. The rock was probably about the size of a football, travelling north at around 11kph and almost certainly broke up after a couple of seconds."

Every day... ends... director