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GREENVILLE DAILY STAR¹

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¹ the name of the newspaper

UFO SIGHTING IN GREENVILLE VILLAGE!²

² a headline

³ an introductory paragraph that includes the 5 W's

A strange incident is reported to have happened on Friday evening in Greenville village. A local woman spotted unusual lights in the sky while she was out walking her dog. Greenville police officers also discovered a very mysterious circular shape burnt into the grass and unexplained metal remains on a nearby school field once the sun had risen the following morning. Local detectives are continuing with their investigations.³

The whole incident started at around 6:35pm on Friday 27th January when Samantha Harris was walking her dog around the outside fences of Greenville Primary School field. The witness is certain that she saw blinding lights in the night sky and heard an ear-piercing noise coming



⁴ pictures with captions

The mysterious metal objects and the circular shape burnt into the grass found on Greenville Primary School field.⁴

from behind the clouds.⁵ The lights were on a fast-moving flying object that Mrs Harris says then hovered just above the grass. "The mysterious object flew so low that I had to jump into a ditch to avoid being hit. My poor dog was petrified,"⁶ said the now terrified lady. Mrs Harris sped home, told her husband and then phoned the police straight away.⁵

⁵ facts about the main events

⁶ quotes written as direct speech

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Another witness has also now come forward. Mr Jafari, a Year 3 teacher at Greenville Primary, also recounted some odd events to the police. The hard-working teacher had stayed behind marking books on Friday evening when he says the sky suddenly became much darker as if a storm was approaching. Then, he heard the loud, clunking sound of falling metal before being blinded by an intense light from outside the classroom window.⁵ Mr Jafari described the sight. "The lights were like shiny disco glitterballs and it felt like they put me into a trance,"⁶ he explained. The whole terrifying experience has left him feeling dazed and very confused.

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The police found more worrying evidence on Saturday morning as they searched the school grounds. Some curious metal objects were found inside a vast, circular shape that had been scorched into the grass on the field.⁵ Samples were taken from the objects as they were

covered in an unfamiliar slimy, green liquid. Officers also spent many hours questioning people from the nearby houses. "We're now investigating numerous sightings of peculiar lights and sounds in the sky on Friday night,"⁶ stated Detective Inspector Grayson.

Many local people are now feeling frightened about leaving their homes⁵ after dark but the police have been trying to comfort them. "There is no need for the people of Greenville to panic. Everyone should remain as calm as possible because there is probably a very simple explanation for the whole thing,"⁶ said Detective Inspector Grayson confidently.

The whole village is now on high alert and any other bright lights or bizarre loud noises should be reported by phone to Greenville Police Station immediately on (01634) 001000.⁷

⁷ a conclusion paragraph to explain what might happen next