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Scientists said a fireball spotted in the skies above East Yorkshire and Lincolnshire was a meteor.

Footage of the meteor was captured in Hornsea, Billingborough and Moulton Seas End among other locations.

Charlotte Bays, secretary of the UK Fireball Alliance, said the meteor had been spotted across northern Europe at about 00:24 BST on Monday, but finding any material from it was unlikely.

She said: "Based on the fireball trajectory, the event occurred over the North Sea so, sadly, we do not expect any recoverable meteorites."

Bays said the meteor was spotted widely because it was "very bright", due to the chemical make up of the object, which included magnesium.

John Maclean, from the UK Meteor Network, said the meteor was not connected to any astronomical event, and likely stemmed from a larger asteroid.

He said the group's analysis suggested, although the fireball was bright, the meteor "was not big" - weighing about 12g (0.5oz).



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Maclean said it would most likely have burnt up completely on entering the Earth's atmosphere at about 20,000mph (32,000km/h).

Bays said stargazers should keep their eyes to the skies over the coming weeks as the Lyrids meteor shower was expected to start shortly and peak on April 22.

However, she said this meteor was a "one-off" event.