

# New UFO mystery baffles experts

MORE mystery UFO holes have completely baffled Army Air Corps experts at Middle Wallop.

The holes appeared at a farm near the AAC centre, which has now made an official report to the Ministry of Defence.

But the man conducting the investigation, Lt Col Greville Edgecombe, was left dumbfounded.

And he discounts the explanation given by Mr B. Essenhigh of Chilmark in last week's Journal.

There have now been five reports this year of similar manifestations appearing across southern England from Worthing to Westbury.

It all comes as no surprise to students of the rings who say they have appeared fairly regularly since the Second World War.

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Despite their intensive investigations, nothing has been proved.

Certainly, Lt Col Edgecombe remains unimpressed by the theory that two people with a piece of string could have caused them.

In a letter to the Journal he says: "Being a born cynic I am quite happy to accept any plausible 'spoo' theory, but I am afraid this does not quite match up to what I saw."

Mr Essenhigh's theory, he says, is quite impractical because it would involve trampling every square inch of every ring.

There was no trampling and the wheat was completely undamaged — just laid gently flat in a spiral.

The hole he investigated was 40ft in diameter and the outer rings were about 12ft in diameter.

So, he says, a 20ft pole, held at one end and flush with the ground, swept slowly round in a full circle would produce the right 40ft hole and effect, except there were no scuff marks at the centre.

It would in any case take inordinate skill for two people to produce the exact measurements and symmetrical layout.

Five people might have managed it with one at the centre and one at each outer ring.

But it would only be possible if each of the circles was connected by tramlines in the field — as they were at Fonthill Bishop.

The most recent configuration, near Middle Wallop, had one of the outer rings completely isolated with no tracks leading to it.

He says: "No, Mr Essenhigh, back to the drawing board.

"I am an aviator and I had an expert aircraft accident investigator with me.

"We were both dumbfounded and none of us could offer a reasonable explanation. Spoo? Then how did they do it?"

The weird appearances have been investigated by Alresford design engineer Mr Patrick Delgrado for several years.

He says they are by no means new phenomena, although it is only in recent years that people have started taking notice.

He believes there is some as yet unexplained connection between UFOs and the magnetic ley-lines which, many people claim, link standing stones like Stonehenge with other megalithic sites.

It is thought that the rings are created by UFOs at the point where the magnetic fields cross, although it is not known whether the ley-lines attract or are created by the UFOs.

An interesting development from the Middle Wallop rings is that a white jelly-like fluorescent substance was found in the centre of the main circle, and is now being analysed.

The rings in England always seem to crop up in the South, but they are by no means confined to these shores.

According to Mr Delgrado they have also been seen in Canada, Australia, Sweden and the USA.

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