



# Rings mystery turns full circle

TWO MORE of the mystery rings that have confounded farmers, the public and scientists have appeared in a field near Winchester.

A great swirling circle of flattened wheat can be seen alongside a smaller version at Cheesefoot Head in an area known as "The Devil's Punch-bowl".

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According to Alresford man Pat Delgado, who has made a study of similar happenings in the past, the rings have appeared on time.

the last two weeks of June or in the first two of July," said Mr. Delgado (67), who has been making early morning patrols of the area during the past three weeks in the hope of finding such rings.

"They usually arrive during

Mr. Delgado said the largest of the weekend's rings is 68 feet in diameter. "It's different in that it has a halo around it," he explained.

"What you have is a disc of wheat all swirling in a clockwise direction, except the last four feet which swirls in a anti-clockwise direction. Then around that is a band of untouched standing wheat, for about five feet, followed by a further flat ring four feet wide," said Mr. Delgado.

The former electro-mechanical and design engineer, said the rings were too uniform and "perfect" to be part of some hoax.

"Similar rings have been recorded in this area, even in this same field, since the Second World War.