

# UFO CLAIM SCORNEA AFTER CROP DAMAGE

AN IRATE Hampshire farmer yesterday ridiculed an expert's claim that three mystery circles which appeared on his land could have been caused by a UFO.

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"People who grow up in fairy tales always believe them. I would not even contemplate UFOs, it is just plain vandal-

ism," stormed Lt.-Cmdr. Henry Bruce, of Matterley Farm, near Alresford.

Lt.-Cmdr Bruce was more concerned at the damage caused by the trio of circles measuring up to 4-5ft in diameter in one of his corn fields. "It caused the total loss of the crop, it was absolutely flattened."

Similar circles appeared on his 1,200-acre farm last year and a couple of neighbouring farmers claim they have also been affected this year. Lt.-Cmdr. Bruce is convinced it is the work of "grown-up children" seeking publicity for their beliefs. "They know perfectly well it is not true," he

said.

Mr. Ken Rogers, chairman of the British UFO Society said the circles possessed all the hallmarks of "UFO nests".

Villagers living near to the remote farm are sceptical of the UFO claim and the general belief is that the circles were caused by a "whirlwind".