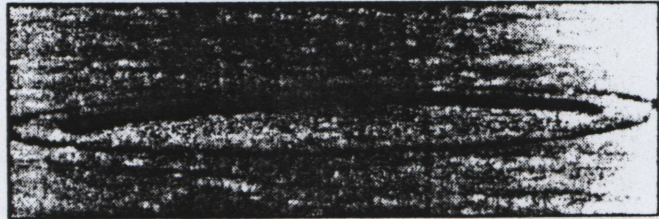


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AN Andover man is off to Tokyo to address an international scientific conference on the baffling phenomenon of cornfield circles.

Colin Andrews, an electrical expert with Test Valley Borough Council, has been actively involved in research into the mystery circles which have been appearing in fields all over Hampshire.

In fact, according to Colin, there have been about 400 circular formations spotted in the past six years, many of them in the Andover and Winchester areas.



MYSTERY: One of the circles which have baffled scientists

He is a member of the Andover-based Circles Phenomenon Research a group of about 15 scientists and engineers from all over the country who are researching the phenomenon.

Colin, who lives in Salisbury Road, Andover, said he would be presenting a paper on the group's find-

ings.

But he refuses to be drawn on newspaper reports that a hole in the earth's ozone layer could be to blame for the circles which appear overnight on farmland.

"We have eliminated many, many possibilities but there is an awful lot left on the list."

Colin said they were anxious to get more cash to rapidly expand their research programme.

"There is something happening on the planet we cannot account for and it is important we inject funds into our research. "We need a site surveillance unit in Hampshire."