

Landowner shoots down circle myth

THE silly season story about the lines of mysterious circles found in the heather of a Welsh hillside (FN, 4 August) has been well and truly demolished by the landowner concerned.

Theories about extra-terrestrial visitations coinciding with the sites of ancient key-lines have had to be dropped following the down-to-earth explanation of the owner Sir Andrew Duff-Gordon that

the circles had been cut by a tractor and mower.

The reason for cutting out the neat series of circles was to improve the the prospects for shooting by creating a better habitat for young grouse.

Prior to the explanation, the director of the Sussex University's Circle Phenomenon Research Unit had described the circles as "the most significant development in seven years".