

Whirlwinds

Apart from those UFOs, they ranged from whirlwinds to deer-rutting.

Said one police officer: "There's got to be a reason for these and we cannot rule out jokers.

"But whoever did it, if they did, put in a lot of hard work and study to get them right."

The corn inside the circles has been flattened close to the ground in a swirling circular manner, as if by a giant fan or whirling blade.

And there are faint track marks in the corn as if someone . . . or something . . . walked from circle to circle.

Farmer Stan Shepherd, who owns the field, discounts the deer-rutting theory. "It's the wrong time of the year for that," he said.

And he doesn't go along with the whirlwind idea, either.

"I just don't understand it at all," he said. "I've never seen anything like it in my life."