

Mystery circle appears in field of barley

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A NEW mysterious corn circle has appeared in Wales — and a local weather expert claims hot air could be to blame.

The 18-foot-wide circle appeared overnight in a barley field at Wyn and Edna Jones's 180-acre farm at Aberystwyth.

Surprised Edna said yesterday that the circle couldn't have been caused by humans because there were no tracks leading to or from the massive indentation.

Aberystwyth university scientist Professor Jim Taylor believes that the circle could be a result of the humid weather mixed with turbulence from the north-west.

"I believe there is a perfectly reasonable scientific explanation for some of these circles, but it hasn't yet been proven," said geography research professor Mr Taylor.

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"The weather which led up to the appearance of this latest circle was just right. There was a humid heat and we had unstable air from the north-west, which can lead to a whirlwind-like effect. This could have flattened the barley in a perfect circle shape."

The Jones family couldn't believe their eyes when they saw the circle yesterday morning.

"It looked so strange to see all the corn flattened," said mother-of-three Mrs Jones. "The barley is all crushed down in a perfect circle."

Circles have been appearing all over Britain over the last few months.

Some people believe aliens are to blame for the mystery markings.

But Mr Taylor is convinced there are other reasons.

"I believe some are hoaxes and that the rest are caused by unusual weather conditions," the professor added.

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