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In farmers fields all over the world, everyone wants to know what on earth is happening.

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Huge formations are appearing out of nowhere.

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Some say they're man-made, others the work of angels, and there are those who believe

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they carry messages from another world.

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Could they be signs from above, or just an elaborate hoax?

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To find an answer, truth or scare is going deep inside crop circles.

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They appear in the middle of nowhere, practically out of nowhere.

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Gigantic complex designs in farmers fields, with some say unexplained energies and bizarre

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balls of light inside the formations themselves.

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They're called simply crop circles, but as you're about to find out, there is nothing

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simple about it.

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Three hundred years ago, the first documented crop circles were believed to be made by

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fairies and elves.

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In 1678, this ancient pamphlet claimed, the mowing devil of Hertfordshire was responsible.

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Was it just an early prankster?

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Or something much harder to explain?

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Through 1970, almost 200 more designs would appear in the fields of central England.

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But starting in the 1980s, crop circles started forming faster than people could count.

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Now, investigators started appearing just as fast, determined to solve the mystery.

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Peter Sorensen is one of the investigators who started traveling to England each summer

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in the early 1990s to study the bizarre phenomenon.

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Was still in what we call the golden age of crop circles.

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And there was magic in the air.

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Definitely, definitely powerful.

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And if we would go to these crop circles, and it was also always a race to see who could

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get to the crop circle first.

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Peter says that each summer, during that time, dozens of formations would appear every night.

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Spell binding designs, some as big as three soccer fields.

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Crop circle investigator John Rixie Moore was there.

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Around 1991, these formations became very elaborate.

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They became much more complex geometrically.

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They began to look like things in my geometry textbook from high school.

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There were designs that looked like DNA code.

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Others like constellations of stars.

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Some investigators even saw signs of an unknown alien language.

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They began to wonder if the circles were actually an urgent coded message.

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And if we didn't crack the code, and soon, the human race might be in deep, deep trouble.

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But at the same time, others said the designs were directly connected to ancient cultures

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right here on Earth.

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These people claim that many of the circles seem to use the same type of geometry used

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to create the great Egyptian and Aztec pyramids.

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And that others clearly look like well-known religious symbols, like the Star of David

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or the Celtic Cross.

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In fact, a lot of the designs seem to be linked to the ancient Celts, a mysterious culture

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that lived here in England over a thousand years ago.

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The Celts built many sacred sites here that some investigators believe are directly related

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to the crop circles.

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Sites like the legendary St. James.

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Over 90% of the crop circles in England are within 40 miles of the mysterious structure.

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The designs even appear to be in direct alignment with the sacred sites.

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England has many ancient sites that people from thousands of years ago used as sacred

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places of worship and ceremony.

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And you can draw lines connecting each of these places on a map, and you will find that these

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crop circles appear along these lines.

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Researchers call them ley lines.

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Some believe that they are just prehistoric trading routes.

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But others are convinced they're actually highways of the Earth's magnetic energy, moving right

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under our feet, criss-crossing the English countryside.

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The theories come and go, but the mysteries behind the crop circles remain.

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Are crop circles the work of humans here on Earth?

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A message from another time or place?

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Shocking news splits the crop circle community in two.

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Next on Truth or Scare.

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Since the early 1980s, crop circle investigators have been dying to discover just who or what

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is creating these bizarre designs all over the English countryside.

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Some say the answer came in 1991, when a shocking revelation rocked the crop circle world.

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Since the 1980s, Central England's countryside has been crop-cultural central.

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The designs appeared almost non-stop.

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And the questions for investigators keep piling up.

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Who was doing this?

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And why?

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Then, in 1991, everything changed.

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That's when two men named Doug and Dave came forward and claimed that since the 1970s,

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they had made hundreds of crop circles.

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How?

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With just a wooden board and some rope.

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At first, investigator Peter Sorensen didn't buy Doug and Dave's claim.

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How could two guys with a board and a rope create designs as perfectly shaped as the

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ones he'd studied?

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So Peter decided to conduct an experiment.

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He paid some farmers to let him use their fields, so he could make his own crop circles.

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One person stands in the center of the field holding one end of a long rope.

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Then someone on the other end stretches the rope out tight and walks in a circle around

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the person in the center, trampling the crops.

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You get out what's called a stomping board, which is a piece of wood.

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You put it on the ground, it's got two ropes.

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Put your foot on it and you push the crop down and step forward and push the crop down

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and step forward.

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And that's the main method of flattening the crop.

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Pretty soon they'd have it.

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A genuine state of the art crop circle.

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That summer, Peter secretly made crop circles all over central England.

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Positive his fellow experts would not be fooled.

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But each and every time, they were.

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From that point on, Peter had to admit it.

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The whole phenomena was probably very easy to explain.

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In the beginning I thought they were angels.

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And now I know that they're made by human beings.

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But many investigators disagreed.

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Sure they said, some of the circles were fakes.

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But what about the designs with hundreds of circles, or squares, perfectly aligned?

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Director Sean Randall is convinced that the mystery behind most crop circles is still unsolved.

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There are a lot of man-made circles, a lot of hoaxed crop circles.

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But that doesn't take away from the vast numbers that are very authentic.

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The true, true, beautiful ones that appear in a matter of minutes and in the pouring

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rain.

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And how, many say, do you explain this?

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In 1996, a pilot flying above the legendary monument of Stonehenge reported nothing unusual.

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But only 15 minutes later, this formation was clearly visible near the sacred site.

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With over 150 layered circles, this incredible design was 900 feet long.

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And even though the area is heavily guarded by Stonehenge security, somehow no one witnessed

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a thing.

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And it's not like people haven't tried.

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Researchers using highly sensitive surveillance equipment have staked outfields all night,

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waiting to catch some hoaxers in the act.

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But even then, massive crop circles have appeared undetected, practically under their noses.

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To some, it all adds up to something non-human behind many of the circles.

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Some researchers estimate that 80% of crop circles can be accounted for by humans, but

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the rest are still a mystery.

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And John Rixi Moore thinks the differences are obvious.

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In a fake man-made one, the grain is pushed straight over, usually with boards.

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But in a real crop circle, the grain is very, very flat and it's interwoven.

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It lies on the ground, interwoven like a blanket.

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Could human beings possibly do that?

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The answer is yet another mystery.

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But it's definitely not the last one.

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Mysterious balls of light, unexplained magnetic forces.

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The latest amazing claims from inside the crop circles.

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The recent crop circle frenzy has proven one thing.

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Crop circles can and will be faked.

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Still, there are a few things that even the hoaxers can't explain.

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Ask what some say happens when they step into the circles themselves.

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Researcher Ed Sherwood knows first hand what it's like to actually enter a new formation.

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There have been some truly magnificent formations of which when you walk into them, you feel

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like you're walking into a cathedral or a church, a sacred space.

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Many researchers are convinced that most of the English crop circles are connected with

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ancient sacred sites.

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And some even believe that the ancient circles line up along mysterious highways of the Earth's

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energy.

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Barbara Lam has written a book on the subject.

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There seemed to be an energy just rising up from the ground where the stalks had been

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so beautifully laid over.

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I could feel it in my body.

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Not alone.

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In the summer of 2002, John Rixi Moore was making a video documentary on the crop circle

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craze.

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John couldn't say for sure if the circles are a hoax, but says there is something happening

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in those fields that would be impossible to fake.

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There is a powerful electromagnetic energy field in a crop circle.

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It slowly gets weaker over the weeks that the formation is there, but when it's fresh,

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this is a very strong energy force.

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But in the end, there's no way to prove for sure what someone says they felt.

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They could be making everything up.

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Or it could all just be happening in their minds.

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But machines don't have minds, and they can't lie.

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So then what explains this?

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One day, while John was videotaping inside a circle, his camera battery suddenly went

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dead.

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00:13:17,960 --> 00:13:22,840

And when John left the circle to get a new one from his car, the dead battery suddenly

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00:13:22,840 --> 00:13:26,720

was back at full strength.

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00:13:26,720 --> 00:13:29,080

The same thing happens with cell phones.

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No signal inside the circle.

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Step out and make all the calls you want.

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00:13:35,280 --> 00:13:37,040

And the list goes on.

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Compasses that can't locate north.

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00:13:39,480 --> 00:13:41,960

Watches that stop telling time.

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00:13:41,960 --> 00:13:47,240

Even airplanes have lost power as they've flown over a circle.

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Some major crop circle events have plunged entire towns into darkness.

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Are the hoaxers even trickier than we thought?

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Many say they would have to be, because several years after people first admitted to making

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crop circles, mysterious things just kept happening.

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Investigators say images of these mysterious balls of light are the best evidence that

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the crop circle is real.

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And not the work of hoaxers.

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They call the lights luminosities, or plasmas.

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Reportedly, they make no noise.

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00:14:27,000 --> 00:14:32,640

In many claim they seem to have an intelligence all their own.

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Some say they're part of the circle itself, but others believe they've come from above.

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Far, far above.

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Hovering spaceships?

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Exploded wheat?

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Maybe even a little mind control.

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The shocking claims that aliens are the true source of the circles.

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Visit the central English countryside this summer, and you might get to experience a

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crop circle for yourself.

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But will your experience be unbelievable?

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A lot of the stories about these mysterious formations seem pretty far out there, and

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00:15:19,680 --> 00:15:24,000

so are the explanations.

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There are some investigators who believe these bizarre symbols seem like some sort of alphabet.

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An alien alphabet.

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00:15:33,720 --> 00:15:39,120

Could someone from another planet, or even another galaxy actually be trying to communicate

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00:15:39,120 --> 00:15:42,320

with us?

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00:15:42,320 --> 00:15:47,640

Radio telescopes like this one in Chillbulton, England, search the sky for even the tiniest

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bit of alien communication.

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00:15:50,800 --> 00:15:58,680

But has their answer been right outside their front door, the entire time?

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Several crop circles have actually appeared right next to the radio telescope dish in

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Chillbulton.

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Most are simply beautiful designs, but some say that others look a lot like the kinds

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00:16:10,160 --> 00:16:17,960

of coded information we sent out into space on the Voyager spacecraft.

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On top of that, they say some formations seem to represent galaxies, or maybe even identify

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Earth's exact location in the solar system.

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If they're right, are our galactic neighbors trying to tell us that they're watching?

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Ed and Chris Sherwood have been investigating crop circles since the 1980s, and they claim

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00:16:42,920 --> 00:16:49,840

to have seen a lot of evidence that it's not just human beings flattening the crops.

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We had a very dramatic UFO encounter while inside a crop circle formation at the dead

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of night.

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What Ed witnessed was a mysterious floating object that didn't make noise.

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At first, he thought it was probably just a plasma, like people had reported from other

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00:17:10,320 --> 00:17:11,520

crop circles.

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00:17:11,520 --> 00:17:15,200

But there was something about this one.

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00:17:15,200 --> 00:17:19,280

This my friends, I don't think is a plasma.

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00:17:19,280 --> 00:17:22,400

So what did he think it was?

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00:17:22,400 --> 00:17:29,440

This appears to be a craft of some kind, and it's putting on quite a display.

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00:17:29,440 --> 00:17:33,840

Ed watched the object for over nine minutes as it moved back and forth across a radio

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tower.

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00:17:35,520 --> 00:17:43,160

Then suddenly, it blinked out and disappeared.

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Was Ed just seeing things?

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There's no way to know for sure.

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But many other researchers claim to have seen UFOs near crop circles too.

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And Ed believes that the fact that we're seeing all these new, more complex formations is

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proof that we're finally going to make contact with the aliens who made them.

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But some say the best evidence of alien circle makers is in the circles themselves.

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Investigator John Rixi Moore says that sometimes plants inside the formations are changed.

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According to John, the grain stocks of some crop circles have been exploded.

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00:18:26,760 --> 00:18:31,240

The result, he says, of a strange micro-waving energy.

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00:18:31,240 --> 00:18:37,240

The heart of the grain has been burned and explodes out, and yet it doesn't kill the

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00:18:37,240 --> 00:18:38,240

grain.

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00:18:38,240 --> 00:18:41,800

The grain continues to grow this way and then starts back up again.

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00:18:41,800 --> 00:18:48,440

It has been micro-waved inside, and the stem has been exploded outward.

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00:18:48,440 --> 00:18:51,720

John also claims these crops don't die.

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00:18:51,720 --> 00:18:57,800

In fact, they seem to grow faster a few days later.

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00:18:57,800 --> 00:19:01,360

John says there's no way a human could do this to a plant.

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00:19:01,360 --> 00:19:06,840

What he'd like to know now is just who's hand.

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Unfortunately, we may never know.

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But even though humans probably can't microwave entire fields of wheat, many researchers believe

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00:19:16,160 --> 00:19:21,420

that the man-made crop circles are connected to alien messages.

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00:19:21,420 --> 00:19:26,860

Some claim that when aliens see one of our circles, they reply by making one of their

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00:19:26,860 --> 00:19:29,500

own.

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But others, like Barbara Lam, say that the people who admit to making the formations

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are sometimes secretly influenced by an extraterrestrial force.

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Even Peter Sorensen, who is convinced that all crop circles are man-made, admits that

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the human circle makers might just be getting a little coaching from our friends in outer

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space.

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I think it's entirely possible that extraterrestrials are involved in the crop circle phenomenon

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in this sense.

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They may be the channel that is inspiring the artists to go out and make the science.

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Another interesting theory.

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And when it comes to explaining the mysterious phenomenon of crop circles, theories are pretty

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much all we have to go on.

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For now, at least.

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Are crop circles just the product of some creative sneaky people?

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Or are they a message from a distant galaxy and a possible clue to our future?

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Some say the mystery's already been solved, but others believe these spectacular formations

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still have many secrets to reveal.

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Though no matter what you believe, one thing is for sure.

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The beautiful magical crop circles will always send us a message of inspiration.