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Scotland: Have aliens landed in Moray?
Everybody has heard of corn circles, but it now appears that "aliens" have decided to make their mark on the heather slopes. Intricate patterns were spotted recently on the hills near Rothes by a pilot from the nearby Highland Gliding Club Visible only from the air, the patterns include human and animal forms and geometric images cut into the heather. Investigations by The Northern Scot this week have revealed that Moray is not about to hit the world headlines with proven alien markings. The explanation. it appears, is much more mundane. Due to the proximity of trees the managers of the moorland agreed that it was too dangerous to continue heather burning. Instead, the old heather is being topped by a tractor-drawn machine to provide new growth for the grouse population. Normal methods of burning and cutting of old heather leave large tracts of bare ground on which the heather gradually regenerates. During that time birds feeding on the young growth out on the bare patches find themselves well away from protective cover when predators appear. In an experiment to provide accessible cover the contractor involved has cut patterns which always allow feeding grouse to be within easy range of deep heather.

-The Northern Soot (Elgin)

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