

INVASION OR HOAX?

sarily an alien controlled space vehicle – then it could be that these marks were caused by some sort of landing gear which would not be lowered until the vehicle was actually going to land.

Certainly from an examination of some of the sites: Patching, Sussex, 28/29 June; Bratton, 28/29 June; Hampshire, 6/7 July; Andover in Wiltshire, July 1985; there seems no doubt that the circles were produced by an object coming out of the sky. At this stage there is, apart from the UFO sightings, no evidence from which we can identify a known vehicle as being responsible.

Flattened easily

On one occasion it was suggested that the crop could have been flattened easily by two people using a piece of string. One person would stand in what would eventually be the centre of the circle, whilst the other person would walk around in ever decreasing circles flatten-

ing the crop as he did so. However, whilst the crop would most certainly be flattened, it would not be done as neatly. There would also be some evidence of their walk from the edge of the field to the markings. Even walking along the plough tracks would not, as it has been suggested, mean that the circles could be made without some damage to surrounding crops.

No doubt speculation regarding this phenomena will continue, but perhaps, should it occur again, more information will come to light and enable us to get nearer to providing an explanation for this mystery.

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