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'NO UFOs' SAYS NAVY

CLOSE encounters with objects from outer space in South Devon have been nothing more than night flying military aircraft — it was revealed today.

Two Royal Navy Air Stations have laid frightened people's fears at rest saying: "You saw our aircraft — don't worry."

There have been several reported sightings of bizarre objects flashing

around the skies of Teignmouth and district over the past few weeks.

Three Teignmouth women have spotted the unidentified flying objects around 20 times — they even claimed an object with green and red flashing lights trailed their car.

A spokeswoman for the Navy base at Culdrose said there has been a lot of exercises in the skies off South

Devon in recent weeks.

RNAS Portland said their 'copters had also been involved in night flights.

"There has been a high level of activity with many night flying exercises involving our helicopters," said the spokeswoman at Culdrose, Helston, in Cornwall.

"Every night we have flying exercises depending on the weather conditions.

"The green and red hovering lights will be our Sea King helicopters — they have conducted many exercises around Lyme Bay," she told the Herald Express.

She said some of the larger, faster sightings would have been VC10s, Hercules and Hawk jets from RAF bases in Devon also taking part in night time flying and re-fuelling exercises.