

Mystery caller says jets involved in aerobatics

UFO sightings are blamed on aircraft

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TWO jets doing high altitude aerobatics are claimed to be behind some of the supposed UFO sightings in Swansea.

But mystery still surrounds sightings of helicopters seen in the area at the same time.

The claim about the jets was made by an anonymous caller who said they were flying between Swansea and Cardiff.

He said the jets, which were painted silver, were practising knife-edge flying at high altitudes, where they travel with their wings in a vertical position.

"From the ground this would give you the concept of something flying without wings," said the caller, who refused to identify himself.

Exercises

He said the Sea King helicopters seen in the area were on exercises from Sennybridge Barracks.

Aircraft controller at Swansea Airport, David Healey confirmed two de Havilland aircraft had returned there from Cardiff.

Their return was at around dusk last Thursday, when many of the UFO sightings took place, he added.

"They are silver and they are quite unusually shaped aeroplanes because they have a short wing span and quite a large tail area," said Mr Healey.

He could not comment on whether the De Havillands had been involved in aerobatics.

The source of the helicopters remains unknown.

RAF Chivenor and Sennybridge Barracks have both denied they came from there.