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## **MEDIA INFORMATION**

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### **Carlyon Bay plays host to Royal Marines' training exercises**

Amphibious landings and helicopter exercises with Royal Marines being 'fast roped' into target areas will inject some movie-style action onto the beaches at Carlyon Bay next week (wk beginning Mon 7<sup>th</sup> March).

Polgaver Beach at the eastern end of the three beaches will be the main focus for the activities which are due to start on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March and finish on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Exercise South West Sword is an exercise used by the Royal Marines to train the coxswains of the landing craft, the Royal Marine drivers and other personnel in amphibious landings. Up to 250 personnel will be participating.

The 10-day exercise will include a Maritime Combat Power Visit (MCPV) on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March which is an annual event where newly appointed senior officers from across the armed forces are given the opportunity to witness the Royal Navy's skills. This year it is being linked to the training at Carlyon Bay and will involve showcasing the capabilities of the Royal Marines.

The public will be able to access the beaches during this period but there may be certain areas that are temporarily cordoned off due to Ministry of Defence (MOD) health and safety regulations.

Site Manager Jacky Swain said: "We've supported these MOD training exercises for the past few years and are pleased to be able to offer our facilities again this year. The Carlyon Bay beaches offer an ideal location due to their shelter and steep profile."

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