

Commanding Officer HMS PORTLAND



Commander Ed Moss-Ward Royal Navy

Moss-Ward joined the Royal Navy as a Warfare Officer in 2002. Following Fleet training, he completed junior Officer appointments in mine hunters, frigates and patrol vessels before deploying to Afghanistan in support of Op HERRICK. Completing Fleet Navigating Officer training in 2008, a short tour in HMS LANCASTER preceded language training and subsequent exchange appointment with the Royal Norwegian Navy as a Navigating Officer in the frigates KNM OTTO SVERDRUP and KNM FRIDTJOF NANSEN.

On return to the UK, he joined the staff of BRNC Dartmouth before completing the Intermediate Command and Staff Course (Maritime) and Principal Warfare Officer training in 2013. Appointment as Gunnery Officer and Operations Officer in HMS NORTHUMBERLAND was followed by staff appointments in the Navy Command Headquarters and Devonport Flotilla before completion of Advanced Air Warfare Officer training in 2016. Appointments as Senior Warfare Officer in HMS DARING and Operations Officer in HMS PRINCE OF WALES preceded selection for Command. He was subsequently assigned as Executive Officer in HM Ships DIAMOND, DAUNTLESS and DRAGON where he was awarded a Chief of Joint Operations commendation for operations in the Ukraine and wider Black Sea Region.

Selected for promotion to Commander in 2020, he was assigned as the MOC LO to PJHQ prior to completing the Advanced Anti-Submarine Warfare Course and assuming Command in HMS WESTMINSTER. Following WESTMINSTER's entry in to refit, he assumed Command in HMS PORTLAND in Dec 22.

Married with a young family, he lives in Yorkshire. He enjoys military history and remains a keen sportsman, actively involved in Royal Navy and Combined Service cricket.