



### **Lieutenant Commander N C J Southall Royal Navy**

Born in Wolverhampton, Nick Southall joined the Royal Navy in 2005 following graduation from the University of Warwick.

After Britannia Royal Naval College and Sea Training in HMS LIVERPOOL and HMS ILLUSTRIOUS, he joined HMS GLOUCESTER as an Officer of the Watch. After a short appointment he joined RNAS Yeovilton to complete Fighter Controller training.

Following assignments in HMS LIVERPOOL and HMS ILLUSTRIOUS as a fighter controller, interspersed with a six month OpTour at the nascent Joint Media Operations Centre, he conducted an exchange job with the RAF where he spent time at 1 ACC and 54(R) Squadron.

Undergoing PWO training in 2014, he served in HMS WESTMINSTER and HMS ST ALBANS as PWO(A) and Ops, including an Operation KIPION deployment. He joined the staff at the Maritime Warfare School in 2017, teaching a wide selection of subjects to PWO students, but specialising in Medium Range Gunnery.

After AWO course in 2019, Southall joined HMS DRAGON as the AWO and subsequently as SWO, during which time the Ship deployed as part of a Task Group twice; initially as AMDC as first Type 45 to deploy with HMS Queen Elizabeth on WESTLANT 19, and latterly in support of HMS Albion on LRG(X), which included operations in the Black Sea.

Selected for Sea Command in 2020, he assumes command of the Hunt Class Mine Countermeasure Vessel HMS HURWORTH in 2021.

Nick lives in Portsmouth with his wife and 5 year-old twins. He is a keen mountain biker (twins permitting), a slowly improving guitar player and a long suffering (although currently happy) Wolves fan.