



COMMANDER RICH TURLEY RNR

COMMANDING OFFICER HMS VIVID

Rich Turley joined the RNR in 2005 at HMS EAGLET in Liverpool. Initially a Rating he attended HMS RALEIGH and commenced training as a logistician. Passing AIB in 2006 he attended BRNC later that year and following Fleet Board specialised as an Amphibious Warfare Officer. In Unit he held the positions of Public Relations Officer and Junior Officer Training Officer.

Following professional training in HMS BULWARK, HMS ALBION and RFA MOUNTS BAY, in 2011 he was mobilised for OP ELLAMY, deploying with 6 Assault Squadron RM and witnessing the first maritime deployment of Apache helicopters during operations off the coast of Libya. On return to Unit he moved into training roles and joined the national Initial Naval Training Project Team.

His civilian career includes 10 years in the Ambulance Service where he attended over 10,000 emergency calls as a Paramedic including Solo Response duties. As an Ambulance Officer he worked in the Control Room, Operations Management and Major/Chemical Incident Command before appointment as Commissioning Manager, working with NHS Trusts to oversee contract performance.

Moving into Local Government he spent 6 years in senior management positions culminating in Head of Service for Highways and Transportation where he oversaw creation of this new department in Cheshire West and Chester Council. A Chartered Fellow of The Institute of Logistics and Transport, he then established a management consultancy practice which included work as Interim Director of Procurement and Contract Management to improve school transport services on behalf of the Government of Saudi Arabia.

In 2012 he was appointed on Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS) as the Reserves Training Officer, managing the delivery of RNR training at HMS RALEIGH and BRNC. A member of the project team for HERMES 15, he developed the BRNC phase of the RNR Accelerated Officer Programme.

FTRS continued in 2017 when, as an Acting Commander, he took on the role of SO1 Project LIBRA, managing the organisation-wide co-ordinated approach to increase the diversity of people recruited across the Royal Navy.

In 2019 he returned to Maritime Reserves duties as SO1 Reserves Engagement for Wales and Western England and was selected for substantive promotion later that year. He is delighted to be selected for his first Command appointment as CO of HMS VIVID commencing March 2020.

Thanks to many an AT course with Joint Services, he recently qualified as a Yacht Master Coastal and seeks any opportunity to sail. A keen skier since the age of 17, he also enjoys trying to learn musical instruments and in 2013 took up amateur dramatics including performances at Dartmouth Shakespeare Week.