



### **Lieutenant Commander Matthew R Teare Royal Navy**

Born in York in 1983, Matthew Teare was educated at Manor C.E. School and later graduated with a First Class Honours in Automotive Engineering from the University of Coventry; he joined the Royal Navy as a Direct Graduate Entry in 2008.

His Officer Training at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, included Initial Fleet Time in HMS EDINBURGH. This was followed by Common Fleet Time in HMS ILLUSTRIOUS and after successful completion of the Fleet Board in 2009, he embarked in HM Ships TYNE and CLYDE for Specialist Fleet Time.

During Initial Warfare Officers Course at HMS COLLINGWOOD, he was selected to train as an MCMV Navigating Officer within MCM2 Squadron; joining as NO for Crew 1 in HMS QUORN in early 2010. During his time with Crew 1 he experienced a broad range of tasking which culminated in navigating the platform to Bahrain to undertake Op KIPION (MCM).

A volunteer to remain in the Mine Warfare community, he completed the Mine Warfare Officers Course in 2012 achieving the BAE Top Academic and Top Student awards. He completed MWO tours as the Operations Officer MCM2 Crew 8 and then, following selection for early progression, as Executive Officer MCM2 Crew 4. In total serving in seven HUNT Class MCMVs over 6 years.

In 2016 he attended the Initial Command & Staff Course (Maritime) at the Defence Academy, Shrivenham, before returning to HMS COLLINGWOOD to undertake 13 months of Principle Warfare Officer training where he finished top of his class.

Assigned to HMS WESTMINSTER in 2018 as the Operations Officer, he commenced an intense period of both Very High Readiness Duties, including several ASW patrols in the North Atlantic, and international Defence Engagement deployments to the Baltic Sea which included support to the Centenary Celebrations of Latvian, Lithuanian and Estonian Independence.

Selected for further ASW training, he completed the Advanced ASW Course in 2019 where he was awarded the Ogilvy Medal for Top Student 2018 – 2019. In Apr 2019 he was assigned to FOST Ships as a Staff Warfare Officer (Underwater) where he coached both the UK and International navies in the arts of ASW while remaining at Very High Readiness to deploy in support of UK ASW operations worldwide.

He returned to his MCM roots in June 2021 when he assumed Command of MCM2 Crew 2 in HMS CATTISTOCK, then HMS BROCKLESBY in November.

Matthew lives in Hampshire with his wife Joanna, a Primary School Teacher, and their two young children.