



Lt Andrew J Platt RN

Commanding Officer HMS Archer

Born in Portsmouth, Andrew grew up in Liverpool where he attended school before going up to read Philosophy, Politics and Economics at New College, University of Oxford. While at Oxford he developed a passion for the technical aspects of theatre production, and prior to joining the Royal Navy worked as a Production Manager for several theatre shows and an outdoor events company.

Andrew joined the Royal Navy as a Warfare Officer, commencing Initial Officer Training at BRNC Dartmouth in 2009. Highlights of training included Initial Sea Time in HMS Ocean conducting Exercise Cold Response off Norway and running in the BRNC Field Gun Team. As a Young Officer, Andrew's next sea experience was a short appointment to the new destroyer HMS Diamond during her build in Glasgow, before completing Specialist Fleet Time in the Sandown Class minehunters HMS Blyth and HMS Pembroke, deploying with the latter to OP KIPION in the Arabian Gulf. Selected for small ship navigation in his first complement job, Andrew returned to minehunters in January 2012 joining MCM1 Crew 4 as the Navigating Officer. This interesting appointment including navigating HMS Shoreham out to the Arabian Gulf, before swapping crews and returning to the UK to regenerate HMS Bangor.

Leaving minehunters to train as a Fighter Controller, Andrew qualified in late 2013 and returned to HMS Diamond in that role. Here he deployed once again for the Gulf, but was instead redirected to support OP RECSYR, the Danish-led UN operation for the removal of chemical weapons from Syria. Andrew remained with the Ship as she completed a 15-month capability upgrade, and returned to Fleet Tasking in autumn 2015. During this time, Andrew completed the Intermediate Command and Staff Course (Maritime) and also undertook an attachment to Navy Command Headquarters as SO2 to the Future Navy Campaign Plan. Completing his CQ1 exams and selected for Small Vessel Command, Andrew took command of HMS Archer in December 2015.

Andrew now lives in Cornwall. He enjoys mountaineering, dinghy and yacht sailing and is an enthusiastic, if mediocre, squash player.