

Rear Admiral Clive C C Johnstone CBE



Clive Johnstone is a graduate of Shrewsbury School, Durham University and Britannia Royal Naval College. Since joining the Royal Navy he has deployed to most points of the compass and has served as Navigator, Fighter Controller and Principal Warfare Officer in ships ranging from Minesweepers to Aircraft Carriers. He has been engaged on operations in the North Atlantic, Caribbean, the Balkans, in the Northern Gulf and Lebanon. He also served in HM Yacht BRITANNIA during an appointment that culminated in the handover of Hong Kong.

Admiral Johnstone has commanded HMS IRON DUKE (a Type 23 Frigate), and HMS BULWARK (an amphibious assault ship and the Fleet's Amphibious Flagship); where he undertook operations in the Northern Gulf, Horn of Africa and off Lebanon. He was awarded a CBE for an extended Gulf Deployment and the evacuation of British Nationals out of Beirut.

Ashore, he has worked in procurement, resources and operational planning. In more senior positions he has had roles in personnel strategy (in Portsmouth) and leadership of the Naval Staff (in London). In 2008 he was selected to be Principal Staff Officer to the Chief of the Defence Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Jock Stirrup and then latterly General Sir David Richards. Promoted Rear Admiral in July 2011, Clive Johnstone served as Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Training) and FOST through to April 2013.

Admiral Johnstone is a graduate of the Higher Command and Staff Course and Royal College of Defence Studies. He is a Younger Brother of Trinity House and a member of the Royal Naval Club of Argyll. He is President of the Royal Navy Football Association and of Royal Navy Boxing (although he lacks the skills to do anything but champion both sports).

He assumed his role as Assistant Chief of Naval Staff in May 2013. The Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff is the First Sea Lord's agent in the MoD, Whitehall and London. He is responsible for leadership of Naval issues in the Capital, for Navy Board management, the support to National strategy and policy development and the Royal Navy's engagement across Government, London and with international partners

He and his wife Alison (a professional opera singer) with their two daughters escape whenever they can to their beloved cottage in Scotland, where 'Argyll time' creates more space to enjoy the family, boats, fishing and a chance to read.