

Council



Claire Howard

- a: Claire Howard
- b: ARMED FORCES - ROYAL NAVY
- c: None
- d: HMS NEPTUNE / Fyne Divers - 12 YEARS IN BSAC
- e: SECRETARY / TREASURER FROM 2013 to 2017 due to deployment to Falkland Islands.
- f: Council Member May 2016 until May 2019
- g: DIVE LEADER - OWI APR 2014, and instructor at the West Coast Scotland Regional until deployed in 2017.
- h: As a member of the Armed Forces my core role as a Leading Writer and qualified Submariner (Vigilant and Vengeance) (administrative) has helped me to develop a wide range of skills. This includes commitment and integrity, an effective communicator in both written and verbal briefs. Having passed the leading Rate Command Course in 2014, this has helped to polish my communication and leadership skills. Some external qualifications obtained include Business Administration Level 3 and a NVQ level 2 from the Institute of Leadership and Management. I am adept working with no supervision and directly with Senior Officers.
- i: I love diving and being very passionate my weekends revolve around diving and I try and dive most weekends throughout the year - work dependent. No such season as a dive season!

The difficulty of Military Branches going diving or doing training is because of HSE restrictions, to dive you require four divers or five if training and a military medical. To eliminate this issue, you need to get involved with a second branch. One opportunity I see is to actively pair military branches with ordinary branches and help forge relationships between the branches.

Other opportunities for BSAC will be helping to establish a network of instructors with HSE medicals that would be able to assist the training and other opportunities for those branches diving under military regulations.

Some other issues worth championing is the continuation of the digital platform and integrating more content on the web site including diver relating weather, tide times, sites and services in the area. An electronic fully searchable updatable magazine linking to an App would be a valuable asset in the future allowing for a more interactive dive experience. For military clubs the ability to annotate the ESADS(Expedition Supervisor) qualification would be very advantageous.