



771 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON

MOTTO

'Non nobis solum' - 'Not unto us alone'

ROLE

Search and Rescue

BASE

RNAS Culdrose



SQUADRON HISTORY

771 Naval Air Squadron was formed in 1939 at Lee on Solent as a Fleet Requirements Unit flying a variety of fixed wing aircraft. In 1945 it received the Hoverfly helicopter, making 771 the first Naval Air Squadron to operate helicopters. The Squadron reformed in 1961 as a helicopter trials squadron. Early tasks included pioneering Search and Rescue techniques.

771 Squadron assumed the dedicated Search and Rescue role with the introduction of the Whirlwind HAR 3 and, moved to its present home at RNAS Culdrose in 1974. The Whirlwind was soon replaced by the Wessex and later by the Westland Sea King Mk 5. With the Sea King's greater lifting capacity, longer range and improved avionics, the Squadron assumed a long range, day/night, and all weather SAR capability.

PREVIOUS AIRCRAFT TYPES

Swordfish, Henley, Walrus, Skua, Roc, Albacore, Blenheim, Sea Gladiator, Maryland, Defiant, Chesapeake, Proctor, Lysander, Martinet, Havoc, Boston, Hurricane, Sea Otter, Corsair, Wildcat, Oxford, Hellcat, Hoverfly, Hoverfly, Seafire, Anson, Harvard, Mosquito, Sea Mosquito, Sea Hornet, Sea Fury, Meteor, Sea Vampire, Sturgeon, Firefly, Dragonfly, Wasp, Wessex, Chipmunk, Sea Devon, Sea King

BATTLE HONOURS

None



WESTLAND SEA KING HU Mk 5

Primary Role

Search and Rescue

Max Speed

120 Knots

Crew

2x Pilot, 1x Observer,
1x Aircrewman

Max Takeoff Weight

6,000 kg

Endurance

4 Hours

Weapons

None



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