



Curriculum Vitae

Portsmouth

A vibrant seaside city



Bio

As the UK's only island city, I feel most at home on the water but there's also plenty of sights to see on dry land. I'm also the city with the largest population density outside of London – so you're bound to meet lots of friendly faces.

I'm proud to be home to an array of famous ships, including HMS Warrior, the Tudor carrack Mary Rose and Horatio Nelson's flagship, HMS Victory. That's not all – I even had a starring role in the recent Les Misérables film adaptation – with scenes shot in my Dockyard.

Southsea, Gosport, Portchester, Fareham and Havant aren't far either – with Havant only 6 miles away. A thriving market town brimming with Georgian buildings and weaving pathways, Havant is also home to one of the Totaljobs offices. Getting to the hustle and bustle of London doesn't take too long from Havant either, with good train links to Waterloo and Victoria stations. For those who prefer the great outdoors, there are plenty of walking and cycling trails running through the nearby Staunton Country Park.



Education

I'm home to University of Portsmouth, Highbury College, International College Portsmouth and a Business School.

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primary and secondary schools in and around Portsmouth have been awarded good or outstanding by OFSTED.



Skills

My residents hail from Scotland, Wales, Bangladesh, South Africa and China to name a few.

You can hear a range of languages, from Polish to Bengali, to Arabic and Portuguese.

Timeline of Experience

2021

Property investment – Portsmouth, UK

I've made a range of investments over the years. The overall average price of a home in my city is currently £260,662 – up 9% on the previous year.

2020

Strong sectors – Portsmouth, UK

Despite the outbreak of Covid-19, my education sector grew by 9%, and my strong sectors including IT, Logistics and Skilled Trades provided thousands of jobs.

2005

Opening of Spinnaker Tower – Portsmouth, UK:

Considered Portsmouth's most prominent landmark, the tower offers unparalleled views over Portsmouth Harbour, the city, the Solent, the South Downs and the Isle of Wight. There's even a Sky Garden at the top of the tower, where you can feel that fresh sea breeze on a sunny day.



Interests

Literature:

The famous writer Charles Dickens was born here, and the creator of Sherlock Holmes also called Portsmouth home.

Football:

People flock to Portsmouth FC's home games at Fratton Park, and there's always an electric atmosphere when supporters belt out football's oldest chant, 'The Pompey Chimes'.

Architecture:

King Henry VIII left his mark on Portsmouth when Southsea Castle was built back in 1544. It served as a defence of the coastline over the centuries – now it serves a very different purpose, in the form of a champagne bar, micro-brewery or even a wedding venue.

Watersports:

Spending time on the water is a given – whether that's exploring Navy ships, rowing, sailing, yachting, kitesurfing – or catching the hovercraft over to the Isle of Wight.



References

Professional references available from:

England cricketer Stuart Broad, co-inventor of the MRI scanner Sir Peter Mansfield, and Stella Rimington, the first female Director General of MI5.

Personal references available from:

Harry Redknapp, former football player and manager of Portsmouth FC and TV personality Amanda Holden.

1959

1926

Portsmouth Guildhall restored – Portsmouth, UK

The venue was restored by the Queen and today showcases everything from award-winning theatre productions to live music from popular bands.

Established – Portsmouth, UK

It advanced from a town to a city.