

MASTER CARMAN – COLONEL SIMON BENNETT TD VR



Born in Dulwich, London, Simon was educated in the Cotswolds before training to be a Merchant Navy Radio Officer. Never getting to sea, he started his career as an electronics engineer before relocating to Luxembourg as a currency broker. Simon then moved into financial technology where he has remained for almost 25 years. Holding operational and commercial roles, he has been based in Luxembourg, Hong Kong and across the USA. Simon joined the Territorial Army and was commissioned into the Royal Corps of Transport. He has commanded in all ranks including operational tours to the Balkans and Iraq and served as the Assistant Commander of the Army's Vanguard Brigade which commands the Army's logistic enabling capabilities. A Colonel, he is currently serving as the Assistant Head, Personnel Strategy at the Army Headquarters in Andover. Simon is a director of a local housing organisation and a trustee of two charities. Both charities are focused on helping Armed Forces veterans deal with the issues and challenges they may face following operational service and when transitioning to civilian life. He is an instructor and Treasurer for an Advanced Driving group, working with the local police and council to promote advanced driving to 17 – 25 year olds. This has been a great success with the police saying that this programme has had a positive impact in reducing accidents involving young drivers. Married to Louise, they have two teenagers, James and Katie, both of whom are keen horse people. When not being deputy groom, Simon is a trencherman and keen on flying, gliding and country pursuits.