

# NEWS UPDATE

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## **BURGESS MARINE SUPPORTS THE ROYAL NAVY AND US NAVY FROM PORTSMOUTH**

From its newly opened offices and workshops within BVT Surface Fleet's Portsmouth Naval Base footprint Burgess Marine has extensively supported both the Royal Navy and US Navy during recent months.

The company carried out a major structural work package on behalf of BVT Surface Fleet onboard the Invincible Class, 210m, 20,600 ton, aircraft carrier HMS Ark Royal.

As the Royal Navy Flag Ship this prestigious job was monitored closely by both BVT surface Fleet and the Royal Navy alike; completing the job on time and on budget Nick Jalie, Burgess Marines General Manager in Portsmouth comments "whilst it was a very challenging job, with many things going against us, the men kept their heads down and worked very hard, I'm incredible grateful to all involved".

Nick goes on to comment "the support that we have had from both BVT and the Royal Navy was critical, as a Team Portsmouth company I'm happy to have supported the refit of such an important vessel". HMS Ark Royal left Portsmouth at the end of September after an extensive £12million refit designed to make her "faster, leaner, and greener". The 'Intersleek' upgrade was designed to improve both her speed, by 2 knots, and increase her fuel efficiency by up to 9%.

Burgess Marine has also supported main engine works onboard HMS Exeter and HMS Richmond, and warranty works onboard HMS Daring.

Via BVT Surface Fleet's Fleet Time Engineering depart Nick and his team in Portsmouth extensively supported work packages onboard the USNS Henson. The Master of the USNS Henson took the time to put his gratitude in writing; on a formal note carrying the ships letterhead the Master comments "please extend my appreciation to several of your workers that assisted with recent repairs in Portsmouth. The workmanship and resourcefulness were superb and of the highest quality. Burgess Marine provided excellent service".

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