

## **Colonel Philip Bates, MBA, FIoD**

Colonel Philip (Phil) Bates was born and spent his early years in East London. He was educated at Lord Wandsworth College in Hampshire and then The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. He also gained an MBA through the Open University. Following commissioning, he pursued a fairly normal Regimental Duty career in Germany and the UK, but also spent two, as an exchange instructor, with the Australian Army. He has served on operational tours of duty in Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan and "Florida", where he was part of the British Coalition Contingent at US Central Command. His later career was spent mainly in operational planning roles and managing MoD infrastructure and support contracts, until moving to Scotland as the Colonel Infrastructure and Commander Logistic Support for Scotland, the North of England and Northern Ireland. His final role in the Army was Commanding Edinburgh Garrison, based in Edinburgh Castle.

On leaving the Army in 2014, he worked for Veolia, an Environmental Services Company, with responsibilities for their Defence and Airport business in the UK. During this time he was able to add to his Public Sector commercial experience with a by operating within the private sector. He joined the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Phil lives in North Yorkshire, near Bedale, but has taken an apartment in Sheffield to be close to The Company. He has one son, who has followed him into the Army. Phil's interests include Rugby (now an observer), golf, sailing, hill walking and wild camping. He also enjoys theatre, and many forms of music.