



705 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON

MOTTO

None

ROLE

Tri-Service Advanced Rotary Pilot Training

BASE

RAF Shawbury



SQUADRON HISTORY

705 Naval Air Squadron was formed in 1936 operating Swordfish from Battle Cruisers. The Squadron saw service in the North Atlantic before being disbanded in 1940.

In 1947, 705 NAS was re-commissioned at RNAS Gosport, evaluating the use of helicopters in the Fleet. The Commanding Officer at the time carried out the first deck landing on a Royal Naval Ship by helicopter.

In 1957 the Squadron took on the role of basic flying training of Royal Naval helicopter pilots and moved to RNAS Culdrose. When basic flying training became tri-service in 1997, 705 NAS disbanded and reformed at RAF Shawbury to become part of the Defence Helicopter Flying School (DHFS), where it continues to train all Royal Navy, Army and Air Force rotary wing pilots.

PREVIOUS AIRCRAFT TYPES

Shark, Swordfish, Hoverfly, Skeeter, Dragonfly, Hiller, Sikorsky S 55, Whirlwind, Wasp, Gazelle, Squirrel

BATTLE HONOURS

None



EUROCOPTER SQUIRREL HT Mk 1

Primary Role

Advanced Rotary training

Max Speed

120 Knots

Crew

2x Pilot

Max Takeoff Weight

2,100 kg

Endurance

3 Hours 20 Minutes

Weapons

None



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