

Type 31 Frigate Programme HMS Active Keel Laying



16 September 2023
Rosyth, Scotland

Order of the day

Guest registration	11:00
Guests transported to Venturer Building	11:20
Keel Laying ceremony begins	11:30
Family Fun Day	12:00 – 16:00



Message from John Howie, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer & Interim Chief Executive - Marine, Babcock International Group

Welcome to Rosyth and to the keel laying ceremony for the future HMS Active.

Thank you for being here and for contributing to what I hope will be a hugely enjoyable experience for our invited guests, members of the Babcock workforce and their families.

It is a special day for everyone involved in shipbuilding at Babcock and marks another historic milestone for our Type 31 build programme as we lay the keel for HMS Active, the second ship of five that we are building for the UK Royal Navy.

The Type 31 build programme continues to progress at pace. As we gather momentum, our vision for a multi-ship parallel build has become a reality.

The success of our Type 31 build programme, and our other major projects, is down to the people who deliver for Babcock every time they come to work. Their invaluable support, and that of their families at home, is an intrinsic part of Babcock's success and that is something worth celebrating.

We are in an incredibly special position at Babcock working so closely, as we do, with our customer, the Royal Navy. We're by their side enabling them to fulfil their duty. Delivering the capability they need, available to them wherever, whenever and however they need it. That is a real privilege and absolutely something that we should celebrate.

Please enjoy the ceremony as we highlight how members of the Babcock workforce here at Rosyth and further afield have shown their support for the HMS Active build by being inspired to take part in our very own Be Active Challenge.

For those of you who are staying with us to take part in the family fun day and BBQ I hope you have a wonderful time.

Thank you for being here today.



John Howie, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer & Interim Chief Executive - Marine, Babcock International Group

Be active challenge

Taking inspiration from the ship's name, we challenged our people to be active.

Over a six week period we ran a campaign to remind our people how important activity is for physical and mental wellbeing.

Our people responded in numbers and took up the challenge, finding some amazing ways to build more activities into their days.



At work, rest or play
our people are
always 'on mission'!

Family fun day

To mark another significant milestone in the Type 31 frigate build programme, and to acknowledge and thank those who drive it, and other major Babcock projects forward, join us for an afternoon of funfair games, inflatables, face painting and BBQ food, directly following the Keel Laying ceremony.

Our recruitment team and science, technology, engineering & mathematics (STEM) ambassadors will be on hand with lots of exciting activities and to answer questions about working for Babcock, benefits available to employees, and how we support young people into engineering careers.

Members of our team will also be in the marquee to chat about the community projects Babcock is involved in and how Babcock employees can use a 'Be Kind Day' to volunteer and get involved.

Babcock and Type 31 The journey...so far

November
2019

MOD awards UK Royal Navy Type 31 contract to Babcock



April
2020

Ground breaking signalled the start of enabling works for the new Venturer Building



September
2020

Construction of the ship's cradles, build stools and ground supports commenced



September
2021

First cut of Steel for HMS Venturer - Ship 1



November
2021

Topping Out of the Venturer Building



April
2022

Keel Laying for Ship 1 – HMS Venturer



January
2023

Steel Cut for Ship 2 – HMS Active



September
2023

Keel Laying ceremony Ship 2 - HMS Active



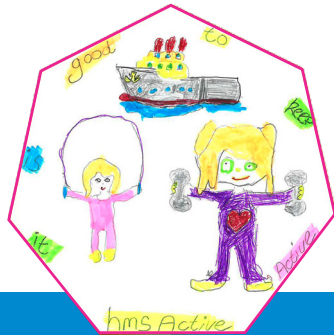
Laying of the coin

Placing a newly minted coin under the keel and constructing the ship over it is said to bring luck to the captain and crew. Our ceremony today will focus on placing a very special coin under the keel of HMS Active.

In the weeks leading up to today's ceremony we invited employees' children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to take part in a competition to design the coin that the keel would be laid upon during the ceremony.

We received some fantastic coin designs and we are delighted that Jessica Davidson (aged 7) came up with the inspired design.

We've used Jessica's design and produced a newly minted coin for today's ceremony.



Josh Duffy whose mum works for Babcock, designed the coin for the HMS Venturer keel laying ceremony last year.



