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Title: Ministerial Visits to North East England

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Information request

Please provide a list of all visits from the department to the North East of England since the coalition government was formed.

Where possible, please state date of visit, location of visit, name of minister visiting and purpose of visit.

Please take the North East of England to be the area covered by the former Government Office North East.

Information released

BIS Ministerial Visits to the North-East from May 2010 – present:

Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP

Date	Location	Purpose
05 Aug 2010	Redcar, Blyth	Visit to Corus To attend the Growth Finance Roundtable (Teesside University) with NE Chambers of Commerce; Northern Business Forum Visit to the National Renewable Energy Centre
08 Oct 2010	Newcastle	Speech at the Fastest 50 Business Awards – Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art
04 Aug 2011	Ashington, Blyth, Redcar	Visits to Rio Tinto, Applied Superconductor and SABIC
9 Mar 2011	Newcastle, Gateshead	ANEC Conference, Visits to Centre for Life and Eutechnyx
23 Mar	Teesside	Visit to Caterpillar

2012		
21 May 2012	Teesside, Newcastle	Visit to SSI, Sunemployment Roadshow at Newcastle Civic Centre
21 Sep 2012	Washington	Visit to Rolls Royce
19 Dec 2012	Washington	Visit to Nissan
13 May 2013	Newcastle, Teesside	Visit to Barbour, Gestemp Tallent. Sembcorp, meeting with NE LEP and TVU LEP
21 Oct 2013	Chester-le-Street, Consett, Newcastle	Visits to Ambic, Thomas Swan, BEL Valves and Generator Studios
1 Nov 2013	Darlington	Hitachi - start of factory build

Rt Hon David Willetts MP

Date	Location	Purpose
17 Jun 2010	Darlington & Newcastle	Visit to Student Loans Company Visit to Northumbria University's Graduate Design Show Visit to Centre for Life
9 Jul 2012	Middlesbrough	Visit to Teesside University, Durham University and visit to CPI
27 Jun 2013	Newcastle	Visit to Northumbria University, P&G Innovation Centre & visit to the Northern Design Centre.

Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP

Date	Location	Purpose
27 Mar 2012	Sunderland, Newcastle upon Tyne	Visit Nissan GE Oil & Gas
15 Nov 2012	Blyth, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Washington	Opening Tharsus's new factory Opening Bridon's new factory Visit Nissan
16 Sept 2013	Sunderland, Stockton, Billingham	Launch the new Nissan NOTE Meeting with Tees Valley Unlimited LEP Visit Falck Safety Service Meeting with Energi Coast

		Meeting with North East Chamber of Commerce Meeting with Tees Valley Carbon, Capture & Storage Project Group Visit to Air Products
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Matthew Hancock MP

Date	Location	Purpose
1 Feb 2013	Newcastle, Hexham	Newcastle College Northumberland College

Jo Swinson MP

Date	Location	Purpose
31 January 2013 ¹	Durham	To attend SME Roundtable

¹ Undertaken by Jo Swinson in her capacity as Minister for Equalities on behalf of the Government Equality Office (GEO)

Lord Green

Date	Location	Purpose
14 Jul 2011	Gateshead, Tyne & Wear,	Visit to International Innovative Technologies Ltd. Visit to Port of Tyne Speech at North East Exporters' Awards Dinner
27 Mar 2012	Co. Durham & Gateshead	Visit to Komatsu Speech at National Challenge: Exporting for Growth event Visit to De La Rue
7-8 Oct 2013	Hartlepool & Darlington	Visit to Hart Biologicals followed by meeting and dinner. Visit to Fujifilm Diosynth Biotechnologies UK Lunch with NE Chamber of Commerce and Tees Valley LEP

Rt Hon Greg Clark MP

Date	Location	Purpose
Sept 2011	Newcastle	Introductory meeting with local leaders.
15 Dec 2011	Newcastle	Meeting local leaders regarding City Deals
20/21 Jun	Middlesbrough	Meeting with Mayor of

2012		Middlesbrough
6 Jul 2012	Newcastle	Meeting local leaders regarding City Deals

John Hayes MP

Date	Location	Purpose
26 Aug 2010	Sunderland & Newcastle	Launch of Nissan Juke Visit to Newcastle College

Mark Prisk MP

Date	Location	Purpose
23 Mar 2011	Newcastle	LEP Tour
24 Mar 2011	Washington, Teesside	Nissan, Rio Tinto