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**Title:** Ministerial visits to South West England

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**Information request**

Please provide a list of all Ministerial visits to the South West 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 south west of England to be the area covered by the former Government Office South West.

**Information released**

BIS Ministerial Visits to the South West of England from May 2010 – present:

**Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
16/03/11	Bristol/Filton, Wiltshire	Visit to National Composite Centre and Airbus
21/07/11	Yeovil, Exeter, Devon	Visit to Agusta Westland, Met Office, Plymouth University, Meeting with Heart of the SW LEP
24/11/11	Bristol, Wiltshire	Visit to EADS, GKN and National Composites Centre
01/12/11	Cornwall	Visit to Rodda's, Engineering Arts, TNT, Meeting with Cornwall and Isle of Scilly LEP
23/02/12	Bristol, Wiltshire	Manufacturing Summit at Bristol and Bath Science Park
13/07/12	Bournemouth, Dorset	Visit to Magellen
19/07/12	Somerset	Visit to Butler, Tanner and Dennis
06/09/12	Swindon,	Visit to Honda and Research

	Wiltshire	Councils UK
12/09/12	Exeter	Visit to Exeter University and FlyBe
07/02/13	Gloucestershire	Visit to GE Aviation and Meeting with Gloucestershire LEP
08/04/13	Devon	Visits to Plessey Semi-Conductors, Princess Yachts, Meeting with Plymouth City Deal Partners, Visit to Supacat, Exeter
09/04/13	Cornwall	Visits to St Austell Brewery and A & P Falmouth
19/12/13	Somerset	Visit to AgustaWestland and Numatic

#### **Rt Hon David Willetts MP**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
26/09/11	Bristol and Exeter	Visit to Bristol university, opening Bristol & Bath Science Parks & visit The Met Office
10/05/12	Bristol	Visit to Bristol University, opening Bristol Robotics Lab
12/11/12	Bristol	Visit to Bristol Robotics Lab
04/07/13	Avonmouth and Bristol	Bloodhound Technical Centre & Bristol University
24/09/13	Bristol	Nvidia Technology UK.

#### **Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
21/09/2012	Exeter	Heart of the South West LEP / Visit to MET office
31/01/2013	Bristol	Visit GKN / Visit Airbus, Flinton
14/05/2013	Bristol	Visit The National Composites Centre / Visit Bristol and Bath Science Park
23/05/2013	Gloucester	Supply Chain Round Table / Speak at Supply Chain Conference

#### **Matthew Hancock MP**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
28 March 2013	Newquay, Cornwall, Plymouth, Paignton, Exeter	Apprentice award ceremony at Fifteen / Visit Cornwall College / Visit City College Plymouth / Visit South Devon College / Visit Exeter College

28 Jan 2013	Gloucester	Visit Darchem Engineering Ltd / Small Business Roundtable at Gloucester Engineering Technology Group / Visit Poeton
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### Jo Swinson MP

Date	Location	Purpose
09/04/2013	Somerset	Visit to Bishop Hull Post Office
19 & 20/05/2013	Cornwall	Attendance at National Federation of Sub Postmasters' Conference - Torquay
04/10/2013 <sup>1</sup>	Wiltshire	Rural Growth Network – military personnel

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

### Lord Green

Date	Location	Purpose
28/06/2011	Bristol	Attendance and delivery of speech at ExploreExport networking event
16/01/2012	Bristol	Delivery of a speech at the Exporting for Growth event held the national Composites Centre in the Bristol & Bath Science Park
23/02/2012	Bristol	Attendance at the Manufacturing Summit and chair a session on exports
11&12/09/2012	Plymouth	Attendance and delivery of speech at a dinner with Plymouth's Growth and Innovation Network; a working lunch with Plymouth companies, Local Enterprise Partnership and Council members; attendance and delivery of a speech at the Business Expo at the Plymouth City Marine Festival; Visits to Kawasaki Precision Machinery Ltd and Princess Yachts International
23/10/2013	Gloucestershire	Delivery of speech at a lunch with Cotswold & Cheltenham Conservative Club; roundtable discussion with Local Enterprise Partnership members and Gloucestershire businesses; visit to Renshaw plc

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### **Rt Hon Greg Clark MP**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
28/07/2011	Bristol	Meeting with local leaders regarding Bristol City Deal, launch of the enterprise zone and visit to Aardman studios
15/11/2011	Bath	Delivery of a speech at West of England Local Enterprise Partnership Conference and meeting with local leaders regarding Bristol City Deal.
23/02/2012	Bristol	Attendance at the Manufacturing Summit

### **John Hayes MP**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
23/02/2012	Bristol & Bath Science Park	Attendance at Bath & NE Somerset Council

### **Mark Prisk MP**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
11/04/2011	Bristol / Exeter	West of England LEP Meeting / Heart of South West LEP Meeting
2/08/2011	Truro, Tavistock	Cornwall and Isles of Scilly LEP Meeting / Local Business Forum
23/02/2012	Bristol	Visit MBDA

### **Edward Davey MP**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
21/06/2011	Bournemouth	Speech at Trading Standards Conference

### **Baroness Wilcox**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
31/03/2011	Plymouth	Visit to Plymouth University
23/02/2012	Bristol	Manufacturing Summit – Bristol & Bath Science Park

		Tour of National Composite Centre – Bristol & Bath Science Park
25/05/12	Cheltenham	Gloucestershire LEP Conference

**Norman Lamb MP**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
23/02/2012	Bristol	Attendance at the Manufacturing Summit