



SOUTH WEST MEPs

2009 - 2014

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Giles Chichester



Giles Chichester was born on the 29th of July 1946 in London. He was educated at Westminster School, and Christchurch College Oxford. In the past he has worked for the family business, Francis Chichester Ltd (publishers of maps and guides) founded by his father Sir Francis Chichester KBE. He was personal assistant to Lord Tebbit, then Party Chairman of the Conservatives, during the 1987 General Election. In addition, he has also been Chairman of the Hammersmith Conservative Association from 1984-7 and Chairman of the Carlton Club Political Committee, 1992-5.

His interests lie in sailing (he has sailed across the North Atlantic seven times), rowing, and vegetarian cooking. He is Fellow of the Royal Geographic Society and Member of the Royal Institute of Navigation. He is married with three children.

European Political Career:

- Elected in 1994 as Conservative MEP for the South West
- Member of the new European Conservatives and Reformists group
- Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
- Substitute member of the Committee on Petitions
- The South West's conservative MEPs have divided the region between them; Giles is responsible for Devon, Plymouth, Torbay and Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

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Trevor Colman



Trevor Colman was born on the 27th August 1941 in St Breward, Cornwall and attended Tavistock and Camelford Grammar school. His previous jobs have ranged from working in a magistrate's clerk's office to being a police officer and finally a script adviser to a television series. He has been a political activist since 1991 and has served on the UKIP National Executive Committee (2004 – 2005).

His hobbies include writing, listening to and playing jazz music, and golf. He is also a published author of both non-fiction and fiction books and has written articles in magazines such as Devon life.

European Political Career

- Replaced Graham Booth as UKIP MEP for the South West following his retirement in October 2008
- Member of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
- Substitute member of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

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William, Earl of Dartmouth



William, Earl of Dartmouth was born on 23rd September 1949 and is the step-brother of Princess Diana. Educated at Eton College and Christchurch College Oxford, he then went on to gain an MBA from Harvard Business School. His background lies in business but he was also a hereditary conservative member of the House of Lords until the Labour Party's reform. In January 2007, he moved from the Conservative party to the UK Independence Party over disputes with Conservative leader David Cameron.

European Political Career

- Elected to the European Parliament in June 2009 as a UKIP representative.
- Member of the Committee on International Trade

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Ashley Fox



Ashley Fox, born in 1969, grew up in Malvern, Worcestershire and attended the King's School in Worcester. He studied law at Bristol polytechnic before working for a year as an English assistant in France. Following this, he took his finals at Chester College of Law and qualified as a solicitor in 1994. Before becoming an MEP, he worked with an associate in Bristol, specialising in insurance litigation. He had been councillor for Westbury-on-Trym on Bristol city council since 2002 and chaired both the council's education scrutiny commission and the planning committee. He is married with two children.

European Political Career

- Elected as the conservative MEP for the South West 2009
- Member of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs
- Substitute member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
- The South West's conservative MEPs have divided the region between them; Ashley is responsible for Bristol, Wiltshire, Swindon, Dorset, and Bournemouth and Poole

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Julie Girling



Julie Girling was born in London on the 21st of December, 1956. She has previously served as Councillor in the Cotswolds district (1999-2009), and was leader of the council from 2003-2006. She also served on Gloucestershire County Council, securing EU flood money for the county in 2008.

Julie's main interests are riding, fox hunting, shooting and farming. She is married and has one son.

European Political Career

- Elected as a conservative MEP in 2009
- Member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health, and Food Safety
- Substitute member of the Committee on Fisheries
- The South West's conservative MEPs have divided the region between them; Julie is responsible for Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire, Somerset, North Somerset, Bath and North East Somerset

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Graham Watson



Graham Watson was born on the 23rd of March 1956 in Rothesay, Scotland. He was educated at The City of Bath Boys School and gained a degree in Modern Languages from Heriot Watt University. Following this, he trained as a translator and interpreter. He speaks four European languages, (English, French, German and Italian) and reads Portuguese. Graham has previously worked as Chef de Cabinet to the Rt Hon David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party and as an Officer at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in London and Hong Kong. He is also President of the Western Counties Region of the Liberal Democrats.

His hobbies include sailing, choir singing and listening to jazz music. He lives with his wife and two children in Langport, Somerset.

European Political Career

- First elected as a MEP for Somerset and North Devon in June 1994
- Chairman of the Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (2002-2009)
- Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
- Substitute member of the Committee on Fisheries.

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