

# UNITED KINGDOM

## Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

### **Rt Hon Ben BRADSHAW**

Born on 30 August in 1960

#### **Responsibilities**

- Overall responsibility for all Departmental policy

He was appointed Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport in June 2009. He was elected as MP for Exeter on 1 May 1997.

Prior to that he was Minister of State for Health Services and with additional responsibility as Minister for the South West at the Department of Health (July 2007 to June 2009); Minister for Local Environment, Marine and Animal Welfare at Defra, joining that Department initially as Nature Conservation and Fisheries Minister in June 2003; Parliamentary Secretary the Privy Council Office where he was appointed in May 2002. Previously he was Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO).

Before his election as MP for Exeter he worked as a journalist, training on the Express & Echo in Exeter before working for BBC Radio Devon and going on to be the BBC's Berlin correspondent.

He was educated at Thorpe St Andrew School, Norwich and Sussex University.

He is a keen cyclist and enjoys walking, particularly on Dartmoor, music and cooking. He lives in Exeter and London with his partner.