

# Richard Drax MP

## South Dorset



Born in Westminster and educated at Harrow, Richard passed out from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and was commissioned in the British Army, joining the Coldstream Guards, reaching the rank of Captain. After leaving the army, Richard moved into journalism, firstly at York's Evening Press, as a reporter, before moving to radio and television. Through much of the 1990s, Richard was a familiar face as a presenter on BBC South Today.

Richard was selected as a Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate in July 2006. At the general election in May 2010, Drax defeated the incumbent Labour Member of Parliament for South Dorset, Jim Knight, retaining his seat, with increasing majorities, in the 2015, 2017 and 2019 General Elections.

In the House of Commons, he has sat on the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee and currently serves on the Defence Committee and European Scrutiny Committee.

Richard is married with four children. Keen to educate children about the countryside, Richard continues to invite school-parties to his farm every year. It has proved hugely popular.