

## **Bob Blizzard Biography**

**I was first elected to Parliament in May 1997. I was the first Labour MP to represent the area since 1959 and was re-elected as Waveney's MP in June 2001 and May 2005.**

**I was born and went to school in Suffolk, and went to Birmingham University. I was a teacher for 25 years. In addition, I was the Leader of Waveney District Council from 1991 to 1997, having been first elected to the council in 1987.**

**I am currently a Government Whip, with the title of 'Lord Commissioner of HM Treasury' since 2008. Previously I have been an Assistant Whip (2007-2008), the Parliamentary Private Secretary to Douglas Alexander as the Secretary of State for Transport (2006-2007) and Minister for Europe (2005-2006). I have also been the Parliamentary Private Secretary to Nick Brown as the Minister for Work at the Department of Work and Pensions (2001-2003), and to Baroness Hayman as the Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (1999-2001).**

**I have been the Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary British Offshore Oil and Gas Group (1997-2007), the All Party Parliamentary Renewable Transport Fuels Group (2007), the All Party Parliamentary British - Brazilian Group (1997-2007), the All Party Parliamentary British-Chilean Group (2005-1007) and the All Party Parliamentary British – Latin America Group (2004-2007); and the Secretary of the All Party Parliamentary Jazz Appreciation Group (2004-2007). I have also served on the Environmental Audit Select Committee.**

**I am particularly interested in energy, employment, health, transport, education and foreign affairs. In my spare time, I enjoy walking, listening to jazz music, skiing and watching rugby, cricket and football.**