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First Name : Timothy John Robert

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Curriculum Vitae

Member of The European Parliament for Yorkshire and The Humber since June 1999, Second Vice President of the EEA (European Economic Area), Conservative Spokesman on Justice and Home Affairs, Member of the European Convention preparing Policies for the future of Europe.

Timothy Kirkhope was born in Newcastle upon Tyne, educated at the Royal Grammar School there and subsequently at the Law Society College of Law in Guildford before qualifying as a Solicitor in 1973. He was a Senior Partner in Newcastle Law Firm Wilkinson Marshall Clayton and Gibson (now Eversheds) until election to Parliament in Westminster in 1987.

Between 1982 and 1986 he was a Northumberland County Councillor and a Member of the Newcastle Airport Board of Directors. He obtained a Private Pilot's Licence in 1983. He was very active in Hospital Broadcasting being the Chairman of Radio Tyneside for some years. He still maintains those links. He was also very active in Charitable work for the Macmillan Cancer Relief organization in Newcastle and the Family Service Unit movement.

After Election to Westminster in 1987 as the Member of Parliament for Leeds North East he became Parliamentary Private Secretary to David Trippier at the Department of the Environment in 1989. In the same year he was responsible for a new piece of legislation (The Parking Act 1989) which was designed to help motorists find better provision for their Parking needs. He joined the Government first as an assistant Whip in 1990, becoming a Senior Whip in 1992 (a Lord Commissioner to the Treasury), and Vice –Chamberlain to Her Majesty the Queen in 1995 before leaving the Whips' office to become Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office responsible for Immigration, Border Controls, Gambling and Licensing Policy, and Horseracing.

On leaving Westminster in 1997 Timothy returned to Legal Practice and Business activity. He is currently a Non-Executive Director of the Bournemouth and West Hants Water Company.

In June 1999 he was elected to the European Parliament for Yorkshire and The Humber (population 5 million) becoming the Conservative Spokesman on Justice and Home Affairs and the Chief Whip of the delegation that year. He also served on the Culture, Media, Arts Education and Youth Committee between 1999 and 2002. In 2002 Timothy left the Whips' office to become the only British Conservative on the new Convention established to consider the future course for Europe made up from European Parliament Members (16) Members of National Parliaments (2 from each of 15 States), and other senior European Statesmen and Women. He also became a member of the European Parliament's Constitutional Committee and the Second Vice President of the EEA.