

### THE O.E.M. CANDIDATES

In  
East  
Ward

Anthony Cheke is a zoologist by profession, and has lived in and around Oxford on and off for sixteen years, with intervals abroad doing biological research and wildlife conservation. He and his wife are at present buying a house in East Ward and will be moving there soon. He is a member of the Conservation Society, Oxford Friends of the Earth and the Oxford Preservation Trust, and is interested in the development of community enterprises, in energy saving in homes and growing his own food, and enjoys bookbinding and writing in his spare time. He is also parliamentary candidate for the Oxford Ecology Movement.

In  
North  
Ward

Mike Birkin has lived in Oxford for eight years. He has been co-ordinator of Oxford Friends of the Earth for the last three years, playing a major role in establishing a recycling scheme and the Bullstake organic allotment. He is particularly interested in alternative technology and energy sources.

In St.  
Clements  
Ward

Susan Manning is a graduate of Oxford Polytechnic. She has lived in Oxford for the last six years, and in St. Clements for the last two and a half years. She has long been interested in environmental matters, and is an active member of Friends of the Earth. She has previously worked as a self-employed gardener, and is at present working for a wholefood co-operative, which runs a shop and a cafe, where good food is provided at very low prices. Her special interest is in developing small enterprises, where people live and work together, producing long-lasting goods, and having the responsibility for making decisions which will affect their lives. She has recently been on a study tour of China.

In  
West  
Ward

Susan Taylor is now a full-time mother (she has a child of fifteen months). She has lived and worked in Oxford for ten years, with intervals spent travelling on the Continent, where she has worked, and in Africa.

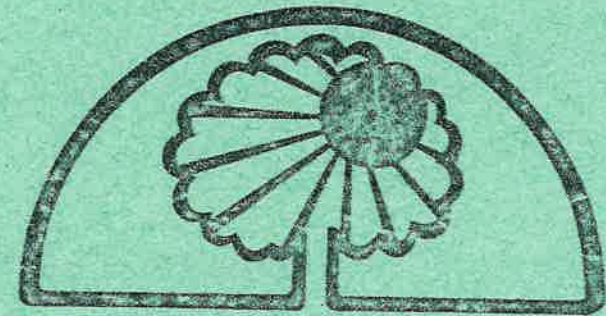
She graduated from Westminster College with a B.Ed degree from the university, taught French in a primary school in Abingdon and later English in Germany, but has also worked in a variety of office jobs, in a hospital, and in publishing.

Her interests include alternatives to school education, yoga, cycling, and organic gardening. She is a vegetarian and a member of Friends of the Earth and the Soil Association.

Her primary political interests are in the areas of a preventative health service, and de-schooling education towards community involvement and work experience.

## CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

THURSDAY MAY 3rd 1979



## Oxford Ecology Movement

PUBLIC MEETING

St Giles Church Hall

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The O.F.M. Ecology Movement was started in July 1978. Since then there have been several public meetings, with an encouraging response which shows that people are tired of listening to the same old talk of 'more growth' and 'better standards of living'. In a world where natural resources are limited, such talk is not only misleading, it is immoral. Many people feel that clean air and water, and space for their children to grow up happy and healthy are more important than more cars or more complex machines or faster aeroplanes.

We believe that it is possible, by simple conservation measures to recreate an environment which is free of pollution and which gives everyone the chance of useful and enjoyable work, and where the good things about community life, such as neighbourliness, support for mothers with small children, or the elderly, can flourish.

We believe that these ends can only be achieved by people being fully involved in decisions which affect their lives, and we offer the following suggestions as a starting-point. We hope that you will join us, and vote for your O.F.M. candidate.

DEMOCRATIC CONTROL    open all council meetings to the public, and encourage communication between citizens and Council

city businesses, such as traffic management and education, should return to the city council from county control

representative residents' associations to make decisions on local matters

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

improve the public transport system!  
re-open the railway stations at Kidlington and Cowley

provide more buses, better routes, lower fares, by allowing the council to run and subsidise the bus service

bicycles are cheap, clean and safe!  
encourage cycling by providing more cycle paths or lanes, more cycle racks, better road surfaces  
save £700,000 by not widening Thames Street and spend it on something more useful

use bus lanes and public car parks in the city  
parking facilities should be available for visitors - otherwise all traffic in the city centre should be kept to a minimum

no huddlements in the city centre  
servicing and loading can be done by smaller lorries in restricted hours

EMPLOYMENT

small businesses and co-operatives should be encouraged by ease of planning permission and lower rates (eg. workshops and combined living space for the proposed St. Ebbes development)

PLANNING

improve Gloucester Green bus station with grass and trees

resist superstores - these are unsightly and take trade away from small local shops, as well as contributing to the traffic problem

increase the number of allotments

plant more trees

HOUSING

encourage the renovation of old properties  
insulation and conservation of energy (including solar panels) should be encouraged by lower rates  
council houses for sale should be sold at the market rate, and the money used to provide more council housing

HEALTH

small, human-scale units are preferable to large bureaucratic hospital buildings (the Cowley Road Hospital should remain open)

encourage, by education and subsidised classes at community health centres, a more positive approach to health and exercise

regular monitoring of lead levels in inner city areas with pressure for the control of lead in petrol (there is evidence of a link between lead levels and brain damage in children)

WASTE DISPOSAL

save land, money and resources!

separate collections of aluminium, paper, glass, plastics and vegetable waste to allow maximum recycling  
effective control of waste dumping in water