

COUNTY OF CORNWALL COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION  
WADEBRIDGE ELECTORAL DIVISION

CANDIDATE: **Edward Goldsmith**



I am 48 years old, married — though separated — and have two grown up daughters and a teenage son. My father was, for a long time, Conservative MP for Stowmarket in Suffolk.

I have lived in Withiel for five years, and publish and edit the Ecologist Magazine in Wadebridge. (It is printed in Callington).

This magazine was founded in 1969 by a number of people who were convinced that our society was moving in the wrong direction, towards bigger and bigger industries, more and more massive cities and an ever more pervading bureaucracy, and that the environmental and social destruction that this must give rise to, could only lead to disaster.

I have devoted practically all my time since then to opposing these trends to the best of my abilities — by writing articles and books, lecturing and broadcasting, and contributing in various countries to the development of Ecology Movements that are trying to bring the world back to sanity and help create a future for our children.

I am very conscious of the fact that I have only lived here for a short time. However, I feel that if my ideas and my energies are not entirely misguided, then they should be put — above all — to the service of the people among whom I live.

Those who are interested in discussing with me the ideas underlying the Cornwall Ecology Party are welcome to do so at 73 Molesworth Street, every Tuesday and Friday evening until the election from 8.30 to 10 o'clock.

**VOTE GOLDSMITH**



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Development Association (CIDA). In general, the smaller the business, the more sustainable and socially satisfying it is; and over all the more people are employed. It is only in small businesses that craftsmanship and pride in one's work can flourish and where people can be treated as if they really mattered.

**POPULATION POLICY** In future our prosperity will depend very much on our numbers. Rather than encouraging further population growth, we should be doing everything possible to prevent it. In particular, we oppose all plans to build more overspill towns in Cornwall.

We do not accept the recommendations of the South West Economic Planning Council (a non-elected body) on this issue.

**OPPOSITION TO NUCLEAR POWER** We must oppose the development of Nuclear Power. We believe it to be the most dangerous threat to the future of Humanity, and it must be fought at all costs. We propose the introduction of an energy policy that stresses *conservation*; the development of natural, pollution-free energy sources such as solar and wind power; and the decentralisation of the national grid to prevent wastage.

**A MORE RESPONSIBLE SOCIETY** We must reverse the trend towards an increasingly irresponsible society to one in which people recognise not only their rights but also their duties as citizens. Decentralisation means the responsibility for controlling anti-social behaviour is exercised by the family and the community, rather than the State.

**THE PRINCIPLE OF SUBSIDIARITY** We will always work on the principle that every decision must be taken at the lowest possible level. Nothing should be done at County level that can be done by the local community; and nothing should be done by the local community that can be done by the family. It follows that councils should only intervene