

ELECTION NOTICE

POSTAL BALLOT FOR COUNCIL 1983

Six nominations have been received for the four positions on the Council. Details of the candidates and a ballot paper are printed here. An extra ballot paper is enclosed only for couples who receive one copy of Econews between them.

If you wish to participate in the election, the ballot paper should be cut out and posted to Christine Wild, 276 Worcester Road, MALVERN, Worcs. WR14 1BD, to arrive no later than Friday 2nd September 1983, or you may bring the paper to the Conference for which the final time is 11 a.m. on Saturday 3rd September.

Please mark envelope "BALLOT PAPER", so that Christine Wild can separate them from her personal mail.

A.R. WILLIAMS
Electoral Returning Officer

10 June 1983

ECOLOGY PARTY ELECTION

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There are four vacancies.

The method of voting is the cumulative vote.

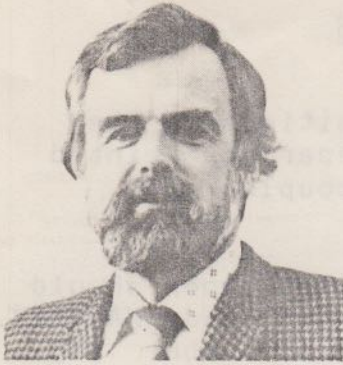
You have four equal votes which must be signified by a separate mark for each vote and not simply a number. You may use fewer than four votes but a paper with more than four votes is invalid.

You may distribute your votes in any way you wish among the candidates with up to four votes for any candidate as long as your total does not exceed four.

Mike CROWSON				
Geoffrey DARNTON				
Jean LAMBERT				
Jonathon PORRITT				
Roger SHORTER				
Derek WALL				

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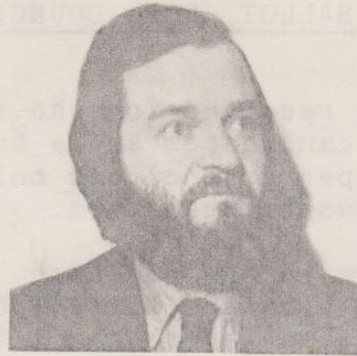
MIKE CROWSON



I joined ECO in 1979 from the Liberals and was the first Party Agent from 1979 - 1981. I was North Thames Rep on Party Council for 1981. I was elected back onto Party Council in 1982, and have been Convenor of Elections Committee and on the General Election Co-ordinating Committee. With Freda Chapman I wrote the script of the Radio Broadcast.

I drafted the Party's submission to the Home Affairs Select Committee and I want to continue the fight against higher deposits, linked with proper control of Party Broadcasts, secrecy of ballots and proportional representation. I also want to see information and support resources for branches to fight all unecological planning proposals and to appear at local public enquiries. I continue to work with National Peace Council Pax Christi and the Ecology Party of Ireland in search of a consensus policy on Ulster.

GEOFFREY DARNTON



I was elected to the Ecology Party Council by Conference at Bridlington and am currently Convenor of the Management Committee. My work on the Management Committee has been concerned with the overall efficiency of the Party, and the introduction of measures to try and use our resources as effectively and efficiently as possible. I have additional particular interests in the areas of a Bill of Rights, Freedom of Information Act, and Data Protection. I am up-to-date in several fields of computer developments and software.

I am very active at a local level having stood in the May local elections and for Reading East in the Parliamentary Election.

In the post-election environment, I am concerned about the future direction of the Ecology Party, and will be involved locally in establishing nurseys (sic) for other groups to use, and building on the impetus given by the recent election activity.

JEAN LAMBERT



I am seeking re-election to the Party Council because I want to help consolidate the progress made in the General Election and to continue to work for an efficient structure within the Party, particularly at Area level. I also believe that while we should expand our activities through Eco-Action and "vigorous" campaigning we still have a unique political role to play and I wish to use my experience to ensure that role is maintained and developed.

I joined the Party in 1977; was London Co-ordinator for four years; Branch Chairperson for two; Party Secretary and Co-Chair of Party Council last year and served on Internal Communications and the General Election Co-ordinating Committees. I am a member of NCCL and the 300 Group.

JONATHON PORRITT



The General Election has dominated the Party's affairs over the last six months, and at this stage (2 weeks before polling day!) we can only hope that we will succeed in our stated aim of providing a "growth point" for green politics in this country. Then the work can really begin!

Having seen things gradually fizzle out after the 1979 General Election, I would like to be involved in seeing that exactly the opposite happens this time around; that by building on the hard work we've done for the Election by broadening our political base, by mobilizing our new members, by campaigning with skill and determination, in our own name, for green goals, and by avoiding the own-goals of self-indulgent constitutional navel-gazing or pedantic policy formulation, we get out there and make green politics a force to be reckoned with.

ROGER SHORTER



What we need is more, and better publicity! We can't let Des Wilson make all the running, so I suggest the following plan of action:-

* With help from the Electoral Reform Society, campaign to ask Companies who make political contributions to do so on a basis of proportional representation, according to the views of their employees. One firm which did this got favourable publicity on the BBC Radio "Today" programme, and as one of their employees was an Eco voter, we received some money.

* Promote an Environmental Symposium. I have already found a number of people who would help with this.

* Launch another advertisement appeal in readiness for the next General Election.

* Encourage Party Council to adopt a long term strategy concerning publicity, by producing better quality and more frequent press releases and delegating to other members of the Party to a greater extent.

I stood as a candidate in GLC and local elections, and helped to raise £3,000 worth of publicity through the GrauniAD appeal.

DEREK WALL



I first became a supporter of ECO at the tender age of 14 in September 1979. Since then I have remained an active member of North Wiltshire EP and co-ordinated Corsham Young Ecologists. I am at present an Archaeology student. I feel both my long experience of membership and (hopefully) some youthful enthusiasm will inject much-needed energy into Council. My programme is simple; we need more young members and have to get the green flag flying in schools, universities and colleges. Instead of stagnating between General Elections we must combine electoral politics, NVDA and the theme of Eco Action/Lifestyle Commitment into a real challenge. Our immediate priorities must be preventing Cruise, Sizewell and the increase in election deposits while putting up a good showing in 1984's Euro-Elections. Council must help create a cohesive world federation of Green parties and prepare the way for 650 Green candidates in 1988.