

ecology party

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SOUTH WEST REGIONAL PRESS RELEASE

The Ecology Party is fielding 53 candidates at the General Election, 19 of these will be in the South West.

The Ecology Party is a new political party and it exists to provide an alternative to the centralised growth orientated policies of the major parties. We are facing a crisis - permanent inflation, chronic unemployment, high levels of taxation, continuing balance of trade difficulties and the threat of international recession. Whole communities are being broken apart by the pressures of 'economic necessity'; many feel lonely, stressed and alienated. Political and social realities are seen in economic terms, compassion itself has become an item of public expenditure. Personal, social and even religious values have been forced to yield before an overwhelmingly materialistic view of things. We seem to have lost the ability to respond sensitively, both to each other and to the world around us.

Ecology is the study of living things and the way in which they interact. Simple though it may sound, this amounts to the most fundamental political reality of all. Without a full understanding of where we fit in, of the need to live in harmony with each other and the rest of creation - within the limitations of the earth's finite supply of resources - there is little between us and eventual extinction.

This awareness goes deeper than the narrow minded confrontations of left and right and it needs a new political initiative. Our programme rests on six fundamental changes:-

- 1) A move towards a sustainable way of life, conserving the earth's 'capital', learning to rely on those resources which can be renewed or recycled.
- 2) A move towards a stable economy, ensuring basic material security and prosperity for all.
- 3) A move towards economic self-sufficiency in terms of the basic necessities of life, particularly food and energy.
- 4) A move towards a de-centralised way of life, so that people may become more responsible for themselves and for others.
- 5) A move towards seeing things in the long term, rather than settling for convenient, short-term measures.
- 6) A move towards a society which places less emphasis on material values, and more on personal development and achievement.

THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES ARE STANDING IN THE SOUTH WEST.

Lymington/Christchurch

Jim Keeling (46) was educated at Bournemouth Grammar School. He is now married with three children and works as a self employed plumber and engineer. He is a member of numerous local groups, including the Bournemouth and Poole Ratepayers Association, the West Hampshire Wildfowlers, CND and Friends of the Earth.

Jim Keeling,
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Bournemouth East

Jacky Dempsey (25) was educated at Romford Technical College and is now a trained secretary as well as a housewife. She is also an active member of Bournemouth and Poole Women's Group as well as Friends of the Earth.

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c/o Election Office,
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Devizes

Ray Burcham (28) is doing an Honours Degree in Environmental Trends and Issues and training as a teacher in Reading. He studied Business Studies at Oxford Polytechnic and is currently trying to set up a centre of alternative technology in Devizes. He is newly married and has no children yet.

Ray Burcham,
The Ark,
The Green,
Burchfort,
Devizes.
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Chippenham

Bert Pettitt (52) is married with three grown up daughters. He is head of the Science Dept. at Swindon Secondary Modern where he teaches. He obtained an Honours Degree in Ecology at Oxford Polytechnic. He is on the committee of the Inland Waterways Association.

Bert Pettitt,
2 Rowan Drive,
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Wilts.
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Westbury

Sally Rodwell (28) is a married housewife with two children. She runs the Trowbridge and Bradford-on-Avon Wholefood Co-Op. She has a degree in Fine Arts and is active in organising local play groups.

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Wingfield,
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Donald Grimes,
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Bath.
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Bath

Don Grimes (35) is married with two children. He was educated at Goldbeaters Secondary Modern in Burnt Oak, Edgware. He is the area technical supervisor for a national security firm as well as being chairman of Avon Transport 2000.

David Kerridge,
5 St. Mary's Buildings,
Widcombe,
Bath.
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South Gloucestershire

David Kerridge (35) went to school at the Wytcliffe School in Stroud. He gained a degree in politics and economics at the Cranfield Institute of Technology. He has an MBA in business administration. He now lectures in Economics and is married with two children.

Richard Carder,
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Bath.
tel. Bath 24531

North Somerset

Richard Carder (36) was educated at Ardingly College in Sussex. He is now a music teacher, he has a BA in Music which he won at the Guild Hall School of Music. He is a member of Friends of the Earth and the Kennet and Avon Canal Trust.

Geoffrey Garbett,
Harvest Cottage,
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Taunton.
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Taunton

Geoff Garbett (26) teaches Biology in a local comprehensive. He obtained an Honours degree in Education in 1976. He is treasurer of the Taunton Classical Guitar Society and sings in a local choir.

North Devon

Tony Whittaker (46) is married and has four daughters. He has an Honours Law Degree and works as a smallholder on Exmoor where he is Secretary of his local Church Council. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Exmoor.

Tony Whittaker,
Rhyll Manor,
Dulverton,
Somerset.
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Honiton

Margaret Bacon (43) was educated at Howells School, Denbigh before going to Oxford. She is married with two sons and is a trained teacher. She is now a proof reader for Penguin Books.

Margaret Bacon,
Gypsy's End,
Fishpond,
Charmouth,
Dorset.
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Exeter

Peter Frings (22) obtained a First Class Honours Degree in Biology at Exeter University. He is now a self employed printer and writer.

Peter Frings,
15 Lower North St.
Exeter.

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Torbay

David Abrahams (31) is married with one son. He was educated at Cullompton Secondary School and he is now the Animal Keeper for Paignton Zoological and Botanical Gardens. He is a member of the World Wildlife Fund and the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers.

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Bodmin

Chris Retallack (32) is married with two sons. Born a Cornishman, he gained a degree in Geography at Cambridge. He teaches Geography and Environmental studies at Bodmin Comprehensive. He is also editor of the Cornish Chough.

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Cornwall.
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North Cornwall

Jeremy Faull (49) is married and has two daughters and two sons. He is a farmer and Ecology Party County Councillor. He is Chairman of the South West Energy Committee and a member of the Ecology Party National Executive Committee.

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Falmouth/Camborne

Teddy Goldsmith (51) is married (though separated) and has three children. He is editor of the Ecologist magazine and has written a number of books about the ecological calamities that face us. He was educated at Millfield and Magdalen College, Oxford. He is vice-chairman of ECOROPA, European Ecological Action Group.

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St. Ives

Howard Hoptrough (55) is married with four grown up daughters. He is lecturer and librarian to the Cornwall Technical College at Camborne. He is a member of Friends of the Earth and he is a former editor of the Ecology Party newsletter.

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Bissow Hill,
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Bristol North East

Gundula Dorey (36) was educated at Newcastle Central High School and Exeter University where she got an Honours Degree in Zoology. She did medical research for four years before training as a social worker. She is married and now works as a probation officer in Bristol prison.

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Bristol West

John Ingham (26) is single and works for an Insurance Company as a trainee inspector. He was born and educated in Lancashire before moving to the South West. He is a member of the Conservation Society and Friends of the Earth.

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