

DID YOU KNOW?

1. The U.K. Green Party was the first Green Party in Europe - founded as 'PEOPLE' in 1973, becoming the Ecology Party in 1975. From the beginning it was intended to be a political party that would seek power through winning elections on a programme of creating an ecological and sustainable way of life.
2. The Party's first elected councillor was in 1976 - John Luck defeated the Tories to take a seat on Rother District Council (Sussex). (He was also a parish councillor on Rye Town Council, becoming Deputy Mayor in 1979!)
3. The Party's first parish councillor was John Davenport in 1976 (the Party's Membership Secretary at the time!)—in Worcestershire.
4. Our first County councillor was Jeremy Faull- elected unopposed in 1977 for North Cornwall.
(He retained the seat in 1981 by 1 vote against a challenge from the former Liberal MP for the area!).
5. The first ever candidate in London was in the GLC elections of 1977 in St Marylebone, Westminster. With 298 votes, the candidate - J. Porritt - came fifth out of seven.
6. The Party's first ever TV broadcast was in the general election of May 1979 on the basis of 53 candidates.
7. Our first coverage in the 'tabloid' press was in the Daily Mirror in 1980; 'Carrying the Can', a report on the transport of nuclear waste through London, was published in October 1980 by the London Area Party and was subsequently used by the GLC in its nuclear-free campaigning.
8. The first London candidate to break the 10% barrier was David Fitzpatrick in a by-election in Lea Bridge Ward in Hackney, November 1984.
9. The Party's first saved deposit was in the Vauxhall by-election on 15th June 1989 - candidate: Henry Bewley (6.1%). This record lasted three days until the results of the European elections in which all 79 candidates saved their deposits!
10. The Green Party's average vote in the Euro-elections of June 1989 (15%) was the highest ever for a Green Party anywhere in a national election, *at that time.*
