

Your candidate

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Ecology Party Candidate for Exeter

Dear Voter

Long term unemployment, permanent inflation, the threat of international recession, the breakdown of our social structure and values, the exhaustion of our natural wealth, the pollution of our environment. . . there's no doubt about the seriousness of the problems facing Britain.

And what do the other parties propose? More economic growth. There's only one problem - it won't work. And the politicians of the major parties haven't the faintest idea what to do about it.

The other candidates in this election are insulting your intelligence by asking you to support more of the same old policies which led to the crisis in the first place. They are tripping over themselves in their frantic rush to outbid each other with promises of more material wealth, and with talk of making Britain "great" again through further industrial expansion and growth. Such are the empty bribes with which worried politicians will attempt to buy your vote.

The Ecology Party has no part in this farce. Our major concern is to get people to face up to the future. We recognise that industrial society is collapsing, and instead of vainly trying to prolong the agony for another decade or so, we want to get on with the job of building a **sustainable** society.

More than likely you've had a look at what the Tories, Labour and Liberals are offering, and decided not to bother voting. But consider the real alternative put forward by the Ecology Party: the reconstruction of our society, and the creation of a stable, ecological and democratic future.

At last there's a party worth voting for.

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Below you will find some of our ideas on how to build a sustainable society. Ambitious? Idealistic? Maybe, but they are practical policies. And isn't it about time we had a political party that looked further ahead than next week?

ECONOMY

We can't grow on like this. Anyone who thinks that economic growth can continue indefinitely in a finite world is either an economist or a madman. Anyway, in the short term, 'growth' means investment in highly automated industries. In other words, more machines and fewer jobs. Politicians who call for more growth are threatening your job.



Instead, we should move towards a stable economy, which won't collapse when the oil runs out, and which could provide rewarding work and a reasonable standard of living for everyone.

- *aim for more self sufficiency in the things we need.
- *encourage labour intensive industries, where goods are made with care and craftsmanship.
- *put more people in farming and in other areas where we depend on imports, such as the clothing industry.
- *develop the skills that will make sense when energy and raw materials are no longer so cheap — in energy conservation, insulation schemes, in maintenance and repair work, and in the vitally important business of recycling.
- *build up small local businesses, co-operative ventures and community schemes.
- *make it easier for people to be self employed, rather than subjecting them to bureaucratic persecution.

These are the sort of measures, not economic growth, which will put our economy back on its feet again. Let's create the jobs that need the people!

ENERGY AND RESOURCES

First of all we have to stop using energy and resources like there's no tomorrow. Our supplies of raw materials would go a lot further if we used them carefully.

- *start a massive energy conservation programme.
- *develop alternative sources of energy, such as solar, wind and wave power.
- *ban any further nuclear power stations. They are far too dangerous, and we don't know how to dispose of the waste products.
- *conserve raw materials by recycling, and by producing long lasting goods that can be repaired.

ENVIRONMENT

Pollution and the appalling deterioration in our environment is the price we have paid for economic growth. We must change our ways before it's too late.

- *start cleaning up the mess created by our industrial society.
- *stop pollution at source by taxation and legislation.
- *turn derelict land into parks and allotments.
- *call a halt to any further road schemes and put the money into public transport.

AGRICULTURE

We now import over half our food. We must grow more of our own if we want to avoid the effects of future world shortages. Yet since 1972, one million acres of fertile land have been covered with roads and urban development.

- *aim to become self sufficient in food.
- *encourage smaller farms and smallholdings which produce more per acre, and provide more jobs.
- *bring in organic methods to protect the fertility of the soil.
- *ban any further development of agricultural land.

COMMUNITY

The only way to stop the present disintegration of our society is to rebuild small, caring communities — something which is easier said than done. But we can make a start by letting communities become more self reliant.

- *build up community enterprises which produce for local need.
- *encourage self help organizations, so that we become less dependent on remote bureaucrats and state institutions. Let's learn to work with people, rather than for people.
- *bring old people back into the community, so that we can all benefit from their knowledge and experience.

Secondly we must decentralize government as much as possible and allow communities to govern themselves. We must transfer responsibility away from central government, and back to the people of this country.



What does all this add up to? A society which provides enjoyable work and a reasonable standard of living for everyone; a sustainable economy that won't collapse when the oil runs out; a clean, safe, pleasant environment; the introduction of real democracy; and small, caring communities established as the foundation of a stable society.

It adds up to a real alternative to the disastrous policies of the other parties — policies which in the long term will cost us the Earth.

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