



# Green Party for real change *Jerome Thomas* Clifton Ward

**I am Jerome, Green Party candidate for Clifton in the local elections to Bristol City Council on May 7th. Darren Hall is the Green Party candidate for Bristol West in the general election, which is taking place on the same day.**

My wife, Catherine, and I have lived in the Cliftonwood/Hotwells area for 20 years and our children were all born and raised here.

You might have heard that Green Party membership is growing like never before. That's because more and more people want to play their part in building a constructive, inspiring, fairer vision of the future. That's why I joined the Green Party and why I want to represent Clifton as its first Green Councillor. You may think that the Green Party doesn't have all the answers, but unlike the other parties, I believe we are asking the right questions!

If we haven't already met, I look forward to meeting you in the coming months and hearing your views. And perhaps, with Bristol as Europe's Green Capital, asking how you think we should be shaping a healthier, happier Clifton and Bristol? ■



### Your local Green Party team

**Darren Hall** (Parliamentary candidate for Bristol West) **Carla Denyer** (ward candidate for Clifton East) **Marian Tucker** (Campaign Manager – not pictured) **Jerome Thomas** (ward candidate for Clifton)

## About me

- Married to a local medical doctor and dad to three teenage children.
- Chair of the Bristol European Green Capital Energy Action Group, working to support the development of Bristol's low carbon future.
- I'm an experienced manager and entrepreneur. The safety business I set up 20 years ago (and which I still work for) is now a national business employing over 80 people - so I know the importance of good teamwork and how tough it can be in business through a long recession.
- I have a variety of relevant experience, having worked in the voluntary sector, in a management consultancy, served as charity trustee, and for many years was a member of the Labour Party.
- I joined the Green Party because I care about the Environment, Fairness, Community and Sustainable Prosperity. ■

*Jerome*

**Please do get in touch – I want to hear your views**

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# Bristol Green Party Team

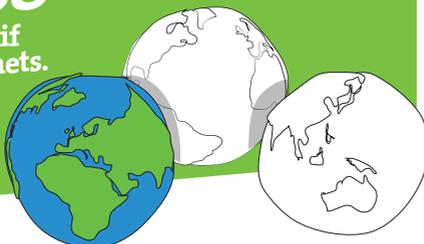
**Green Party representation is growing fast in Bristol.**

There are now 6 councillors representing the Green Party in Redland, Bishopston, Ashley/Montpelier and Southville helping Bristol to become one of Europe's leading green cities. We have a shared vision of a healthier, happier future. And we are introducing practical measures in energy, transport and housing, to help bring that future about. ■

## The Bigger Picture

We're behaving as if we have three planets.

But we've only got one!



**Could these be some of the solutions for a healthier, happier future?**



### **Sustainable transport**

Reducing the need to travel, and encouraging low carbon and zero carbon means of travel to reduce emissions.



### **Reduced Waste**

Reducing waste, reusing where possible, and ultimately sending much less waste to landfill.



### **Low carbon**

Making buildings energy efficient and delivering all energy with renewable power sources.



### **Local and sustainable food**

Supporting sustainable and humane farming, promoting access to healthy, low impact, local, seasonal and organic diets and reducing food waste.



### **Land use and wildlife**

Protecting and restoring bio-diversity, and creating new natural habitats through good land use and integration into the built environment.

These are key themes of the Bristol's European Green Capital year, they are also 5 of the ten principles of 'One Planet Living' see: [www.bioregional.com/oneplanetliving](http://www.bioregional.com/oneplanetliving). ■

## Green Party Priorities for Clifton and Bristol

- Help make walking and cycling safer.
- Improve air quality for the city in general and in our ward in particular on the Hotwell Road.
- Improve local transport.
- Create more affordable sustainable housing.
- Improve energy efficiency and design in our existing buildings.
- Support improved community centre provision in Clifton and Hotwells. ■



## Watch this space!

In the coming months, I will be listening to your views and updating you on the issues locally that matter.

For example:

- Recycling and refuse collection.
- Parking: RPZ.
- The 20mph speed limit.
- Community centre provision.
- Anti-social behaviour & graffiti tagging.

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