

Clifton Green Party

A Vision for Clifton and Hotwells May 2015



What do you care most about?

Like the majority of people you probably care about your friends and family and their wellbeing. Maybe you are concerned about the future of your children or grandchildren if you have them. Or perhaps you care deeply about nature or animals or people generally.

I believe that The Green Party's policies are best for people and the planet. We need a healthy environment for people to survive and flourish. The Green Party is the only party that takes the environment seriously and is committed to greater fairness and equality.

Two-thirds of political posters in Clifton windows at the end of April say 'Vote Green.' So if you share our values you can confidently vote for what you believe in, knowing it is not a wasted vote.

Jerome

Bristol Green Party Team

Green Party representation is growing fast in Bristol.

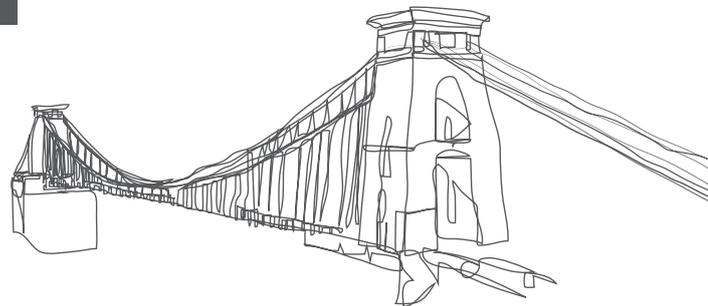


Jerome Thomas
for Clifton

A bit about me and why I am standing for election..

I'm standing to become Clifton's first elected Green Party councillor at the election on May 7th. My wife Catherine and I have lived and brought up our family in the Clifton Wood and Hotwells area for the last 20 years.

I believe I have the experience and desire to be able to make a valuable contribution to Clifton and to the city. I started a business 20 years ago that now employs over 80 people, so I understand the importance of teamwork and looking after employees, I've worked in the voluntary sector and I have been the trustee of a national charity. I'm trusted as someone who is capable, caring and principled. If you want to know a little bit about my priorities and background please visit the Clifton Green Party website and do look at my campaign video on You Tube, bit.ly/CliftonGreenParty.



There are now 6 councillors representing the Green Party in Redland, Bishopston, Ashley/Montpelier and Southville. We have a shared vision of a healthier, happier future. And we are introducing significant practical measures in energy, transport and housing to help bring that future about.

Our Clifton Green Party Manifesto

If I am elected as a councillor how would I want to help shape and change things?



Caroline Lucas, MP of the Year 2014, with Clifton Green Party.

I would support improved library and community centre provision in Clifton and Hotwells:

■ The council's consultation on the library service raises the threat of closure to Clifton library. There has been a huge fall in the central government grant to Bristol and consequently changes may well be necessary in local library provision because of this. Any revision of our local library service needs to properly take into account their role as centres of the community.

See the illustration below for our alternative and positive view of the future of Clifton library.

We want to help make walking and cycling safer in the ward and across the city.

■ There are places where we need to improve crossings in our ward, for example at the intersection of Cumberland Basin Rd and Merchants Rd opposite the Pump House.

I would campaign to extend the 20 mile an hour speed limit to some of the more dangerous roads in the ward, for example Hotwell Road and Upper Belgrave Road. This could improve safety, reduce pollution and speed the flow of traffic.

Why can't Hotwell Road be less like a dual carriageway and more like Whiteladies or Gloucester Road with more thriving independent shops and businesses?

We support the Portway Sunday Park www.portwaysundaypark.co.uk.

This will allow people more opportunities to enjoy the Gorge in its traffic free splendour.



E. CUNNINGHAM

A positive future for Clifton Library and Community Centre?

We want to improve other forms of local transport:

■ I will engage with the Council on the many suggestions for improvement it has received for the newly introduced Residential Parking Zones. There is a concern that the Council is not listening to perfectly actionable suggestions for improvements.

With the arrival of the Metrobus scheme locally in the next five years, many of the bus services that currently serve Hotwell Road will be rerouted along Cumberland Road. How can we ensure that Metrobus does not mean a loss of public transport on the Hotwell Road?

Improved air quality:

■ At the moment the air quality on Hotwell Road and in central Bristol routinely breaches safe European standards, with an adverse impact on the health and well being of people living and working here. The Green Party supports the provision of easily accessible information on local air quality. I will try and ensure the best combination of approaches is agreed to improve air quality, drawing on experience from elsewhere. This will result in the reduction of emissions and pollution, especially particulates from old, larger and more inefficient diesel engined vehicles.

More affordable sustainable housing:

■ We will strongly encourage the council to make better use of its property portfolio and promote a significantly higher building rate of affordable homes. I will also support the promotion of the Acorn Ethical letting charter, This is designed to encourage existing best practice in the private rental sector, and will be welcomed by all good landlords and responsible letting agents. It will help raise the standards of bad landlords who bring the private rental sector into disrepute.

Improve energy efficiency and design in our existing buildings.

■ The city council has an important role to play in improving our energy efficiency and leading the way to a low carbon future, where carbon emissions are reduced to sustainable levels. In February 2015 the Mayor agreed the launch of the Bristol Energy company with a commitment to provide an initial £1.6m of funding and 'subsequent working capital' until the company becomes profitable. This decision will be subject to the provision of appropriate business plans to the July 2015 cabinet meeting.

Having served as the chair of the Bristol Green Capital Energy Action Group. I will want to ensure as a Councillor that a broad range of stakeholders have been consulted to maximise the chances of the Mayor achieving his stated goals for the energy company and that best practice has been followed for launching a business of this nature and scale.

I am asking you to please vote for me on May 7 as your local Green Party candidate and as the best local candidate to promote a positive practical vision for a greener Clifton and Bristol. We've already knocked on over 1700 doors in Clifton ward in our canvassing. I'm sorry if I haven't been able to speak to you personally but please get in touch if you would like to meet.

Our neighbourhood partnership

We are lucky to live in a city where we agree on many things. Our Neighbourhood partnerships have been established by the City to listen to the views of our community and to develop neighbourhood plans. If you look on the Clifton Green Party website you can better see how Green Party priorities and neighbourhood partnership priorities fit together.

If you would like to find out more do please visit the Clifton Green Party website www.bristolgreenparty.org.uk/clifton.



Creating an improved City Council culture.

My father was a civil servant, so I appreciate the contribution and motivation of people in public service. However, as well as the many positive qualities of the city council, I believe a culture has developed which can mean that the council appears not to be listening and also to think that it sometimes knows best. I would like to use my experience of customer service and organisational development to help promote a better approach.

If you would like to find out more, do please visit our website, see my three minute campaign video bit.ly/CliftonGreenParty or see our noticeboard on Clifton Road.

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