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Martin says: *“Green politics is about the future - a better future for us all. We are determined to close the gap between rich and poor, and to end the wasteful over-consumption by a few. We want a future where families matter, where communities are strong and people can contribute through interesting and rewarding work. We want houses properly insulated so that they no longer waste heat, better public transport so that we are less reliant on cars, and local hospitals and schools serving the needs of the community and not private corporations. This sounds idealistic, but actually it is just basic common sense. You have one vote - use it at the next General Election to choose a better future.”*

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DON'T WASTE YOUR VOTE!

In one opinion poll after another, voters support what the Greens stand for. So this time, why not be positive and vote for what you believe in? If you vote for the old parties you'll just get more of the same - whether it's Tory or Labour. The Green Party is the future. And here in Stroud constituency, **you** can make the difference.

VOTE GREEN



WHY VOTE GREEN THIS TIME?

Stopping Climate Change

Climate change is the greatest challenge humankind has ever faced — but we can limit the worst effects if we follow the best available science, move on from Copenhagen and take action now. By taking action we can become leaders in low-carbon technologies, create millions of jobs and make our country less vulnerable to oil and gas shortages:

- Insist following failure at Copenhagen that negotiations resume to achieve strong but fair, legally binding international emission reductions;
- Introduce a fair UK system of carbon rationing 'smartcards' to protect the poor from rocketing fuel prices;
- Make our homes energy efficient;
- Support public transport, walking and cycling.



From the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Protecting Public Services

Public services are under threat, with rising demand but continuing cutbacks. Greens believe that local, high quality public services are essential to healthy, well-educated and thriving communities. Healthcare and education should be free at the point of delivery:

- Abolish charges for prescriptions, dentistry and eye tests;
- Replace Higher Education student fees with grants;
- End private financing (PFI) of hospitals, City Academies and Trust Schools;
- Re-nationalise the railways;
- Don't privatise the Post Office.



Green Councillors campaigning to save public services.

Sensible and Fair Economics

Economic globalisation is locking producers worldwide into an increasingly competitive system with devastating social and environmental costs. We need rules to promote fair trade and create sustainable local economies worldwide. Our 'Green New Deal' calls for £44bn to create over a million new jobs in low-carbon industries in the UK, thus tackling the recession while moving the country quickly towards a post-carbon economy:

- Close tax havens;
- Higher corporation tax for big companies;
- Investment in industries that will create long-lasting jobs and reduce carbon emissions;
- Higher taxes for very high earners.



Test firing of Trident II D5 missile.

Peace with Security

We should only use our military forces for defending this country and for humanitarian operations. We should concentrate on creating peace through a strong UN and by promoting justice - with less destabilising inequality across the globe. If Britain were less dependent on imported oil, gas and uranium we would not be so

vulnerable to foreign powers, and would have no need to invade countries like Iraq to protect oil supplies:

- Don't replace Trident nuclear weapons, and use the money saved to fund long-term renewable energy security;
- Withdraw our troops from Afghanistan;
- Kick-start international nuclear disarmament;
- Don't attack Iran.