



Chris Southall

Tending Green Party Candidate In District and General Election

Chris trained as an engineer at the Royal Aircraft Establishment in Farnborough and has a can-do attitude. He has been self-employed most of his life working as a potter, computer engineer, drummer and with people who have special needs.

Chris has two children and three grandchildren. He lives with his partner Rosie and her teenage daughter in Clacton where they have an Eco house and Permaculture LAND centre which is sometimes open to the public.

Chris has stood for the Green Party in many local and national elections; he has been a school governor and a parish councillor. Chris is an active environmental campaigner in and around Clacton and is co-ordinator of Tending Green Party.

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Green Party

for the common good

Greens are working to create community by helping people to connect and support each other.

The Health Service

Save the NHS from privatisation - Greens are the only mainstream party opposing the secret deal between the EU and the USA (TTIP) which would give big companies a permanent right to buy into our NHS. TTIP will damage animal welfare, the environment, food safety and allow companies to sue councils and governments that don't allow them to do what they want.



Morality in politics and business Tax evading companies and fat cats

We need politicians and business leaders with integrity not self-interest. There have been too many scandals in politics in recent years and highly paid directors who care about their own bonuses, not about their employees. Too often big companies and the super rich are evading and avoiding their taxes.



Poverty: These are tough times for many: falling wages and rising bills are hitting our standard of living and the most vulnerable are hit the hardest.

- address the fact that richest 1000 people in the UK have as much wealth as the poorest 40% of households!
- Raise the minimum wage to a living wage (£7.85) increasing to £10 an hour by 2020
- Reduce the pay gap between company bosses and those at the bottom

Benefits: Greens do not believe in blaming people on benefits, we would;

- Simplify the benefits system and stop targeting those with disabilities and special needs
- abolish the 'bedroom tax'
- Invest in our future workers by scrapping university fees

Green policies create jobs, building new Council houses & insulating homes

Jobs in energy efficiency, home insulation, renewable energy, re-use of materials and second-hand goods, local transport, encouraging local production and local services



The EU: re-negotiating our relationship but not abandoning Europe

The EU has brought many benefits to working people, families and our environment including:

- limiting working time and a right to rest breaks
- equal pay for men and women
- parental leave so that parents can have additional time with their children
- Reducing the risk of war in Europe

Energy: Lets change the way electricity is paid for; if you use less you pay a lower rate – with no standing charge. Greens have called for a massive national program of home insulation, continuing what has happened in Jaywick across the country. It's a win, win, win. Families save money, we reduce our use of fossil fuels and combat climate change.

Climate Change: We oppose fracking. We take flooding seriously, both on the coast and inland and campaign to improve flood protection and prevention.

Transport:

- Improve local bus services to meet people's needs, create safer walking routes and so less need for cars.
- Re-nationalise the railways and spend our money on improving the existing services, not on HS2 which would only benefit 1% of rail users

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