

So: education, employment and security for all – this is the heart of Green Party crime policy. We would:

- Treat *drug addiction* as a health issue (see Chapter 6 for our health policy).
- Restrict police use of random *stop and search powers*, which damage police and youth relations.
- Improve the design of our cities to provide *safer streets* and public spaces.
- Focus on *crime prevention measures*, including more community policing under local democratic control, more local police stations and the return of bus conductors and others who have an important effect on social order.
- Oppose the *privatisation of policing* and establish a Royal Commission on Policing as a first step towards delivering a service that's fit for purpose.
- Provide proper funding for *Women's Refuges* for survivors of domestic violence, and make domestic abuse a specific criminal offence.
- Work to change attitudes towards *rape*, including improving initial responses to women, early evidence collection and access to justice.
- Abolish *Police and Crime Commissioners*, and return control of the police to local government.

Green London Assembly Member Jenny Jones saves Police Road Safety Unit

In 2009, Jenny fought the closure of the Metropolitan Police Commercial Vehicle Education Unit, which instructs HGV drivers on road sharing and awareness of vulnerable road users. This unit has now been reinstated within the traffic police section.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND OFFENDER REHABILITATION

Once people have offended, what next? Punishment for its own sake (retributive justice) gets us nowhere, and that's why the Green Party would greatly expand the use of restorative justice, with the offender making up to the victim and the community. This gives victims a voice and helps offenders to see the effects of what they have done. This should enable us substantially to reduce the numbers in prison and reduce reoffending. In particular, we believe there are far too many children in the penal system.

What happens when prisoners are returned to the community? Nearly 50% of adult offenders released between April 2011 and March 2012 reoffended. This is a real indictment of what happens to people in prison. The Green Party would:

- Oppose the *privatisation of the probation services*.
- Provide access to *real work and education*, the work to include repairing damage done by crime.
- Provide access to *artistic and creative facilities*.
- Provide access to *literacy and numeracy classes* from the first day of imprisonment.
- Operate a *smaller prison system*, saving £5.5 billion over the course of the Parliament.
- Grant *prisoners the right to vote*.
- Oppose the use of the *death penalty* abroad.

Greens in power carry out our policies

Restorative justice works. In Green-led Brighton, the number of young people entering the criminal justice system in the city fell over the three successive years to October 2013 as the Council's youth crime prevention team joined with police to help young people understand the impact of their behaviour and make amends.