

There has never been a more important time to go Green.
Join us and build the Green movement – fill in the form now:



Membership and Donation Form

Contact Details

Title: Name:
Address:

Postcode: Date of birth (if under 18):
Phone: Email:

Join the Scottish Green Party

Have you previously been a member? yes no

Subscription Rates (based on gross annual income)

Please indicate your rate:

- | | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> £ 5 | Under 18 and full-time students | <input type="checkbox"/> £36 | £20,001 – £30,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £12 | Under £10,000 income | <input type="checkbox"/> £48 | £30,001 – £40,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £24 | £10,001 – £20,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> £60 | £40,001 – £50,000 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> £72 | Over £50,000 |

Choose payment method: cash cheque standing order (complete form below)

Choose mailing format: email paper essential documents only

I would like to be put in touch with the following SGP Representative Groups:

- Women's Network Young Greens

Declaration: I accept and will further the aims of the Scottish Green Party, and am not a member of any other political party except a Green Party abroad.

Signed:

Donate to the Scottish Green Party

I wish to pay by cheque and enclose a cheque for:

- £10 £25 £50 £100 £250 £500 Other: £

I wish to donate £ per month/year by standing order (complete form below).

Please keep me updated with news of campaigns and events.

All donations above £200 a year must be from registered UK voters, so we need the contact details of all donors and will return any donations that do not meet our legal obligations.

Standing Order

To (bank name): Sort Code:

Address: Postcode:

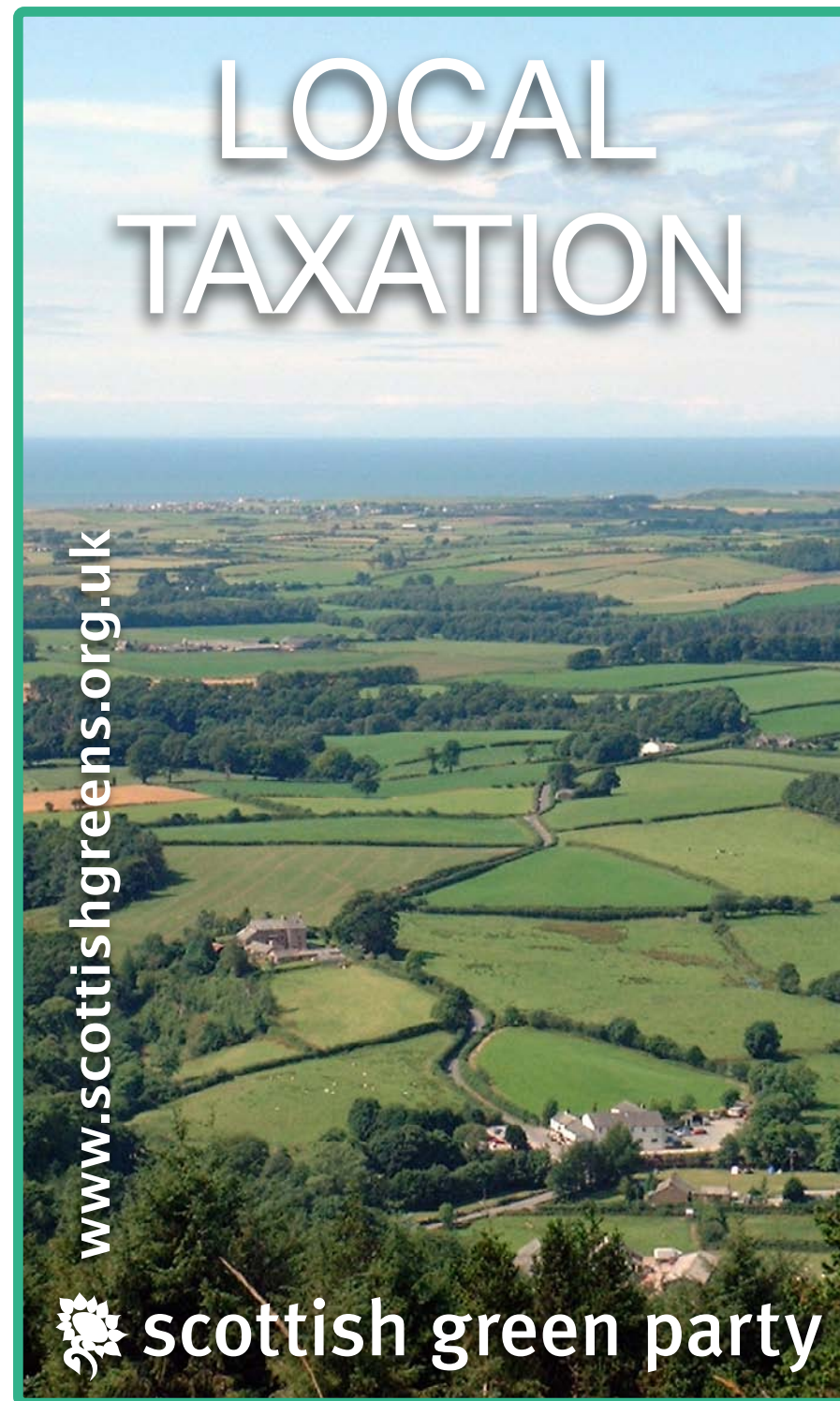
Set up a standing order to:

Scottish Green Party, The Co-operative Bank, a/c 65341377, sort code 08-92-99.

Starting on 01/ /20 , please pay every month/year (delete as appropriate): £

My account number: Signed:

Please complete and return to: FREEPOST Scottish Green Party, Thorn House, 5 Rose Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PR



Local Taxation

No-one likes the Council Tax... But local services have to be paid for.

Scottish Greens will introduce local taxes based on the annual rental value of land – not on the buildings on the land. This taxation system – called Land Value Tax (LVT) or Site Value Rating (SVR) – is the fairest local government taxation system to replace the Council Tax and Business Rates. It is more closely related to ability to pay. And it is a better way to fund local government than Local Income Tax as it is truly local and based on wealth, not hard-earned income.

Unlike Rates, LVT does not penalise people for improving their land or property. It is not a tax on buildings or the value of crops or the production of goods or services.

LVT will be paid by the landowner and will be levied as a proportion of the annual rental value of the land for its permitted use. Where land – for example the site of a house – is owner-occupied, a notional rental value will be set by the District Valuer. There are no reductions for buildings left vacant or derelict so there will be an incentive to make full use of properties, and land price speculation will be discouraged. It also discourages land hoarding – the practice where supermarkets buy up prime land to prevent their competitors buying it.

Equally, where a landowner gains solely because of a major investment nearby, that gain will result in a higher rate of tax. So if public expenditure in, for example, a new railway station results in nearby land increasing in value, some of that expenditure will be recovered in a higher LVT – again reducing land speculation, and planning blight.

In rural Scotland, agricultural land will generally attract a low LVT. Land will be zoned for intensive or extensive use and taxed accordingly.

The amount of LVT paid will depend on the uses that are feasible and permitted on the land in question so Land Value Rating needs to be co-ordinated closely with the planning system.

The most valuable land – land in town and city centres and other prime land – will be the highest rated since generally it is the community and not the land owner that has made such land valuable.

Because Scottish Greens are committed to localisation, transparency and accountability, we want a greater proportion of overall tax revenues to be raised locally. And Greens oppose Scottish and UK government capping of local government spending.

Land Value Taxation operates successfully in countries such as Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Estonia and in parts of the USA and Australia.