THE EARL OF CARLISLE, 49, was educated at Eton and Balliol College, Oxford. He was commissioned in the 9th/12th Royal Lancers and retired from the army in 1987. He succeeded his father in 1994. As George Howard he was the Liberal/Alliance candidate in the Easington constituency in the 1987 election, and contested Northumbria as the Liberal/Democrat candidate in the 1989

European Parliamentary election.