

ELECTION COMMUNICATION

Worthing East & Shoreham

LEGALISE CANNABIS



**VOTE
CHRIS BALDWIN**



My name is Chris Baldwin. I am 51 and have lived in Worthing for over 20 years and have a 22 year old daughter. I have been disabled since the age of 8 and have used cannabis for 32 years.

I am standing in this election to voice the concerns of many people who feel that the ban on cannabis is wrong, and to give YOU the chance to make your feelings known to the Government. If elected, I would be happy to do my utmost to represent the constituency on all matters and work to bring an end to a law that punishes people it is meant to protect.

I am happy to discuss the issue with you further.

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undeniable medical benefits for many users. personally. I have spastic legs and when I try twitch and jerk about making it impossible. I medication from the hospital but the side dreadful. Cannabis calms my legs and allows normally. Numerous other people who suffer in many ways have claimed relief from cannabis but this has never been studied properly as the plant remains illegal. Instead, we criminalise users.

Cannabis does not cause crime. The link between cannabis and crime is a direct result of prohibition. A banned commodity has only one line of distribution - the illegal market - and because of this millions of otherwise law-abiding people step outside the law.

If cannabis was legalised law and order would benefit not suffer. Don't **you** think there are more important things for the police to deal with? Legalising cannabis would allow more officers to deal with real crime.

Prohibition seldom works. The prohibition of alcohol in the US (1919-1933) resulted in organised crime and impure alcohol that harmed and killed. Today in the UK, cannabis prohibition has led to adulteration of the plant product with various toxic and harmful substances to make more money.

The law that was created to protect people is actually harming them.

Enforcing drug prohibition in Britain costs £1.05 billion a year. The majority of drug arrests are for cannabis; most of them are for personal amounts. This process does not stop the cannabis user. Money and manpower are wasted and nothing is achieved. Furthermore, if cannabis was legalised it could be taxed, saving resources and raising revenue.

The government says they want to send a clear message to the young and protect them. I agree. Thousands of teenagers have tried alcohol and cannabis and discovered that alcohol is the stronger of the two, what they don't understand is, why is one legal but the other not? This is **not** a clear message for the young.

***If you use cannabis but don't see yourself as a criminal or
if you don't use cannabis but believe prohibition is wrong or
if you believe disabled people have the right to ease their suffering.***

please vote for The Legalise Cannabis Alliance.

If you would like to discuss this or any other issue, please phone me on the number overleaf.

Many thanks, Chris Baldwin