



## **JEFFREY DITCHFIELD**

*I have come to the conclusion that politics are too serious a matter to be left to the politicians. Charles De Gaulle (1890 - 1970)*

I believe that politicians should be more concerned with representing their constituents and less concerned with representing their party line

The people in the constituency of the Vale of Clwyd, deserve to be represented by an MP who is not afraid to 'ruffle a few feathers'

I am 45 years old and I live in Rhyl. I have lectured at The Royal College of General Practitioners to Consultants and Doctors; I have also lectured at John Moores University to third year pharmacy students regarding the medicinal use of cannabis.

In January 2004, after a four day trial I was found not guilty on charges of possession with intent to supply cannabis to MS sufferers. If I had been convicted I could have been sentenced to a maximum of 14 years in prison.

I obey every law in the UK, except the one that states that it is illegal to give cannabis to people who are ill. I have never refused assistance to a person who was genuinely ill. If I was elected as your MP I would also put your interests above everything else.

My involvement in local issues and local community groups has given me an insight into the problems within our constituency and I will endeavour to fight for the principles of common sense and fair play for all.



## **MEDICINAL USES OF CANNABIS**

Until 1971, a Doctor could legally prescribe a cannabis based medicine.

Cannabis has proven beneficial in the treatment of MS, arthritis, chronic pain, Chron's disease, and many other debilitating and incurable conditions.

It cannot be right, that in this day and age we are sending some of the most vulnerable people in our society into the clutches of some of the most dangerous people in our society, just to obtain a plant that they use for medicinal purposes.



## **OTHER USES FOR CANNABIS**

The re-legalisation of cannabis will have benefits for our society and the environment

Cannabis is an effective medicine. Other beneficial uses are as a Bio-Fuel, cheap and clean burning it does not contribute to global warming. It can also be used to produce building materials and clothing. Garments made from hemp are warmer and more durable than those made from cotton.

Did you know that one acre of cannabis hemp could produce as much usable fibre as four acres of trees? Hemp paper can also be recycled seven times, wood pulp only four times.

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VALE OF CLWYD CONSTITUENCY



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**If you want to be represented  
by an MP who kicks arse and  
doesn't kiss arse then**

**VOTE**

for

**Jeffrey Ditchfield**

your

**Legalise Cannabis Alliance  
Candidate**

**If you think all politicians are  
the same, then think again!**

**Use your Vote**

**Vote LCA**

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## LOCAL ISSUES

Peter Hain has claimed that 'Here in Wales, right across Britain, Labour means full employment'

Well that is not true in the in the West of Rhyl, this Ward has an unemployment rate of 9.3% - UK average is 3.4%\*

The number of people without any formal qualifications is 44.6%, the UK average is 29.1%\*, so much for the emphasis on education, education, education!

Ex-Deputy Head, Chris Ruane campaigned in the last election on a manifesto that included a pledge of no top up fees, a broken promise to some and a blatant lie to others.

The number of homes in West Rhyl without central heating is 29.6%, in the rest of the UK the average is 8.5%\*

Broken promises and war seem to be the result of Chris Ruane towing the party line. Chris Ruane voted in favour of the war on Iraq, a war described by UN chief Kofi Annan as illegal.

The Commons Foreign Affairs Committee recently reported that Iraq has become a breeding ground for terrorists, and they warned that Britain faces a greater threat of attack than before the war. Criticism of Britain's failure to say whether it acts on intelligence gained from torture is a particular embarrassment, said the report

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## PROHIBITION - IS THERE A BETTER WAY?

*Insanity [is] ... Continuing to do the same things and expecting different results.*

*Albert Einstein*

Prohibition has never worked

Prohibition presents a supply monopoly to criminal organisations with high levels of untaxed illegal profits.

Prohibition ensures that cannabis consumers maintain contact with the criminal supply chain and the inherent danger of being moved onto more dangerous class A drugs.

Prohibition criminalises people who consume cannabis in private, with a loss of their future individual contribution to society

Cannabis prohibition brings other laws into disrepute through contempt and mass disdain

Prohibition wastes enormous sums of your tax that could be better utilised in health support and education.

Existing cannabis policies do nothing to control or educate.

We propose that cannabis and cannabis products be removed from the UK Misuse of Drugs Act.

Re-legalise and utilise

*Even when laws have been written down, they ought not always to remain unaltered.*

*Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC),*



## CANNABIS AND HEALTH

The Home Secretary ordered a review into the decision to downgrade cannabis, citing research by the Christchurch School of Medicine and Health Sciences

What was not widely reported in the main stream media was that the lead researcher in the study, Professor David Fergusson, said, "The result suggests heavy use can result in adverse side-effects," "That can (also) occur with (heavy use of) any substance. It can occur with milk."



## YOU COULD BE A DRUG DEALER

Could it happen to you? Yes, it could. What would you do if a loved one became ill with MS?

Many Doctors have suggested the use of cannabis to MS sufferers; however the law prohibits your GP from dispensing it.

Would you sit by and watch your loved one suffer? Or would you go out and try to obtain some cannabis?

Where would you go? How would you approach someone to obtain cannabis? Is it good quality? Is it safe? What would you do if you were arrested?

Re-legalisation would enable you to cultivate and help your loved one, legally.

Compassion should not be a criminal offence