

Dear voter

I am standing in Swansea West on the issue of greater acceptance of cannabis use in our society in order to defend the rights of those adults who have made the decision to use cannabis.

Cannabis has been used as a therapeutic herb for hundreds of years and was used medically until the 1920s for the treatment of 20 conditions.

Two official medical trials have found that cannabis medicine has greater effective pain relieving qualities in the treatment of arthritis and Multiple Sclerosis than many conventional medicines.

With the current crisis in the NHS, the medicinal value of using cannabis for those painful and crippling diseases should not be ignored.

In 1998 the House of Lords committee asked the Government to reschedule cannabis so that it could be prescribed as a medicine. Seven years on it has still not happened.

I believe official toleration of the cultivation of a small number of cannabis plants for personal and medical use would cut hospital waiting lists and relieve pressure in doctors surgeries and also allow people to use a less harmful alternative to alcohol and tobacco for recreational use.
A vote for me would put this issue firmly in the public arena.

Steve Pank has been campaigning for changes to cannabis legislation since 1998. Although based in Norfolk, he has strong links with Wales and has a special interest in Welsh traditions and mythologies and their links with the history of Ancient Britain. He has worked as an adult education tutor in communication with adults having special needs and also in complementary therapy and psychotherapy. He has also done voluntary work as an activist in Friends of the Earth and for three years was co-ordinator for Friends of the Earth local groups. Steve plays music and enjoys sailing, lives with his partner of 30 years and has three grown-up children, who work in teaching, further education and recruitment.

I am not seeking to encourage the illegal use of cannabis.
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VOTE



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