



# Teesside Consumption Lounge

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Where did we Start?

# What do we do?



Functioning Drug consumption room



Informed consumption of cannabis



Education of users and wider community



Inform users of risks and safer methods



Provide a social and health services



Support community initiatives

How can we do what we do?

# More than just a Social Club (The Social Experience)





# Cannabis clubs backed by N.Wales police tsar

**'WHY NOT? THEY'RE CONSENTING ADULTS CAUSING NO HARM'**

NORTH Wales Police and Crime Commissioner, Arfon Jones, has said there should be clubs where people can use cannabis recreationally.

The call follows his visit to one such club on Teesside where members can freely use the drug in a safe and social atmosphere.

Mr Jones said: "I visited Teesside Cannabis Club because I wanted to see how it was run. The members bring their own cannabis. It isn't grown on the premises and they're not dealing or supplying.

"They pay an annual membership fee to be a member of what is a social club where they go to use cannabis.

"There are 150 members paying £35 a year and why not?"

"There are pubs and clubs where people go and drink alcohol so why shouldn't consenting adults be able to use cannabis recreationally and without causing anyone any harm?"

"And the location is such that there is no NIMBYism.

"They had invited me to visit because they had heard about my involvement with various campaign groups and I had just been to London to support MP Paul Flynn's 10-Minute Rule to support the use of medicinal cannabis"

Mr Jones also visited his colleague in the region, Ron Hogg, Police and Crime Commissioner for Durham and managed to squeeze in a football match as well.

"I was on a trip to Harrogate where I had an appointment and to the North East anyway to meet with Ron Hogg and I was combining business with pleasure to watch Wrexham play at Hartlepool United, an excellent match which we won 2-0.



Michael Fisher aka John Holliday, left, founded a cannabis club on Teesside which North Wales PCC Arfon Jones, right, visited.

"I wasn't there specifically to visit Teesside Cannabis Club so there was no additional cost anyway," he said.

"The founder of the club wants to expand the model across the UK.

Michael Fisher, 33, who set up Teesside Cannabis Club four years ago, said that "the world is a very different place" since then.

Mr Fisher, who has also been known in the press as John Holliday, has campaigned for cannabis to be de-criminalised.

He believed that the club

model - which allows up to 180 people to use cannabis in a safe and controlled space - was one which could be replicated across the UK.

He said: "What we've had here is a lot of success, in 14 months, where we've gone from about 60 to 70 members to around 180 people.

"The conversation around cannabis is changing and it is becoming more acceptable to talk about.

"We don't feel the need to hide in the shadows about it.

"Something I would like to

see is more clubs, across the country. Ron Hogg and I have a very good relationship, and I think it would be logical for one to open there.

"One in North Wales as well, we would have a strong evidence base to take to Government and show them how this model works."

Mr Fisher insisted there have been no criminal problems linked to the club.

He added: "We do not cause any problems or harm.

"Using cannabis is technically

illegal but with a good relationship with the police, we have never had any disorder at our events, we deal with it as it comes up and it seems to be a very good model.

"We have spoken as much as we can, they've been very supportive."

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## FORENSICS PROVE OFFS

NORTH Wales Police was forced to retest evidence from seven cases as part of a nationwide investigation into alleged manipulation of data

The North Wales force said while it did not generally use Randox, it had used its Belfast laboratory for "a small number of tests" and in light of the

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# Building relationships with local authorities

## How we operate

- Supported by local authorities
- Tactical location (mutually agreeable)
- Well Ventilated
- Openminded landlord (due diligence)
- Legal support
- sponsorship - members - merchandise

## Protecting the club and members

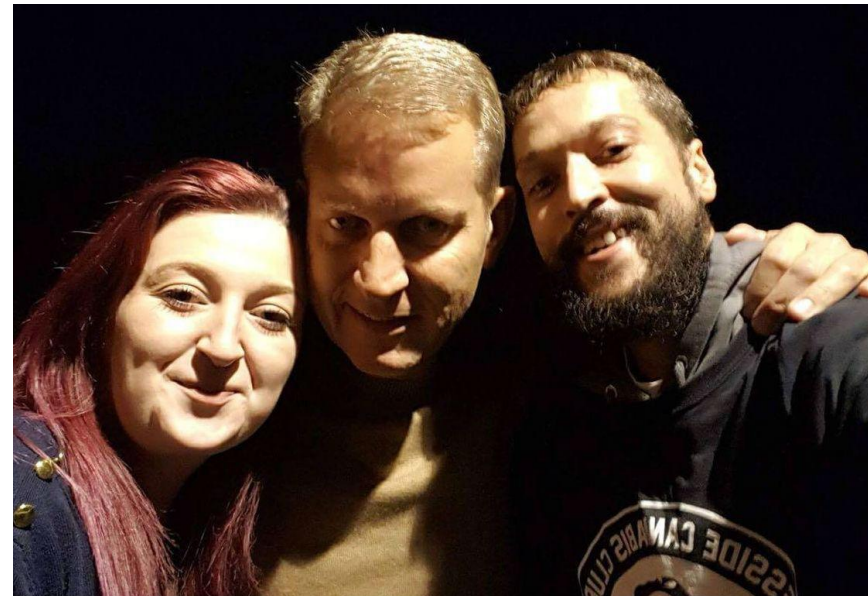
- Harm reduction
- Members welfare program
- Regular communication with police
- Security precautions
- Social and Health Services

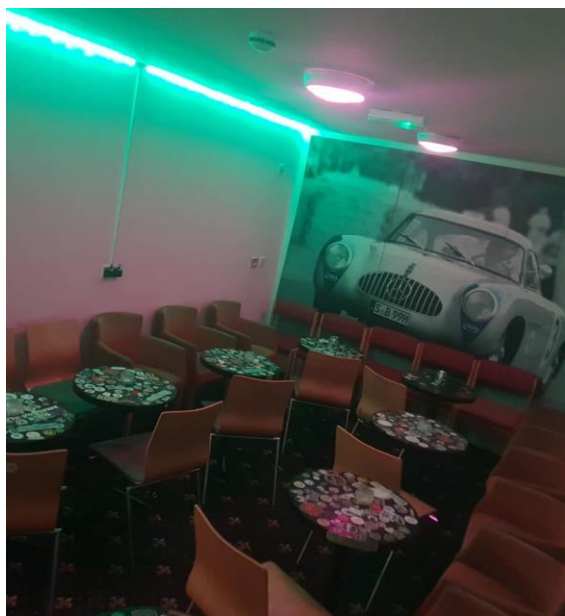






# Slow Progress





# Teesside Cannabis Club Today

