Winston Matthews is a dedicated UK cannabis campaigner that is always there to help, despite his constant battle with pain.

He has been sent to prison in the UK for 16 months for repeatedly growing his own medicinal cannabis plants in his home, to use as an effective alternative to dangerous and expensive pharmaceutical drugs.

Winston uses cannabis to ease the dreadful pains he suffers as a result of a back injury years ago, he is not a dealer, he is a patient.

In Netherlands, Italy, Germany, Czech Republic (at least) cannabis in bud form is available on prescription and patients can travel around Europe with it - even bring to UK and smoke it outdoors, if they reside in one of those countries, covered by the Schengen Agreement.

Residents of the UK such as Winston, who DID go and get a prescription not long ago, cannot bring the medicinal cannabis into the UK legally.

In Spain people can get cannabis through a cannabis social club which is tolerated.

In Spain, Switzerland, Netherlands, Czech and elsewhere, people can grow a few plants without fear of prosecution.

In many US states, patients can be prescribed cannabis and obtain it through cannabis clinics.

In Canada the courts ruled that the Government MUST grow cannabis for medicinal use.

In the UK people are limited to expensive and often unavailable SATIVEX, unsuitable for those previously suffering from alcohol problems or those with the Islamic faith.

THAT cannot be just.

If you go on Holiday send Winston a postcard and show your support.

You can write to
Winston Matthews A8167CK
HIGHDOWN PRISON,
Highdown Lane,
Sutton,
Surrey SM2 5PJ

Letters
When you write to a prisoner you must include your full name and address. In most prisons the letters are searched and can be read before being given to the prisoner.

You can write about anything but letters must not be obscene, name ‘victims’, or be a threat to discipline or security. Do not enclose any items with letters. Make sure you put sufficient postage to cover the costs (anything bigger than A5 counts as ‘large’). Prisoners can normally receive a ‘reasonable’ number of letters per week.

If you send greetings cards these should be of reasonable size and not padded or pouched. Do not send musical cards. If you are sending more than one card put them all inside one outer envelope, this saves postage. Remember to include your full details (you could put your details on a ‘Post-It’ note stuck to the card or include a letter which has your details).

Always put the prisoner’s full name and prison number. If the person has been moved their mail will be forwarded.

On conviction or transfer a prisoner should be given a ‘Reception’ letter to write to tell you where they are.

Prisoners are given a free letter each week to post out, they can send more, but at their own expense. Some prisons allow you to send in stamps.

Photographs

You can usually send in photographs but in some prisons these must not include any image of the prisoner. Child protection measures may mean that some prisoners may not receive pictures of children, unless they are their own and were not ‘victims’. If you send pictures of children include an explanatory note identifying who the children are and their relationship to the prisoner.

Money

It is not a good idea to send cash, this can get ‘lost’ in the prison. Prisons prefer postal orders, but you could send a cheque. Make these payable to ‘H M Prison Service’, write your name on the back and also the prisoner’s full name and prison number. Any money sent which is deemed to be ‘anonymous’ can be stopped.
Money you send is paid into the prisoner’s ‘Private Cash’ account and they get access to a certain amount (depending upon IEP) each week [currently £15.50 for Standard prisoners].

British Justice has been thrown out.

Ways you can help

You can write to your MP via www.writetothem.com asking them to highlight this case to the MP for Horley, surrey. This will mean Winston's MP will get requests/correspondence from MP's all over the UK.

Join and share this group which was set up to help fight for Winston's early release and to support him as best we can.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/327222800656077/

Fee Winston Mathews page

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Free-Winston-Matthews/348213221868325?sk=wall

Free Winston Mathews cause

http://www.causes.com/causes/652203-free-winston-matthews/actions

Press article

http://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/s/2107921_cannabis_campaigner_jailed_for_growing_drugs

You can send funds to Winston by sending a cheque or postal order made to "HM Prison Service to THE GOVERNOR AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS, you must include your name and address and Winston's name and prison number it will be deposited into his prison account and passed to him on release.

Or you can send funds via paypal to winstonmatthewsfund@gmail.com

Follow the link to add badge to your profile pic
FREE WINSTON MATTHEWS
www.picbadges.com

You can also find more on Winston's Story by clicking the link www.ccguide.org/winstonmatthews.php

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