



# vapers In Power

## VAPERS IN POWER NEWSLETTER JUNE 2015

### ELECTION NEWS

The Vapers in Power Election Campaign was featured in: The Mirror, The Telegraph, The Guardian, The Washington Examiner, The Bristol Post, The Week In, Barnsley Chronicle, BBC Points West, Thorne and District Gazette, and SouthWest Business.co.uk.

Liam attended Hustings in Bristol hosted by 'Protect our NHS' and the Bristol Post, engaging with members of the public and politicians. Leaflets were posted to every household (40,000) in Kingswood, Bristol, and distributed via vape shops in Barnsley. There was extensive campaigning via social media (Facebook and Twitter) with a Twitter audience that rose steadily and increased by over 100 on Election Day itself, with the increase primarily featuring individuals outside the vaping community.

Both candidates and the support team attended their respective counts where Liam received 49 votes and Billy received 103, and engaged with many of politicians present.



### New Members of the Team



**Billy Marsden**  
Candidate  
(Barnsley East)



**Vince Marlow**  
Deputy Leader



**Chris Birks**  
Party Helper

### Festivals, Meets and Expos

Our first vape meet of the year was Vape Jam where we were invited to give a couple of presentations, you can find footage of our efforts here:

<https://goo.gl/hR1GJ7>

We are hoping to have at least one representative at most of the events this year, so if you would like to chat to a member of the team in person, look out for Vapers in Power T shirts.

Clearly VapeFest is the biggest event of the year, and most of the team will be there for that one. We haven't yet finalised our plans for the event, but when we do we will be sure to update you.

### EUROPEAN VAPERS PROTESTS

Over the course of the weekend commencing the 29th of May Vapers in Power was proud to take part in the European Vapers Protest. Hundreds of people protested at events in 7 different countries, all standing against the TPD.

### Memberships

We are delighted to announce that Vapers In Power will be offering memberships soon. This will cement our claim to represent the vaping community. We need to work on the boring details first (editing our constitution and finding suitable database software) but will get it up and running very soon.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Vapers In Power is a political party, registered in the UK with the Electoral Commission. The party was formed in response to the draconian clause in the Tobacco Products Directive which forbids the promotion of vaping. Registered political parties enjoy some rights to free speech - by registering a political party we hope to guarantee that discussion about vaping will not be forced out of the public arena

Regards *Jessica Harding* (Party Leader)