

Julian HUPPERT

A strong voice for young people in Cambridge

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY

I was born in 1978, came to Cambridge when I was three months old and attended local schools. I studied Natural Sciences at Trinity College, Cambridge. Following completion of a PhD, also in Cambridge, in 2005 I worked as a research scientist for several years and set up my own small biotech company.

I was elected as a local councillor in Cambridge in 2001 and as the MP for Cambridge in 2010.

CAMPAIGN RECORD

Championed evidence-based decision making

"I've always championed an evidence-led approach to politics. Too often in politics individual politicians' ideologies and dogmas prevent them from seeing the facts and making the right decisions based on the evidence available. That is why I have consistently fought for tougher action to combat climate change and modernise our drugs laws."

Led the fight to ban revenge porn

"When I was approached by someone about a traumatic revenge porn experience - whereby an ex-partner posted personal photos online without their consent - following the break-up of their relationship, I just knew I had to stop this from happening to others. Revenge porn is incredibly damaging, and has huge implications for its victims. I'm delighted I played a key role in making this awful practice illegal."

Supported an ethical approach to foreign policy

"I firmly believe that we do not need Trident. We simply don't need the ability to blow up large parts of the globe. For that reason, I have fought for it to be scrapped altogether. On top of that, I also voted against military intervention in Syria and Iraq. I would sooner we invested in education to tackle the ideology, not increase anger."

Ending the stigma surrounding mental health

"For too long, mental healthcare has been treated as secondary to physical healthcare. Given that one in four of us will experience a mental health problem in our lives, it is essential we give it the attention it needs and deserves. Myself and Lib Dem colleagues have introduced the first ever national waiting limits for mental healthcare, putting it on a par with other NHS services. I am now fighting to secure an extra £500m for mental health services."



HOBBIES & INTERESTS:

I've always loved cycling and hiking, and in my spare time I love to escape to the mountains somewhere.

If at home, I like to listen to music, go to the cinema or spend time in Cambridge's many fantastic independent cafes and pubs.



DELIVERING FOR CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS

- I kept my promise and voted against a rise in tuition fees. I fought against the last Labour government when they first introduced fees in 1998, and again when they chose to raise them in 2004.
- I have worked hard to improve safety for cyclists across Cambridge, as I know it's a big part of student life here. I recently secured vital investment of £8.4m for the Chisholm Trail cycle route.
- Protecting people's civil liberties has always been a key priority of mine. I helped scrap Labour's ID card scheme and stopped the Conservatives' Snoopers' Charter, which would have allowed the Government to spy on its citizens.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010 - PRESENT A champion for Cambridge in Parliament

"Since 2010 I have worked hard to represent Cambridge's interests. I have helped with over 30,000 individual pieces of casework for residents. I've been a member of the Home Affairs Select Committee, championing civil liberties. I've asked more Prime Minister's Questions than almost any other backbench MP, on topics ranging from local NHS services, to higher education, to investment in cycling."

2001 - 2009 County Councillor for East Chesterton (Cambridge)

"During my time as a County Councillor I successfully campaigned for a new community centre in the area. I also fought for the new train station and started my campaign for more investment in local schools."

2005 - 2010 Post doctoral researcher / Academic Fellow, Cavendish Laboratory, University of Cambridge

"I have always had a passion for science. My research focused on the structure of DNA. The aim was to identify new targets so that we can come up with new cancer treatments."

2003 - 2005 CEO, Cambridge Laboratory Innovations Ltd

"I set up my own small biotech business in 2003 aimed at collecting virgin female fruit flies which are very important for scientific research. Running the company gave me a real insight into the challenges involved in setting up and running a small business."

AWARDS

2014 Cambridge & District CAMRA Real Ale Champion

This award was to recognise my work supporting small breweries and independent pubs.

2013 BRAKE Road Safety Award

Awarded for my work championing road safety, including more investment in walking and cycling.

2013 Internet Service Providers' Association - Internet Hero Award

For my work defeating the proposed Snoopers' Charter, which would have allowed the Government to keep track of what we all do online.

DOM WELDON

- Sidney Sussex student

"I really admire Julian's work on mental health. He understands the importance to end the stigma and provide the necessary funding patients deserve. Cambridge is lucky to have Julian fighting its corner."



CHRIS BOARDMAN

- Olympic gold medallist and British Cycling policy adviser

"I've not met anyone with the intelligence and integrity of Julian; somebody who's passionate about cycling. He wants to invest in all our futures."



FREYA AQUARONE

- Magdalene student

"I'm so please to see Julian pioneering a refreshing approach to drugs policy. Uninformed political rhetoric has criminalised young people who fall victim to drug abuse and addiction."

