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MY PCC**

CANDIDATES FOR THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE FORCE AREA

On 5th May, you will be able to vote for
your police and crime commissioner.

Find out who your local candidates are
and how to vote.

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About police and crime commissioners

On 5th May, you will be able to vote for your police and crime commissioner (PCC). The job of the PCC is to oversee the police and ensure that they are prioritising what matters to you. Elections will be taking place in England and Wales, excluding London and Greater Manchester.

Police and crime commissioners are elected by you to ensure the policing needs of your community are met as effectively as possible and to oversee how crime is tackled in your area.

40 PCCs will be elected across England and Wales (excluding London and Greater Manchester). The PCC in your area holds your police force to account for delivering the kind of policing you want to see. Their aim will be to cut crime and to ensure your police force is effective. PCCs bring a public voice to policing and they do this by:

- engaging with the public and victims of crime to help set police and crime plans;
- ensuring the police force budget is spent where it matters most; and
- appointing, and where necessary dismissing, the chief constable.

Work with others

PCCs also work with your council and other organisations to promote and enable joined up working on community safety and criminal justice.

The PCC does not 'run' the police force. Chief constables are responsible for the day to day operations of the police, but they are accountable to the public via the police and crime commissioner.

PCCs ensure an effective policing contribution alongside other partners to national arrangements to protect the public from other cross-boundary threats.

Represent the entire community

PCCs are required to swear an oath of impartiality when they are elected to office. The oath is designed so that PCCs can set out publicly their commitment to tackling their role with integrity. It reflects the commitment police officers make to serve every member of the public impartially and makes clear that they are there to serve the people, not a political party or any one section of their electorate.

Find your candidate

This booklet contains information on the candidates standing for election in Cambridgeshire police force area. You can also order a copy of this booklet in the following formats: large print, braille and audio.

To place your order visit **www.choosemypcc.org.uk** or call **0800 1070708**.

About your vote

You need to be registered to be able to vote.

If you are not registered visit **www.gov.uk/register-to-vote** or contact your local council.

If you are registered, and eligible to vote you can either vote in person at a polling station, by post, or by proxy (allowing someone you trust to vote on your behalf).

In this election you can vote for a first and second preference of who you want to win.

For more information about your vote and other elections taking place on 5th May visit **www.aboutmyvote.co.uk**

Jason Ablewhite

The Conservative Party Candidate



Election statement:

Cambridgeshire holds a very special place in my heart – I grew up in Bar Hill and Dry Drayton, worked in Cambridge and Peterborough for many years and now live in St Ives.

Married for 18 years to Annette, we have two boys that go to local schools.

As someone with a proven track record in public service, I have been a Councillor for 16 years. In that time, I have held many senior positions including Mayor of my home town and have been Executive Leader of Huntingdonshire District Council for 5 years. I have been a member of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Police and Crime Panel for the last 4 years and have recently stepped down as Chairman to focus on the forthcoming election. I know only too well the pressures and challenges that face our Police force.

Being tough on crime and the causes of crime can only be tackled by increasing frontline police strength – if elected that will be my number one priority.

We need to raise police visibility on our streets and in our communities – everybody must be and feel safe. And we must win the dominant policing issues in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, the battle against drug dealing and drug and drink related crimes, protection of our residents from the threats of terrorism, tackling domestic violence and child sex

exploitation, speeding and road safety, anti-social behaviour and tackling rural crime.

My priority will be to drive out the central and back office costs, to innovate, collaborate with partner agencies and ensure that every penny available is spent on front line policing.

Please visit the *My Plan* section on my website, www.jasonablewhite.org.uk/myplan – it details my commitment to improving policing in Cambridgeshire.

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Dave Baigent

Labour Party



Election statement:

Dave Baigent – For all of the people for all of the time.

I will be a completely different Commissioner whose policies are guided by the hundreds of people I have already spoken with during my campaign.

There is a real need for change that prioritises putting more officers on the street, deals with alcohol related and domestic violence, child sexual exploitation, human trafficking and low-level crime.

These are not just words. I will help those affected by crime and fear of crime. I'll promote safer neighbourhoods by bringing senior police officers to meet our communities and set priorities. Then these will become my priorities for the police to achieve.

I will be a pro-active Commissioner - available 24/7, supporting our police to grow into a more dynamic, forward-looking service that is more accountable, transparent and responsive to local people.

I have a lifetime of public service - over 30 years as a firefighter, then at Anglia Ruskin University writing their public service degree, lecturing on policing and more recently as a Councillor.

I stand for a police service that the residents of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough deserve. Not a service that since 2010 has been cut and privatised.

My policy of improving communications between the police and local people will be centre stage of my pledge to build confidence in the police, promote community safety, reduce crime and antisocial behaviour.

I can only achieve this if you give me your mandate on the 5th May. Then I can make it happen.

Second preferences: If you don't vote for me as your first choice will you give me your second preference, to help me, help you?

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Nick Clarke

UK Independence Party (UKIP)



Election statement:

I seek to serve the people of Cambridgeshire as the next Police and Crime Commissioner and I ask for your support.

It is time to take the fight to the criminals. The interests of law abiding citizens and victims must take precedence over those of the criminals.

We must proactively go after those that make our lives a misery. I want Cambridgeshire to be the most criminal unfriendly county in this country.

I am impatient of unnecessary bureaucracy and expect public services to run efficiently and in the interests of the people they serve.

Illegal drug supply must be tackled head on. Turning a blind eye to drug use sends the wrong message to our young people.

Speeding, rural crime and anti-social behavior cause misery and must be tackled.

Political correctness must go. Our officers must have the confidence to do the right thing and then be supported.

The 101 phone answering service must be better or crimes won't be reported.

I will cut the cost of the Commissioners office, including not having a deputy and reviewing staff costs and numbers, and spend it on the frontline.

I want more public engagement and transparency. I want a more flexible approach to questions from the public at meetings, more public consultations and greater involvement of elected councillors in determining local priorities. Where ever possible meetings will be held in public.

I served in the RAF, have run companies and been an independent member of Cambridgeshire's Police Authority.

As Leader of Cambridgeshire County Council I drove through radical changes to the organization improving efficiency whilst protecting frontline services.

I believe I can have a positive impact on our police force.

Read my full manifesto here <https://nickclarkecambs.wordpress.com>

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Rupert Moss-Eccardt

Liberal Democrats



Election statement:

Reducing crime

Other parties focus on arrests and enforcement. I will focus on reducing crime in the first place. We can cut crime more effectively by doing what consistent research evidence shows works best. I will therefore put more resources into:

- preventing first-time offenders from going on to reoffend;
- helping recently-released prisoners who want to go straight and stay out of trouble;
- focusing attention on offenders who don't want to give up their life of crime.

Working with first-time offenders is the most effective approach. Proven techniques, such as restorative justice which forces offenders to confront the impact of their crimes, can turn many more people away from crime for good. Research evidence shows this works best if done by uniformed police officers.

Accessible and effective

As your Police & Crime Commissioner, I will

- ensure the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough force becomes a leader in best practice and effectiveness so we all benefit;
- strengthen trust in the police by increasing openness and transparency;

- set policing priorities for each urban and rural area locally and in public, with the involvement of the community and its leaders;
- protect the principles of neighbourhood and community policing.

I grew up in the Fens, have lived and worked in Cambridge, and now live in Queen Adelaide near Ely, so I understand the different police and crime issues across Cambridgeshire, essential knowledge for being Commissioner.

I am a policing and security professional. I helped establish the National Centre for Policing Excellence, and consider it a privilege to work with the police services, alongside enthusiastic and dedicated staff.

Being Police & Crime Commissioner is a more than full-time job. If elected as your Commissioner I will undertake no other employment.

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Cambridgeshire

This booklet contains more information about those candidates (where provided) and other information useful to voters. The information provided by a candidate is their responsibility, and may not reflect the opinions of myself or my council.

As Police Area Returning Officer I am responsible for coordinating the election and announcing the result in Cambridgeshire.

Police and Crime Commissioner Elections will be held in Cambridgeshire on 5th May 2016; the candidates standing in that election, alphabetically by surname (as they will appear on the ballot paper), are:

- Ablewhite, Jason David (The Conservative Party Candidate)
- Baigent, Dave (Labour Party)
- Clarke, Nick (UK Independence Party (UKIP))
- Moss-Eccardt, Rupert (Liberal Democrats)

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