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 Derbyshire 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.
Richard Bright
The Conservative Party Candidate

Election statement:

People in Derbyshire should have confidence that their Police & Crime Commissioner is listening to their concerns and making sure police priorities reflect those concerns. And if elected I'll work with Government to do that. I have the skills to do the job. I have served as a member of the Royal Air Force; represent local people as a Derbyshire Dales councillor; I have sat on the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel; and I am the lead member for Derbyshire Dales on the Community Safety Partnership. On Thursday 5th May I hope you will back my 6 point plan for policing and crime in Derbyshire:

Bring back visible neighbourhood policing. I will spend the police budget wisely to put locally focused officers back onto the beat.

Protect vulnerable people of all ages. I will build strong working relationships with all local providers to try to make sure that no body is failed by the system.

Our countryside communities matter. I will work with the police and rural communities in Derbyshire to make sure policing resources are fairly distributed.

Increase support for voluntary Special Constables. I will support the recruitment of up to 25 new voluntary Special Constables a year, for the next four years.

Embrace new technology to reduce red tape. I will introduce new mobile technology to help police officers spend more time out on the beat in their communities and less time in the office completing lengthy paperwork.

Keep the public safe and secure from terrorism. I will work with the Government to make sure the police in Derbyshire have the tools and skill they need to keep you, your family and local community safe.

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Election statement:

POLICING – AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC SERVICE

Alongside the NHS and Education, Policing is one of the most important public services we all rely on. We hope that we will never have the need of police support but want the reassurance that we will get the help we want in our time of need.

Derbyshire’s Police and Crime Commissioner requires extensive experience in policing governance, the criminal justice system, working with partner agencies and commissioning complicated services for victims of crime. The primary role of the PCC is to hold the Chief Constable to account to ensure people and communities are kept safe from harm.

I have the experience

• 3 years as Derbyshire’s first Deputy PCC to Alan Charles
• 10 years’ service as a member of Derbyshire’s Police Authority
• 30 years as professional probation officer and CJ manager
• 20 years as senior city Councillor and Cabinet Member
• Commissioning victims services – domestic and sexual violence; hate crime

As Derbyshire’s Police and Crime Commissioner I will

• Put victims and their needs at the heart of everything that I do
• Reject the privatisation of Police services
• Resist further Government cuts to Derbyshire’s police budget
• Ensure proportionate deployment of police resources to areas of greatest need
• Prioritise partnership working and make the police accountable to local people
• Protect elderly and vulnerable people from distraction crimes and abuse

In 2012 only 14.3% of Derbyshire residents voted to elect the county’s first Police & Crime Commissioner. The role of the PCC is essential to keeping you and your family safe. Use your vote!

On 5 May please vote to support me to bring my experience to this important job of ensuring you and your family are kept safe.

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Tom Snowdon – campaigning for community policing in Derbyshire

My top priorities for policing are:

- Campaign to abolish the Police and Crime Commissioners and return to Police Authorities.
- Campaign to legalise and regulate the sale of cannabis.
- Reduce costs to fund more community policing.
- Hold regular public meetings around the county, so residents can voice their concerns.
- Oppose any moves to privatise policing.

Police officers have a difficult job, but funding in Derbyshire is cut each year and numbers of officers reduced. I’ve lived in Derbyshire for twenty years and spent many years in industry managing large budgets. I know what it takes to cut costs. Cost savings that could pay for more officers in the community.

Visible policing is vital to reduce the fear of crime, which can impact as much as actual crime. I will oppose all proposals to privatise the activities of our police. Secure communities are our priority, not opportunities for private contractors to squeeze a profit from policing.

I don’t agree with the need for Police Commissioners and will campaign for their abolition, together with a return to Police Authorities. Police Commissioners have too much individual influence and power. A Police Authority, made up of elected councillors, better represents all of our views across the county.

The legal sale and use of cannabis will free up police time. Instead of criminalising users of cannabis, police will be able to target the real criminals that put hard drugs on our streets. It would take money away from the drug gangs and regulate what people buy. Regulate its production, control its sale, and free up police time.

With your support on May 5th I’ll ensure effective community policing.

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Stuart David Yeowart
UK Independence Party (UKIP)

**Election statement:**
No statement provided.
Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Derbyshire

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 Derbyshire.

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

- Bright, Richard (The Conservative Party Candidate)
- Dhindsa, Hardyal Singh (Labour Party)
- Snowdon, Tom (Liberal Democrats)
- Yeowart, Stuart David (UK Independence Party (UKIP))

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