

**CHOOSE
MY PCC**

**CANDIDATES FOR
THE DEVON &
CORNWALL
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 Devon & Cornwall 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**

Gareth Derrick

Labour Party Candidate



Election statement:

Commodore Gareth Derrick is a former naval officer whose appointment in command of the Royal Naval and Royal Marines Reserves completed in 2013. He has deployed on operational tours in submarines and on land in both the 1991 and 2003 Iraq wars. Graduating with a Master's degree in International Relations at Cambridge University in 2004, he served as a diplomat in the British Embassy Tokyo from 2007 – 2010, where he worked with UK and Japanese Ministers to secure high-level security co-operation between the two countries.

Determined to bring Labour values to the role of Police Commissioner as in his military career, he emphasises the need for fairness, honesty and teamwork in the strategic leadership of policing. His priorities are to continue the fight for proper funding, to restore effective local policing, and to ensure that the Police and his own staff are truly engaged with the people of Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

After discussing with people throughout the region their concerns about policing he commented **“There is a clear need to restore effective local-based policing, focused on crime risks that are changing rapidly and that vary from place to place. I am determined to modernise the police workforce and introduce new technology to ensure an ongoing visible presence, and provide the skills to address the complex challenges of today's and**

tomorrow's crime. Domestic abuse, sexual and other violent crimes, child sexual exploitation and rapidly increasing and worrying internet based crime are doing so much harm to our society. The most vulnerable and disadvantaged in society must get their fair share of policing”.

Gareth is married, with 3 children and has made his home in Plymouth and the surrounding areas since 1977.

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Alison Hernandez

The Conservative Party Candidate



Election statement:

Dear Voter

The **demands on the Police** are becoming more challenging:

- The rise of modern slavery, residents of the UK are the third most trafficked in the world.
- The rise of cyber crime, an age where you are more likely to be a victim of crime online, than in the street where you live.
- The rise of terrorism with recent attacks in Paris and Brussels.

What I will do for you:

1. Work with the Government to get the **best funding deal** for the people of Devon and Cornwall.
2. Put **policing at the heart of communities** both on our streets and online. Work with the other emergency services to greater effect.
3. **Support those affected by crime:** victims, witnesses and the most vulnerable in our community.
4. **Improve crime reporting**, especially 101. Waiting up to 45 minutes is unacceptable.
5. **Review Police Station closures** so that people don't feel abandoned

What makes me right for this role?

- Years spent **running my own business, working alongside** and **getting the best out of the Police**. I've helped leaders run their organisations better in the UK and internationally. I want to continue getting the best out of the Police.
- **Proven leadership and teamwork** as a **national award winning** former Councillor, regional award winning community campaigner, and local award winning crime fighter. I want to help Devon and Cornwall Police's successes be recognised and celebrated.
- Co-Founder of Torbay Social Media Café – free events helping **support organisations to better use social media**. I will develop Cyber Crime Cafés to keep people safe online.

Please choose **Alison Hernandez as your first choice**.

Yours faithfully,

Alison

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William Morris

Independent



Election statement:

Our society is built on the bedrock of integrity and compassion, to secure which, on my watch, our Police Force will deliver law and order through protecting the vulnerable and supporting the values we cherish through:

- Targeted Zero Tolerance in areas with increasing levels of violence.
- Community Payback to reduce pressure on the criminal justice system.
- Greater priority to wildlife and farm crime.
- Drunk Tanks.
- Youth Detox.
- More random vehicle spot checks.
- Enhanced community engagement.

We have a precious safe haven in Devon and Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. However, levels of violent crime resulting in injury buck the trend and are increasing, as do levels of rape and family abuse, often alcohol related. On my watch, these levels will be reversed.

We will deliver the best for the South West. There will be no further police station closures and counter services will be restored by training more special constables.

Can this level of policing be sustained in an era of wanton cuts? Yes it can with sufficient vision, energy and vigilance.

As a practicing Christian, I believe in a world in which we each place an equal value on one another, gay or straight, black or white, those of all religions and those of none. Above all else I believe in respect for each other and respect for the precious environment we hold dear.

If you wish to study my policies in detail, they are explained in a series of videos which will be released on my blog during the course of this campaign. I hope you will find them of interest:

<https://southwestjustice.wordpress.com>

I ask to be entrusted with your vote. Vote independent. Vote William Morris. I shall not let you down.

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Jonathan Leslie Smith

UK Independence Party (UKIP)



Election statement:

Jonathan retired from the Police Force in 2015 having completed 30 years service in the South West. He remained as a Police Constable, working at the coal face, was commended for outstanding Police Service and has experienced the damage and pain caused by Government meddling .

He is not a politician nor has he ever been one, he is one of the people and believes passionately in an independent but accountable Police Service, free from political interference. He is not new to fighting to save our Unique British Bobby having attended Parliament on numerous occasions to highlight this cause.

The imposition of the Police and Crime Commissioner provides the opportunity for politicians to direct Police Forces according to their own doctrine at the expense of Community priorities. The Office of The Police and Crime Commissioner will cost the Devon and Cornwall tax payer millions of pounds over the next four years. This money would be far better spent on the Police Service instead of that extra level of bureaucracy it provides at the moment.

The job description of the Police and Crime Commissioner reflects that of the French Mayor. Do we really want a Europol governed political police service?

That is why Jonathan wants to expose the gross misuse of public funds associated with this role and lobby for its dissolution.

He wants to reverse the policy of withdrawing police visibility from the community, review station closures and overhaul the 101 telephone system. He wants to listen to your opinions, ensure ALL crimes are recorded and prioritise local issues instead of Government performance targets. We can still stop the destruction of what was the best police force in the world, but we MUST act now.

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Bob Spencer

Independent



Election statement:

Bob Spencer is an inspirational leader with vast knowledge and experience of UK Policing. His extensive range of both operational and strategic management took him to the heart of sensitive enquiries in the UK, Europe and USA. With command of over 3,000 Police officers and staff, he has successfully managed multi-million pound budgets, delivering efficiency savings whilst improving performance.

Exceptionally calm under pressure, amongst many high-profile major incidents he commanded was the response to the Exeter Giraffe Restaurant terrorist bombing and its aftermath, receiving extremely favourable feedback from the Home Secretary.

Bob has served in large urban Policing environments, commanding response to gangland murders and shootings and, in rural communities, such diverse issues as the Foot-and-Mouth Disease outbreak in Devon and the aftermath of several terrorist activities across Devon and Cornwall.

Since leaving the Police as Acting Assistant Chief Constable 7 years ago, he has broadened his experience advising Government and blue-chip companies on crisis management and leadership. For nearly five years he was also a member of Devon's Magistracy. With a strong understanding of partner agencies and most importantly victims of crime, he has acted as independent chair of both Devon and Torbay's Safeguarding

Boards, tasks including child sexual exploitation and vulnerable adult safeguarding.

No stranger to tough decisions, Bob has dismissed senior executives who have failed to perform. He will actively listen to the community to ensure policing meets their crime prevention and policing needs. Critically he has the skills and experience needed to challenge the Devon and Cornwall police to ensure they deliver for the people of Devon, Cornwall, Torbay, Plymouth and Isles of Scilly.

As an Independent, Bob would be free to act and free to speak on your behalf without political pressure.

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Richard Younger-Ross

Liberal Democrats



Election statement:

Former Liberal Democrat MP, Richard Younger-Ross, to stand for election as the new Police and Crime Commissioner.

Richard is an experienced campaigner and as Commissioner he will make the strongest case for Devon and Cornwall. His knowledge of Whitehall and how Westminster works is going to be vital to our securing the fair funding deal that our police force needs.

Richard has three main priorities:

- To secure a fair funding deal for the Devon and Cornwall Police Force.
- To maintain and improve the visibility of our police force and improve the 101 service.
- To protect the Force from a forced merger with Somerset and Avon which would only make decision making more remote.

His knowledge of the scrutiny process from the Defence Select committee gives him the skills to hold the Chief Constable to account.

He will be a truly independently minded Commissioner.

Richard will also press Government to abolish the post of Police and Crime Commissioner.

Richard believes that we need a strong democratic oversight of the Police, that listens to communities and gives them a greater say in how our streets are policed. We do not need that power given to a single person nor can we have the Police policing themselves. We need a strong body that can call on expert advice but is part of the community. This would be better done by something like the old Police Authority but with the same powers as have been given to the Police and Crime Commissioner. This will save money and allow more resources for more police officers. Richard will work hard and in partnership with others to achieve this.

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Devon & Cornwall

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 Devon & Cornwall.

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

- Derrick, Gareth Gwyn James (Labour Party Candidate)
- Hernandez, Alison Selina (The Conservative Party Candidate)
- Morris, William (Independent)
- Smith, Jonathan Leslie (UK Independence Party (UKIP))
- Spencer, Bob (Independent)
- Younger-Ross, Richard Alan (Liberal Democrats)

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