

**CHOOSE
MY PCC**

CANDIDATES FOR THE ESSEX 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 Essex 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**

Roger Hirst

The Conservative Party Candidate



Election statement:

For me, safe and secure communities are the bedrock on which we build success and prosperity.

My priorities for policing in Essex are aimed at mending the damaged elements of our society by:

1. Being tough on Anti-Social Behaviour;
2. Reversing the worrying increase in serious violence;
3. Having a zero tolerance of domestic violence;
4. Eradicating organised crime and people-trafficking;
5. Making our Police more local, visible and accessible.

I understand that Essex Police and Crime Commissioner is a challenging role, and public safety is important to all Essex's residents. The government has undertaken to protect police budgets for the rest of this parliament, but the Police Service will still need to modernise: to be local and accessible, and use new technologies and media to be more open and efficient. Where this has been done elsewhere we know they spend a fifth more of their time out on patrol. And to make sure policing is local, I aim to put a Special Constable in every community.

My experience as Cabinet Member at Essex County Council and Deputy Leader at Brentwood Council will enable me to help the Police prioritise and manage their resources, and lead to more effective and efficient policing in Essex.

Professionally, I have over thirty years' experience as a leading financial analyst at major British, European and American banks. In doing so I have successfully led and shaped large organisations who serve millions of people. Essex Police is different, but I can offer them the same qualities of innovative thinking, leadership, and the ability to inspire. These will let me help the Police deliver and enable me to hold them to account when they need to improve.

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Kevin McNamara

Liberal Democrat



Election statement:

Essex Police is failing residents by not dealing properly with issues of violence, domestic abuse and cybercrime. It is short of money to deal with these issues following decades of underfunding - by Conservatives nationally and those in Essex who set Police budgets.

Essex's next Police and Crime Commissioner must fix these issues. If elected I will:

Listen to the concerns of local communities **and** the victims of crime when setting priorities for Essex.

Tackle issues that have not been resourced properly, such as the 85 incidents of domestic abuse in Essex every single day.

Work with councils and other Essex agencies so our limited resources go further, tackling the root causes of crime; and work with partners across UK and EU to share crime information.

I have lived around Essex all my life. I understand the needs of victims and residents, and the challenges facing Essex Police.

Far too many politicians talk "tough on crime", but do things that don't work - and sometimes makes things worse. A good example is illegal drugs.

The emphasis should be on arresting gangs and dealers that make people's lives miserable. Some users should be treated

as a medical, not criminal, issue. This could free up police time to deal with more serious crime.

With joined up thinking between police, councils, schools and other agencies we can stop anti-social behaviour before it becomes criminal, and tackle underlying causes.

We must tackle re-offending, using methods that have worked elsewhere. Where victims are willing to meet criminals, this has cut re-offending significantly. By rehabilitating offenders through reconciliation and restorative justice, re-offending can be reduced, saving the police and the courts time and money.

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Bob Spink

UK Independence Party (UKIP)



Election statement:

Conservatives Cut Police... Bob Cuts Crime

“We need a Commissioner with guts and real experience. So, however you usually vote, please vote for me **this time** to get:

- **Bobbies on the beat**
- **Police stations opened**
- **Immigration controlled**
- **Zero tolerance**

“Essex Police staff are professional & dedicated. But crime is soaring and detection rates falling because Tories cut Police and closed stations, **without asking you**. Vote for me, to make them listen to you.

Bob Spink's 'Police' Record:

- **Police Parliamentary Private Secretary** (Home Office)
- **Police Authority Member**
- **Police Cells Visitor**
- **Brought in new laws** (Anti-Social Behaviour, Illegal Drugs)
- **Stopped Tories closing Police & Fire Stations** (As an Essex MP)
- **Hardest working of all UK MPs** (Official Audits of MPs' Work)

- **Best Value for Money Essex MP** (Telegraph Expenses Audit)
- **Armed Forces** ('Exemplary Service')
- **Queen's Jubilee Medal won for Police by Bob**

The English Democrats Party Leader, Robin Tillbrook, stood down from the election to back Bob. Robin, past President of Mid Essex Law Society says: 'Bob is the most able candidate, his Police, Westminster and Treasury experience are unique'.

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Martin William Terry

Zero Tolerance Policing ex Chief



Election statement:

I am standing for election as the next Essex PCC under the banner of;

Zero Tolerance Policing ex Chief

- **Relentlessly pursue more funding for Essex Police**
- **Take a Zero Tolerance approach to policing in Essex**
- **Deliver more visible street policing**
- **Put victims at the centre of the criminal justice system**
- **Give you more opportunities to have your say about policing**
- **Protect your local policing by standing up for Officers and Essex Police.**
- **Ensure you receive the highest possible standard of service from Essex Police**

My campaign is supported by Mick Thwaites, former Divisional Commander, Head of Mobile Support-Police Operations and Temporary Assistant Chief Constable for Essex Police. Other ex Essex Officers are indicating they will support and work with me so that informed decisions are made.

Having been born, lived and worked most of my life in Essex, an Independent Councillor for 13 years, coupled with my career in local industry, I know the County of Essex well.

I understand the make-up of the county in its individual and unique communities, so I will not have a parochial mind set. I am a strategic thinker and I have the determination to fight for what is right for all our towns and villages across Essex.

I believe that the hallmark of any civilised society is community safety, with the cuts imposed by the government and approved by the current PCC Essex citizens are less safe. Recently published figures show crime is up, conviction rates are down. In fact I believe the current bad set of numbers are not accurate, the figures are significantly higher.

Community safety is in my DNA and is under threat; I pledge to defend all of our communities.

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Chris Vince

Labour Party



Election statement:

Putting Policing back into the heart of our Communities

In the last year violent crime in Essex **increased** by 14%, yet since 2010 the amount of Police Officers in the county has **decreased** by over 500, whilst PCSO numbers have been decimated.

As Labour's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), I will focus on tackling the increase of violent crime across Essex and in particular the rise in domestic violence. I'll do this by working to ensure that we have an effective and efficient police service that is in the heart of communities, to support victims as well as working to prevent crime.

With my background in Education, I understand how crime can affect communities and how vital a preventative approach to policing is. However, that isn't just about education; it's also about visible, frontline policing in local communities, and building effective partnerships across the public and voluntary sector. Of course, the Tory cuts in police budgets will make our task harder, but there is much that can be done to protect those most at risk of crime.

I also want to help support police officers and police staff, who work hard under increasingly difficult circumstances. That's why I will work ceaselessly to protect frontline policing and ensure that our officers and staff are able to do their jobs to keep the people of our community safe.

The last Labour Government coined a phrase which is as true today as it was then 'Tough on crime, tough on the causes of crime' and that will be my approach, if elected, as your PCC in May

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Essex

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 Essex.

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

- Hirst, Roger (The Conservative Party Candidate)
- McNamara, Kevin Michael Peter (Liberal Democrat)
- Spink, Bob (UK Independence Party (UKIP))
- Terry, Martin William (Zero Tolerance Policing ex Chief)
- Vince, Chris (Labour Party)

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