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CANDIDATES FOR THE SOUTH WALES 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 South Wales 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**

Michael Alfred Baker

Independent



Election statement:

Having served for 30 years as a police officer, I returned to University and took a BA(Hons) Business degree with company finance and accounting, followed by a post grad in Law and the bar finals and in 2007 qualified as a Barrister. I followed that by qualifying as a Solicitor and I have practiced as a Higher Rights Solicitor since. I am also qualified as a commercial mediator and have worked in the legal arena for 45 years.

I am self-funding and completely independent of all political parties. I have more to give to my community and the post of Commissioner is the perfect way to do so. I have extensive knowledge of the police which will enable me to fulfil the duties of Commissioner with an unrivalled expertise.

When elected I will ensure the needs and aspirations of the communities of South Wales are the driving force behind the office. I will support the victims of crime and those who assist in this respect and to enable the police to properly address anti-social behaviour and drug crime.

It is vitally important that we maintain a strong and independent police force free from party politics. The public have a large part to play because the police are the public and the public are the police. Together with the Chief Constable we will be tough on crime and the causes of crime.

Vote for Mike Baker on 5th May 2016 as your INDEPENDENT Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales

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Timothy Hywel Davies

Welsh Conservative Party Candidate



Election statement:

MY BACKGROUND:

- I have considerable experience in public service, having been a Councillor on Cardiff City Council from 1976 to 1995 when I didn't seek re-election following my term as the Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor of Cardiff.
- As a businessman for most of my life and serving on the Council's Finance Committee, for some time as chairman, I can ensure that the principle of value for money will be brought to the role of PCC. When it's the taxpayer's money it is crucial that every penny is spent effectively and wisely.
- I love living in South Wales, and my interests include spending time with my three sons and my grandchildren, and hosting family occasions. I also enjoy taking part in a variety of activities from sailing to skiing, motor sports to flying.

MY AIMS:

- Ensure South Wales is a safer place to live and work.
- Care about the community and be a strong voice for the public to ensure that public concerns are acted upon to meet local policing need in both urban and rural areas.
- Champion local community policing with a strong visible presence on the streets by increasing the numbers of Special Constables.

- Enhance the most important relationship- between the police and public.
- Put the needs of victims at the heart of the system, including vulnerable people and encourage restorative justice.
- Ensure South Wales Police provides a high quality, value for money, efficient, effective and accountable service for the public.
- Advocate innovation, early intervention and best practice solutions to cut crime and reoffending.
- Work with the police in partnership with local residents, other agencies (both statutory and faith/voluntary) to prevent crime and re-offending, to tackle anti-social behaviour, drugs and alcohol abuse, so that you feel and are safer on the streets and in your homes.

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Alun Edward Michael

Labour and Co-operative Party



Election statement:

In three successful years as Police & Crime Commissioner Alun Michael has used his vast experience to lead South Wales Police through a period of cuts and major challenges.

Budget cuts have forced a reduction from 3,400 to 2,800 in police officer numbers, but he's worked closely with the Chief Constable and his team to build powerful alliances with the health service, with the seven local authorities of South Wales, and with voluntary & community groups to make the communities of South Wales safe.

This deeply-embedded partnership approach is now paying dividends for the people of South Wales, with initiatives helping to cut violence against women and girls, to intervene quickly with young offenders and women offenders to prevent re-offending, and a focus on protecting vulnerable people and supporting victims. He's promoted the principles of co-operation and the concepts of "early innovation and prompt positive action" as the way to make communities safe.

In advance of this election, and building on these firm foundations, Alun has made six pledges to the people of South Wales :

- To make your community safer by keeping policing local
- To cut crime & disorder in co-operation with all public agencies
- To protect the most vulnerable in our communities
- To spend your money wisely to protect your local police team
- To challenge the criminal justice system to meet the needs of victims
- To play a part nationally and in tackling online threats

Alun's Police and Crime Plan 2016-2021 spells out how, if re-elected, he'll drive work forward to deliver on those promises. That plan can be seen on the official South Wales Police website at :

commissioner.south-wales.police.uk/en/us

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Linet Margaret Purcell

The Party of Wales

Plaid Cymru



Election statement:

I am Leader of the Opposition on Neath Port Talbot Council and have been a County Councillor representing Pontardawe for 8 years, having also had over 30 years' experience teaching in Comprehensive schools.

If elected my priorities would be to;

- **Restore confidence** in the Police in the communities they serve, believing that many problems could be identified and prevented from escalating by investing resources in local policing.
- **Scrutinise expenditure.** Using my experience as an Opposition councillor I would challenge expenditure to ensure that monies are being used wisely and to best effect.
- **Cut costs.** As Commissioner I would commit to taking less than the current published salary level in order to invest in putting more Police Officers on the beat.
- **Improve communication.** I believe that a Commissioner must be accessible to the communities of South Wales and I have personally visited many parts of the South Wales Police area, from the Rhondda to Butetown; the Gower to Bridgend; Swansea to Port Talbot, in the months leading up to the election.

- **Listen and learn.** As a Councillor I have learned a great deal from working closely with my local Police officers. They tell me that the problems being experienced in my community are replicated throughout the South Wales area. I commit to continuing to listen to communities and serving Police officers and to use that knowledge to inform the decisions that I take.

If elected I will use my experience gained as a teacher, a councillor and a Mum to serve the people of South Wales to the best of my ability.

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Judith Barbara Woodman

Welsh Liberal Democrats



Election statement:

Crime may not be the sexiest issue, but it's one that blights everyone's lives at one point. It's something I'm familiar with - my postcode has the highest theft and burglary rate in Wales, and last year my own home was broken into. I am more than qualified to be your Police and Crime Commissioner, having spent 8 years in charge of Cardiff's community safety. We made so many improvements that people now take for granted:

- Making pubs serve only in plastic cups on event days to reduce glassing;
- Working to reduce waiting times for substance misuse treatment from 9 months to 9 weeks;
- More police on the beat by working with South Wales Police to fund more PCSOs.

I'll bring to this role a can-do attitude, along with enthusiasm and fresh ideas. I don't want to sit on the sidelines when I have ideas to improve our police services. One of the first things I will do as your Commissioner is work with colleagues from other police forces to share back-office staff and reduce costs. Instead of wasting thousands of police hours chasing after people whose only crime is possessing cannabis, I will target resources to rehabilitation and treatment for those with a drug addiction. I don't think it's fair that in many parts of Wales a black person is more likely to be stopped and searched than

a white person, and I will work to ensure this isn't happening in our communities. I'll be the **liberal, community-focused voice** that South Wales Police desperately needs, and will work tirelessly to build a police force that works for you. Please support me to put these ideas into practice.

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for South Wales

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 South Wales.

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

- BAKER, Mike (Independent)
- DAVIES, Tim (Welsh Conservative Party Candidate/Ymgeisydd Geidwadol Cymru)
- MICHAEL, Alun Edward (Labour and Co-operative Party / Llafur a'r Blaid Gydweithredol)
- PURCELL, Linet Margaret (Plaid Cymru - The Party of Wales)
- WOODMAN, Judith Barbara (Welsh Liberal Democrats/Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru)

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