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# **CANDIDATES FOR THE WILTSHIRE POLICE FORCE AREA**

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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

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**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 Wiltshire 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)**

## Angus Stuart Macpherson

The Conservative Party Candidate



### **Election statement:**

It has been an honour to represent you as Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon for the past four years. I have worked hard to reduce bureaucracy and the cost of policing whilst ensuring that all our resources go towards reducing crime and ensuring your safety.

My primary responsibility is to hold the Chief Constable to account for the service the Police provide. I monitor police performance weekly but an independent annual assessment is made by HM Inspector of Constabulary which graded Wiltshire Police "GOOD".

I have spent much of my time as your PCC delivering value for money both from your police force and my management team. My office and police panel cost less than the old Police Authority. The Wiltshire policing precept is the lowest in the South West.

We have worked hard to put more officers out in their communities and this has been done by smarter working, better technology and a reduced rank structure. In essence I am keen that our police spend their time chasing criminals and not efficiency targets.

Victim satisfaction has been maintained at above national average levels. Wiltshire has also become a national leader in the implementation of witness and victim care programmes.

We face serious policing challenges ahead and I am determined to ensure that we get our fair share of increased police funding from the Home Office. If re-elected I will continue to ensure that we see the benefits of regional police cooperation efficiencies in order to deliver better local policing in Wiltshire & Swindon.

I ask for your vote to RE-ELECT me on Thursday 5th May as the ONLY candidate with a track record of delivery in the PCC job.

This address has been prepared by my Agent, Jonathon Seed of 116 High Street, Marlborough, Wiltshire

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## Brian George Felton Mathew

Liberal Democrats



### Election statement:

#### 'Cut Crime Not Coppers'

They say "if it ain't broke, don't fix it", but something is broken. We have too many break-ins without convictions. Churchill Insurance say we have the worst rate of solving burglary and robbery in England and Wales. Almost 92 out of 100 such crimes go unpunished.

This is not good enough. No doubt the cut to local police numbers of 153 since 2010 helps these criminals. Too many burglaries are not investigated, victims not compensated and police are frustrated.

We need to change things and on 5th May your vote can help me do just that.

Our Police Men and Women, Police Community Support Officers and Special Constables want to make a difference and keep us safe. They need the numbers, equipment and resources to do this. Their morale is too low and stress too high, with too many good Officers leaving mid-career.

#### My five-point urgent action plan for a safer Wiltshire & Swindon

- I will work to cut "management" and create more "coppers", free to do their work in the best way they know how – out on the beat.

- I want crime designed out of neighbourhoods. I want to rejuvenate Neighbourhood Watch and Farm Watch, making them central to happier, healthier communities, that look out for each other, with more "Street Pastors" keeping our town centres safe at night.
- Drug laws need reform based on science, not political prejudice.
- Criminals need to confront the impacts of their crimes through restorative justice with proceeds from their crimes returned to victims and communities that they wreck.
- Prioritize cybercrime: protecting children, combating identity theft and fraud.

#### Let's be tough on criminals, kind to victims and communities.

Go to my website to have your say.

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## John Fairlamb Short

United Kingdom Independence Party



### **Election statement:**

During my many years with Swindon Borough Council I learnt how to deliver a quality front-line public service. That meant managing a workforce of more than 3,500 people and working with a budget of over £65m.

During my four year term as the Wiltshire Police & Crime Commissioner, I want Wiltshire Police to take the fight to the criminals, by increasing street policing and cutting bureaucracy and waste. I pledge to:

1. Increase frontline warranted Police Officers by 150 through a PCSO recruitment freeze and by driving savings in back office costs through a reduction in bureaucracy and smarter procurement.
2. Double the number of Special Constables by working in partnership with local companies to release staff for training and operations that will protect Wiltshire people and businesses.
3. Fund community-based Police Officers in new Police Houses by working with developers and the local community to return true local policing to rural and urban areas.
4. Facilitate a new Offender to Work Scheme in partnership with the Courts, Probation Service, Councils and local employers that will set young offenders to work for the local community whilst providing them with training, qualifications and skills for a life of employment, not a life of crime.

5. Give local people a say on local policing priorities – I will answer to the people of Wiltshire – not Whitehall bureaucrats, by ensuring that Wiltshire Police address the crime priorities of local people.

I confirm that this form has been prepared by my Agent, Mrs Jenny Jefferies, Hillsborough, Chiseldon, Swindon, SN6 OEP

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## Kevin David Small

Labour Party



### **Election statement:**

I have been a local Councillor for 27 years serving on both Wiltshire County and Swindon Borough Councils, which gives me a good understanding of the needs of rural and urban Wiltshire. I have lived and worked in Wiltshire all my life, and served on the former Wiltshire Police Authority.

As Leader of Swindon BC I worked closely with the Police Authority and senior Constabulary's Officers, also whilst as Chair of the Wiltshire Ambulance Service, as we sought closer working between the emergency services and the creation of a joint 999 call centre.

### **My Vision for Policing in Wiltshire:**

Honesty, Integrity, Openness, and Transparency will be my guiding principles as Wiltshire's Police and Crime Commissioner. I will hold the Chief Constable and the Wiltshire Constabulary to account, ensuring that the diverse needs and views of Wiltshire residents are fully represented.

### **As a Labour Police Commissioner I will:**

- Create an environment where people feel safe whether at home or out in their local community.
- Seek to promote Neighbourhood Policing Teams to ensure that Wiltshire Police have a visible presence in every village or neighbourhood and Neighbourhood Policing Teams are seen as part of the local community.

- Tackle Anti-Social Behaviour and perceived ASB activity. Like working with other agencies and community groups, to find alternative activities for our young people so hanging around on street corners is not their only outdoor recreational option.
- Work with Councils and other public bodies to create opportunities to establish better more cost effective way of delivery services.
- Create strong community links through the Wiltshire's Area Boards, Parish Councils and Community groups, to enable a wider public input into the formulation of future Policing Plans.

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## Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Wiltshire

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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 Wiltshire.

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

- Macpherson, Angus (The Conservative Party Candidate)
- Mathew, Brian George Felton (Liberal Democrats)
- Short, John (United Kingdom Independence Party)
- Small, Kevin David (Labour Party)

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