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MY PCC**

Candidates for the Cheshire Police Force Area

On 6th 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 6th May, you will be able to vote for your Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). The role of the PCC is to be the voice of the people and hold the police to account. Elections will be taking place in England and Wales. In London, Greater Manchester and West Yorkshire, there will be elections at the same time for Mayors who exercise PCC functions.

PCCs are responsible for the totality of policing in their force area and aim to cut crime and deliver an effective and efficient police service.

39 PCCs will be elected across England and Wales, of which 4 are also responsible for overseeing the fire and rescue authority for their area and are called Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners (PFCC) – these PFCCs are found in Essex, Staffordshire, North Yorkshire and Northamptonshire). There will also be 3 Mayors with PCC functions elected in London, Greater Manchester and West Yorkshire.

PCCs are elected by you and aim to cut crime and hold the force to account on behalf of the public. PCCs bring a public voice to policing, and they do this by:

- engaging with the public and victims of crime to help set the policing priorities for the area and consulting on their Police and Crime plans;
- ensuring the police force budget is spent where it matters most; and
- appointing the Chief Constable, holding them to account for delivery of their objectives and if necessary, dismissing them.

Work with others

PCCs, PFCCs and Mayors who exercise PCC functions also work with your council and other organisations to promote and enable joined up working on community safety and criminal justice.

The PCC, PFCC or Mayor who exercises PCC functions does not 'run' the police force or fire service. Chief Constables and Chief Fire Officers are operationally independent, and they 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, PFCCs and Mayors who exercise PCC functions are single, directly elected individuals ensuring the public are protected, providing greater opportunities for collaboration and more effective scrutiny of public services.

They ensure that there is an effective policing contribution to national partnership arrangements to protect the public from other national and cross-boundary threats.

Represent the entire community

PCCs, PFCCs and Combined Authority Mayors who exercise PCC functions are required to swear an oath of impartiality when they are elected to office.

The oath is designed so that they can publicly set out their commitment to: serve all of the people in their police force area; act with integrity and diligence; give a voice to the public; act with transparency so that they may be effectively held to account; and not interfere with the operational independence of police officers.

Find your candidate

This booklet contains information on the candidates standing for election in the Cheshire 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 **0808 196 2170**.

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 6th May visit **www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter**

Joanne Conchie

Liberal Democrats



Election statement:

We've seen the police's share of our council tax bills rocket, yet have little to show for our money but rising crime and fewer police on our streets.

I'm Jo Conchie and I'm standing to be your Police and Crime Commissioner.

Speaking to fellow residents across Cheshire, they have told me their priorities.

I want to make a difference on the things that matter to you.

Making sure you feel safe in your home and in your community,

- by tackling burglary, harassment and anti-social behaviour, domestic violence against men and women, and by taking real action on speeding, fly-tipping and dog theft – all by having a bigger police presence locally to you.

Having the law work for you,

- by giving you a real insight on how the force operates so that you can see how your hard-earned money is being spent.

Having a greater focus on the victims of crime,

- by offering compassion-focused resolution rather than just giving out a crime number.

I want everyone walking home at night to feel safe on our streets. As a woman I know what it feels like to be a target. And as the first female PCC I can bring that first-hand experience to make women feel less vulnerable out on their own.

In the last decade, I've worked with police forces across the country, and I'll bring fresh ideas to the problems that we face in our region.

Labour and Conservatives have both failed to deliver. It's time for change.

If you elect me, Jo Conchie, on May 6th, to be your PCC, I will deliver that change.

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John Dwyer

The Conservative Party Candidate



Election statement:

John Dwyer isn't a politician. **He spent 30 years as a police officer, retiring as Assistant Chief Constable for Cheshire.** He has the knowledge, skills and experience to do a first class job for you. The Police and Crime Commissioner looks after a £200 million policing budget for the whole County and is responsible for leading the police service in Cheshire. The PCC holds the Chief Constable to account and ensures that police officers, support staff and equipment are made available to deliver your policing priorities. The Police and Crime Commissioner is also responsible for recruiting the Chief Constable and for setting the level of local tax for policing purposes. **This is a serious role and one which requires experience.** When John became the first Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, he pushed up the rates of crime detection across Cheshire and doubled the number of Special Constables. He increased the number of police officers as he recognised that you, the public, wanted to see more police officers on your streets. If elected, John would ensure that Cheshire gets its fair share of the **20,000 new officers** the Government has promised over the next 3 years. He cares about your safety and will always be accessible to you as your voice in Cheshire police.

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Reform UK



Election statement:

My commitment to you: As Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire I will:

- with integrity and honesty, hold the Chief Constable to account;
- ensure all complaints are taken seriously and handled with due diligence;
- champion local delivery of policing led by local priorities;
- promote co-operation with neighbouring forces to remove inefficiencies in preventing and deterring cross-county organised crime.

A fundamental principle of policing in the UK is that authority derives from the consent of the people. I believe maintaining public approval of actions taken by police secures co-operation and respect from the public, leading to voluntary observance of the law within our communities.

Public confidence in police training, recruitment and methods can only be achieved by demonstrating absolute impartiality, upholding the law whilst honouring the oath of office in full.

It is my opinion that we need to get back to common-sense policing. For some time now the police have been under pressure to enforce a particular political perspective.

This has led to a crisis in confidence from the people. The police have been used to suppress free speech, recording “non crime incidents” and restricting freedom for some to protest while “taking a knee” with others.

Similarly, protests outside schools have been tolerated, while others including a church service have been forcibly broken up. This two-tier policing must end, and the political class responsible held to account. The Labour and Conservative parties have got us in this mess, I will fight to get us out of it.

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David Keane

Labour and Co-operative Party



Election statement:

I'm David Keane, your Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire. I'm 43 years old, married with a young daughter. Professionally, I studied criminal justice prior to qualifying with a Law Degree, before working up to board level in the private, public and voluntary sectors. I've always believed in community and have served as a local elected representative for twenty two years.

I'm standing for re-election on my proven track record of delivery and I'm immensely proud to have delivered a truly local policing service. **We're the only police service in the country to provide a dedicated community Police officer, Police Community Support Officer and Community Police Base for each community in Cheshire.**

I have a track record of delivery with budgeted priorities for Building Safer Communities. My pledges are clear, simple and deliverable.

- **Keeping You Safe** - It's my first priority to keep you and your family safe; in your home, in our communities, on our roads, in our places of work and education, and in our busy city and town centres.

- **Crime Doesn't Pay** - Cheshire will be a hostile environment for serious and organised criminals. We'll hit them hard, prevent harm and seize ill-gotten assets and cash. We'll re-invest in our preventative agenda, providing support and alternative opportunities for those vulnerable to offending.
- **A Strong Voice** - I'll 'stand up, not back' on behalf of local residents. Using my strong independent voice of scrutiny at Cheshire Police and challenging the government on matters that risk our safety or liberty.

I'm here for you, on your side and committed to keeping you and your family safe,

David

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Cheshire

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 Cheshire.

Police and Crime Commissioner Elections will be held in Cheshire on 6th May 2021; the candidates standing in that election, alphabetically by surname (as they will appear on the ballot paper), are:

- CONCHIE, Joanne – Liberal Democrats
- DWYER, John – The Conservative Party Candidate
- GOULDING, Nick – Reform UK
- KEANE, David – Labour and Co-operative Party

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