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# Candidates for the Derbyshire Police Force Area

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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 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 Derbyshire 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 **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](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 6th May visit **[www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter)**

## Hardyal Singh Dhindsa

Labour and Co-operative Party



### **Election statement:**

As Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire I'm proud of its reputation as one of the safest places to live, work or visit.

When I took office in 2016 the force was struggling as it faced relentless cuts in Government funding. It had lost 700 police officers, PCSOs and vital police staff.

Having lobbied the Government for more funding, there are now 250 additional officers and I have put in place plans for a further 200 by 2023. This means more officers on our streets, tackling the problems that local people have told me matter most to them.

Crime is reducing. I'm putting new police bases in the heart of your communities. I've prioritised police visibility, road safety, anti-social behaviour and support for victims of crime.

Rural communities are now benefitting from one of the largest rural and wildlife crime teams in the country.

It's my ambition to do more. To continue to tackle serious violence, knife crime, exploitation, domestic abuse, sexual violence, hate crime and the protection of those at risk of harm.

I want to build on the work to stop the problems affecting the quality of life in communities, such as theft, drugs, burglary, speeding and anti-social behaviour.

It's been my privilege to call Derbyshire my home for over 50 years. I will do everything in my power to keep this county safe and why I will ensure the government keeps to its funding pledges.

I have over 30 years' experience of working in the criminal justice field and five years as your PCC. I've proved I deliver. With your support we will continue to make a difference.

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## Angelique Foster

Conservative Candidate  
– More Police, Safer Streets



### **Election statement:**

As the next Police and Crime Commissioner I will put you, the law-abiding citizen, at the centre of policing policies here in Derbyshire to keep you and your family safe.

- Married, grown up family, Masters Degree in Law
- Local Councillor for 11 years
- Leader of Dronfield Town Council
- Cabinet member for Corporate Services at Derbyshire County Council, including Finance, Legal, Property, HR and IT managing a budget of over £46 million.

### **My Plan**

I have been at the forefront of providing strong leadership to reform public services. This has meant leading on prudent budgeting and robust financial management to properly prioritise and manage demands, reducing waste of resources and providing more effective and efficient services.

I will apply the same principles in setting and managing Derbyshire Police's multi-million pound budget and ensuring policing is delivered effectively across Derbyshire and Derby City. Above all, I will ensure the people of Derbyshire are able

to go about their daily business without fear of being victims of crime. I will:

- Increase police numbers and police patrols
- Provide a strong police presence in towns and villages
- Work with Government to bring tougher policing and a tougher approach to fighting crime
- Tackle anti-social behaviour
- Drive down burglaries, robberies and theft
- Improve road safety
- Fight rural crime
- Tackle complex issues of domestic violence and drug related crime
- Support Police Officers in use of powers such as Stop & Search to better fight crime and keep law abiding residents safe
- Increase partnership working with other organisations to deter and prevent crime and reduce re-offending
- Manage budget sensibly to focus resources back to fighting crime

Evidence shows that Conservative Police and Crime Commissioners perform better than any other party. We are the party of Law and Order.

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## Stan Heptinstall

Liberal Democrat



### **Election statement:**

Derbyshire Liberal Democrats have selected Stan Heptinstall as our candidate for PCC. Stan is a family man with a wife Lillian, four children and 10 grandchildren. He was a senior member of staff in the University of Nottingham Medical School and, on retirement, was made an Emeritus Professor. Importantly he served as a borough and county councillor for many years and spent time as a deputy council leader and as the mayor. He is highly respected by those who know him and was honoured by the Queen with an MBE for his services to his community.

Stan says: “The main job of a PCC is to engage with and understand the people he represents, and to use that knowledge in helping set the priorities for policing. I have long experience of engaging with people as their councillor, working with them and for them. I worked with the police in setting local priorities and will use the same approaches on a wider scale in Derbyshire. Collaborations between the police and other institutions is highly important in setting new agendas and my long experience of working within higher education and the health service will contribute to forming new collaborations which seem to me to be under-represented at present. I promise I will do my very best for you all and I would be delighted if you were to put your trust in me and elect me as your Police and Crime Commissioner.”

In preparation for his new role Stan would like to hear directly from you about any issues and concerns relating to policing and crime.

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## Timothy Prosser

Reform UK



### **Election statement:**

Successful policing requires the consent, collaboration and trust of the general public. This last year has been challenging for everyone but Derbyshire police decided to make it more difficult than necessary. They fined ladies for drinking coffee, though they had done nothing wrong. They manned en-masse all the local park gates, though a visit was perfectly legal. They told families they couldn't play with footballs, a rule they apparently made up. They chased people across the peaks with drones to shame them on social media. This without knowing who they were or even having any evidence that the rules were being broken. You might excuse this with the changing rules, getting caught on the hop. But these were not isolated. The mistakes were repeated all year, destroying the trust and harming the effectiveness of the force. The repercussions will last for years. The police exist to provide a service. That service has been very lacking. Let's put this straight.

We need to return to providing a service, remove the politics, restore the trust and respond in the best way possible. Derbyshire has a bigger than average drug problem. Let's not chase the innocent and make up our own laws while entrenched drugs lords operate openly in our streets. We need to remove the cannabis grows that are rampant in our neighbourhoods and catch the thieves that often seem to

disappear without trace. Picking the easy and often innocent targets this year has been the biggest policing mistake in decades but we need to rebuild the police relationship with the public as only then will these issues be solved.

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# Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Derbyshire

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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 Derbyshire.

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

- DHINDSA, Hardyal Singh – Labour and Co-operative Party
- FOSTER, Angelique – Conservative Candidate – More Police, Safer Streets
- HEPTINSTALL, Stan – Liberal Democrat
- PROSSER, Timothy – Reform UK

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