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# Candidates for the Dorset 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 Dorset 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)**

## Patrick Canavan

Labour and Co-operative Party



### **Election statement:**

My aim is to build on the model of community and neighbourhood policing. It's the model which has worked well over many years and which will also work best in our new digital world.

The principle of being tough on crime alongside being tough on the causes of crime and giving the police the resources they need to do this seems the right one. It is the successful formula for keeping us safe and secure both in person and on-line. There are new criminal threats to us individually, to our families, communities and local businesses.

We continue to face significant challenges. Domestic violence and hate crime is an increasing concern and requires support that is transparent, equitable, accessible and survivor led.

The role of Police & Crime Commissioner needs to have the right focus and understanding to be capable of rising to the challenges facing us. The theme of my campaign is that policing needs to be done with the consent of the population and we know that this consent is effectively gained through co-operation, community partnership and improving confidence.

There is much to be done to improve the criminal justice system with efforts to improve prosecution rates, extending support to the victims of crime, reducing re-offending, offering restorative justice and continuing to protect those at risk.

Whether it is anti-social behaviour, drug trafficking, theft, or vandalism the response is stronger if we support each other. Co-operation, community, and partnership working are things that come naturally to those of us in the Labour and Co-operative Party and will be the key themes that will underline my new administration as Police & Crime Commissioner for Dorset.

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## Dan Hardy

Independent



### **Election statement:**

Dorset faces greater demands for policing than ever before, which is why my 25 years of military, policing and crime management knowledge and experience will be invaluable if elected as your new PCC.

Since my election journey began in 2019, I have listened, learned and developed a detailed and achievable plan, that is not rhetoric and high-level party-political pledges but is an achievable, Dorset specific, well costed strategy.

I'm a Poole resident, a married family man with three generations living in Dorset.

My plan will deliver more visible policing, reduce crime and the fear of crime, better support victims and reduce reoffending. I am determined to protect our incredible county and our communities and make Dorset the safest county in the UK.

**“I have no hesitation endorsing Dan Hardy for the role of Dorset PCC.** He understands oversight, policing and budgeting, is of impeccable character and importantly he gets the people of Dorset.” Martyn Underhill Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner.

I served in the military for 5 years and spent 14 years in the Metropolitan Police. In the private sector I have held positions such as; Head of Risk at G4S, Crime and Security Lead for Sainsbury's, Managing Director of the National Business Crime Solution and Managing Director of a £60m security company. I have worked strategically and collaboratively (with

the Home Office, the NPCC and PCC's) and have proved my ability to deliver benefits back to local communities, into policing and multiple industries.

I offer both experience and independence, ensuring that policing will be tailored to meet the needs of our communities. A vote for me will drive positive change, improved efficiencies and maintain independence for policing in Dorset.

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## Mark Andrew Robson

Liberal Democrats



### **Election statement:**

#### **Cutting crime by tackling the base.**

I will focus on reducing crime from the base of the pyramid. Restorative justice, which forces offenders to confront the impact of their crimes, can turn many more people away from crime for good. I will therefore put more resources into:

- reducing the first-time offender rate by dealing with root causes
- helping recently released prisoners stay out of trouble
- focusing attention on offenders who don't give up their life of crime.

#### **Your police force - your PCC.**

As your Police & Crime Commissioner, I will:

- ensure Dorset Police continues to be a leader in best practice and effective management
- strengthen trust with more openness and transparency
- make sure our police move towards greener, more sustainable working methods whilst embracing new technologies.

## **Neighbourhood policing**

Protect the principles of neighbourhood and community policing by:

- setting policing priorities which reflect our coastal, urban and rural areas by consulting with communities and their leaders
- increasing the numbers involved in Neighbourhood Policing Teams to bring confidence back to communities
- using the experience of local organisations and local knowledge to aid neighbourhood policing.

I spent 26 years in the Royal Marines and Special Forces, mainly specialising in counter-terrorism response, often working with the police. This has given me valuable insight into how the police work and the pressures they face, but from an external and independent perspective. Whilst serving I obtained a law degree and since then have been elected as a local councillor.

**Working for the nation is an honour, I've done it.  
Budgeting public money is difficult, I've done it.  
Dealing with terror is tough, I've done it.  
Strategic planning is key, I've done it.**

**If elected I'll work hard to ensure a secure, safe and progressive Dorset.**

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## Claire Seymour

Green Party



### Election statement:

**Claire Seymour** is a strategic lead for the **Anti-Social Behaviour Service** for a large housing provider. She **works closely with the Police**, NHS, Community Mental Health Teams, Local Authorities, Social Services, Probation, the Fire Service and other charities to **keep communities safe**.

Claire provides solutions and guidance to stakeholders and communities to **resolve complex anti-social behaviour cases**. She ensures **safeguarding is a priority** and delivers **community safety strategies** on a local and national scale.

Claire has a **BSc Hons degree in Public Services** which gave her the tools to deliver effective governance and management of a public service. Claire also has a wealth of experience through her **volunteering as a Police Special Constable**, working for **Victim Support**, and being a **Scrutiny Panel member** for Dorset's Police and Crime Commissioner. She currently sits on the Hampshire **Safeguarding Board**, South West Domestic Abuse Forum and **Dorset's Domestic Abuse Forum**.

Claire's **eight pledges** are:

- **tackling** domestic abuse and sexual violence
- **preventing** crime and anti-social behaviour
- **building** inclusive communities
- **supporting** victims and witnesses
- **protecting** those within our community most at risk of harm,
- **engaging** to ensure wellbeing and training of police officers, staff and volunteers is to the highest standard
- **investing** in new innovation opportunities for the prevention and detection of crime
- **creating** a sustainable police force to offer social, economic and environmental benefits.

To **read more** please visit <https://clairefordorset.green/>

Claire has the **understanding of community engagement, community safety, housing and policing to support and represent the community**. She'll bring a fresh perspective to help drive forward improvements, **empowering communities and investment** in targeted intervention programmes that can make a real impact on keeping Dorset a place where **individuals, families and communities are able to live safe from crime, disorder and harm**.

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## David Sidwick

The Conservative Party Candidate



### **Election statement:**

#### **Who is David Sidwick?**

I am a fourth generation Dorset resident who has lived here all his life.

In my senior executive career I have demonstrated award-winning leadership with strategic skills handling significant budgets. I also ran my own business and can deliver with tight resources. I understand accountability and will work **for you** as your champion - not the police or any other interests.

#### **My broad skills are ideal for the PCC role.**

#### **Why does he want to be PCC?**

My motivations are the same experiences as yours. I saw anti-social behaviour being neglected, a shop lifting incident, the tragedy of drug addiction, an attempted fraud and poor 101 response, an unnecessary merger attempt and poor leadership from the current PCC.

#### **Your issues are my issues and we need change.**

#### **What preparation has he done to become Dorset PCC?**

Three years of preparation with other PCCs, a tutorial programme and rigorous assessment to prove myself.

A two year full-time commitment to understand Dorset and Dorset police across all communities and areas gives a platform for change.

**I have a real passion and commitment to be Dorset PCC**

**Why vote for David Sidwick for your PCC?**

**My vision is for Dorset to be the safest county in the UK.**

**This job is about delivering for you – nothing else. I will bring back prevention with robust visible community policing and put victims and communities first.**

**I will be tough on violence, drugs, hidden harms and also tackle rural crime**

**The mission is to cut crime and anti-social behaviour and together we will make our police crime fighters again.**

**Vote SIDWICK FIRST CHOICE ON May 6th**

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# Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Dorset

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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 Dorset.

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

- CANAVAN, Patrick – Labour and Co-operative Party
- HARDY, Dan – Independent
- ROBSON, Mark Andrew – Liberal Democrats
- SEYMOUR, Claire Elizabeth – Green Party
- SIDWICK, David John – The Conservative Party Candidate

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