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MY PCC**

Candidates for the Sussex 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

the 1990s, the number of people in the world who are illiterate has increased from 1.1 billion to 1.5 billion.

There are many reasons for this. One is that the population of the world is growing so fast that the number of people who are illiterate is increasing. Another reason is that the quality of education is so poor that many people who are literate are unable to read and write.

There are many ways to improve literacy. One way is to provide more schools and teachers. Another way is to provide more books and reading materials. A third way is to provide more training for teachers and students.

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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 Sussex 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**

Jamie Frank Bennett

Liberal Democrats



Election statement:

Jamie Bennett was born in Brighton, grew up in the Newhaven area and now serves his local community as a Councillor in the Rustington area of Arun in West Sussex.

He lives with his wife Jo and their son Elliot in Rustington. Jamie has 12 years of experience on Rustington Parish Council, during which time he has served as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council. In 2019, Jamie was elected to Arun District Council.

Jamie Bennett said, ***“I want to bring back community policing, get drugs off our streets by cutting county lines and deliver a fairer deal for Sussex.”***

“Theresa May’s failed PCC experiment has been a disaster for Sussex policing. We have seen the Police’s share of our Council Tax bills rocket, yet we have nothing to show for our money but rising crime, more drugs and fewer police on our streets.”

“As a Lib Dem Councillor in Arun, I have seen at first hand the impact of withdrawing community policing and increasing lawlessness on our streets. These have been exacerbated by Conservative cuts to youth services, mental health and road safety at West Sussex County Council.”

Former Eastbourne MP Stephen Lloyd said, ***“I’m absolutely delighted to endorse Jamie Bennett as Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex, his dedication, integrity and commitment to residents means that were he to be elected I know he will do a fantastic job.”***

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Kahina Suzanna Bouhassane

Green Party Candidate



Election statement:

Despite the hard work of many officers, policing is broken in Sussex. Over 10 years of Tory leadership and austerity has left a system that is not working – especially for women, Black and Minority Ethnic people and rural communities. Crimes are going uninvestigated and it is our local community that suffers. I am speaking up for residents that are not being heard.

We need a Police and Crime Commissioner who will stand up to the Conservative government and demand better for our residents, one who will not implement government cuts to vital services without protest. We need tough justice that puts victims first: Restorative Justice.

I will:

- Integrate police forces more closely with the communities they serve by creating new community liaison and equality officers to work on positive relations and by putting more police on the beat.
- Review hiring practices to ensure a diverse police force, which reflects the community it serves.
- Take steps to address and correct inequality in the Sussex police force by listening to the local community on issues of race, gender and geography and implementing appropriate measures.

- Invest in youth services and centres, to help turn at-risk children away from crime.
- Make misogyny a hate crime.
- End the war on drugs, which has trapped hundreds of thousands of people into lives of crime and treat drug addiction as a health condition, not a crime.

Greens are the only party providing a real opposition to the Conservative government. Vote for me, Kahina Bouhassane, on May 6th, and let's make Sussex Police a police for the people.

This statement has been prepared by Kahina Bouhassane's election agent: Steve Harris, c/o Brighton & Hove Green Party, 39-41 Surrey Street, Brighton BN1 3PB.

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Katy Elizabeth Bourne

Conservative Candidate – More Police,
Safer Streets



Election statement:

MY EXPERIENCE

Having served as Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner since 2012, I have the experience and proven track record to continue making a difference to policing our county.

As PCC, I have robustly held the police to account on behalf of residents, successfully supported victims of crime and invested heavily in frontline policing.

SOME ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

- Driven the biggest rise in police officer numbers with more now than when I was re-elected in 2016
- Restored neighbourhood policing, recruited more PCSOs
- Established a ground-breaking, early-intervention scheme REBOOT for 11-17 year-olds
- Delivered on rural and business community crime concerns with a dedicated Rural Crime Team and a Sussex Safer Business Partnership
- Ensured Sussex Police treat road safety and antisocial behaviour seriously
- Directed £ millions of pounds to support victims of crime, divert young people from harm and helped communities protect themselves

MY SIX-POINT PLAN – “MORE POLICE, SAFER STREETS”

- Continue to cut crime, catch more criminals, fight drugs gangs, county lines and serious violence and reduce re-offending – making everyone safer in Sussex
- Further recruitment of officers and PCSOs to increase frontline policing
- More action on rural crime, including continued investment into our Rural Crime Team
- Investment in Roads Policing to tackle antisocial driving and speeding
- Make shops and businesses safer places to work by establishing a dedicated Business Crime Team
- Support victims of crime, especially our elderly and young, and protect our most vulnerable from all forms of abuse

This election matters.

The PCC is responsible for setting the £310m budget, has powers to appoint and dismiss the Chief Constable and must ensure residents’ views are represented when setting policing priorities.

We’ve made real progress to deliver – let’s not put that work at risk now.

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Paul Adrian Richards

Labour and Co-operative Party



Election statement:

PAUL RICHARDS is the Labour & Co-operative candidate for Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).

Paul Richards is contesting this election on three main policies:

- more **rights** for witnesses and **victims of crime**, enshrined in a new, robust Victims Law, so that more cases come to court and more criminals are convicted for their crimes. The criminal justice system must be tilted towards the citizen not the criminal.
- **more police** on Sussex streets, reversing recent cuts to police numbers, and more neighbourhood policing teams woven into the fabric of local communities, **preventing crime** and **cracking down on noise**, vandalism, graffiti, and litter.
- investment in the **services and facilities** that create **a strong society**, helping to prevent crime, and giving **young people a better future**: more Sure Starts, Children's Centres, Youth Clubs, Sports Clubs and apprenticeships.

Paul Richards will invest in every part of the police family: civilian support staff, special constables, police community support officers, and neighbourhood police, as well as working with local councillors, faith groups, businesses and the voluntary sector in Sussex to prevent crime.

Paul Richards will **open new police stations** across Sussex, and **keep our police stations open for longer**.

Paul Richards will bring in new systems of **restorative justice**, making criminals pay for their crimes and victims feel that justice has been served.

So if you think it's time for a change, and you want more police in your neighbourhood, **give your first preference vote to Labour's Paul Richards**. And if you normally vote for another party, please give Labour's Paul Richards your second preference.

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Roy Thomas Williams

Independent



Election statement:

Roy Williams was born in the West Midlands and has lived in the South of England since the early 1980's. Roy is a retired Metropolitan Police Inspector with a wealth of operational policing experience gained in some of the busiest areas of South London. He is concerned of late at the nature and style of policing being delivered by all police forces and will seek to bring some common sense, integrity and proportionality back if elected. Given the huge demands on the modern police force Roy will seek to bring clarity to what should be policing priorities and in which areas police should perhaps be acting in more of an advisory capacity. He does not believe for example, that the police should be used as the enforcement arm of the NHS. He is an English Constitutionalist standing for the people's inalienable fundamental constitutional rights: The right to free assembly and free speech, the right to earn a living and the right to adequately protect oneself and one's property without interference from the State. Imagine how differently things may have played out if Sarah Everard had been in possession of a noxious spray to defend herself. Roy is standing as an independent candidate, free of political party influence, and he believes that his policing experience will allow for a much more critical eye to be cast over police activity than we have seen so far across the country. He is also keen to take responsibility for and provide oversight over the police complaints system, which in his experience forces are unable to adequately manage with integrity. A review of previous contentious cases may also be considered where appropriate.

This form was prepared by my election agent. I Estela Tanjuatco of 5, Winter Gardens, Crawley, RH11 8RB confirm preparation of this form.

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Sussex

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 Sussex.

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

- BENNETT, Jamie Frank – Liberal Democrats
- BOUHASSANE, Kahina Suzanna – Green Party Candidate
- BOURNE, Katy Elizabeth – Conservative Candidate – More Police, Safer Streets
- RICHARDS, Paul Adrian – Labour and Co-operative Party
- WILLIAMS, Roy Thomas – Independent

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