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MY PCC**

Candidates for the Cambridgeshire 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 Cambridgeshire 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**

Nicky Massey

Labour Party



Labour



Election statement:

Nicky Massey is a community safety campaigner and experienced councillor. She wants to put the community back at the heart of policing.

Labour's top priority is to keep you, your family and your community safe. As Police and Crime Commissioner Nicky will work hard to drive down crime and antisocial behaviour, tackle its root causes and ensure that criminals are brought to justice. She will also ensure that our local police are effective, efficient and accountable.

Nicky pledges to:

- Be the voice of the community
- Prioritise neighbourhood policing, after the Neighbourhood Policing team was disbanded and the number of PCSOs halved
- Investigate "high" crime areas and work together to help make them safer
- Tackle rising levels of violent crime including knife crime, and County Lines drug dealing

- Stamp out hate crime and encourage community cohesion
- Rapidly respond to spikes in reported crime whether it is bike theft, hare coursing or shop lifting

Tackle violence abuse and harassment of women and girls.

As a domestic abuse survivor, Nicky leads initiatives to empower victims to speak up. She wants all victims to know they will be properly supported. They should be at the heart of the criminal justice system.

Vote Labour's Nicky Massey to protect communities, prevent harm, and prioritise victims.

This statement has been prepared by the Candidate's Election Agent, A Mayer on behalf of the Candidate, Nicky Massey, of Alex Wood Hall, Norfolk Street, Cambridge, CB1 2LD.

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Sue Morris

Reform UK



Election statement:

We need a police force to protect us against those who seek to steal, injure and defraud us. The police should understand and enforce the few laws directed at our protection but not squander precious resources on the woke agenda. Our police need the goodwill of the public for the long term, and this should not be risked for short term expediency. We must feel we can turn to the police for protection, not distrust them as they get drawn into coercive action.

Our justice system has become gridlocked as cases build up faster than they can be processed. Many cases do not come to court to be judged because of the difficulty in preparing a strong case. This does not give true justice to either a person accused but not acquitted or a victim who has no closure.

My priorities are to:

- Tackle crime against the self employed and small local business.
- Get constables back on the beat, developing strong relationships with the people in their care.
- Give the police confidence in applying the laws most needed to carry out our priorities.
- Clarify the relations and boundaries within the justice system to establish accountability.

I would address the issue of police numbers by concentrating on retaining experienced officers. I would support the Chief Constable in finding practical ways to improve job satisfaction.

I would target commissioning on 'building up' not 'propping up' young people finding their way into adult life. I would commission local people, individually and in groups, to lead them in projects to discover and develop talents and to showcase achievement in any area including sport, arts, media, building, administration etc

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Rupert Moss-Eccardt

Liberal Democrats



Election statement:

I am a policing and security professional. I helped to establish the National Centre for Policing Excellence and consider it a privilege to work with the police services, alongside enthusiastic and dedicated staff.

If elected I will improve the policing of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in three ways:

- Cutting crime, through liberal approaches that work
- Neighbourhood police priorities will be set locally not centrally
- Policing with integrity, consent and without discrimination

Cutting Crime

Other parties focus on arrests and enforcement. I will focus on reducing crime in the first place. I can cut crime more effectively, by doing what consistent research evidence shows works best. I will therefore put more resources into:

- preventing first-time offenders from going on to reoffend
- helping recently-released prisoners who want to go straight and stay out of trouble
- focusing attention on offenders just released from prison who don't want to give up their life of crime.

Working with first-time offenders is the most effective approach. Techniques that have been proven to work, such as restorative justice, can turn many more people away from crime for good. Research evidence shows this works better than any other approach, if done by uniformed police officers.

There will be a clear focus on preventative action, particularly in relation to youth crime, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence and mental health issues.

As your PCC I will restore neighbourhood and community policing and will enhance support for victims, not just by funding support groups but also fighting to fix the broken courts system.

I grew up in the Fens, have lived and worked in Cambridge, and now live near Ely, so I understand the different crime issues across Cambridgeshire, essential knowledge for being Commissioner.

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Darryl Preston

The Conservative Party Candidate



Election statement:

I am passionate about our county. This is where I worked, where my parents live, where I met and married my wife, where my children were born and go to school and where I have many friends.

I am an ex senior police officer having served 10 years in the Met and 20 years in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in both uniformed and detective roles. I have dedicated my life to keeping you and your family safe. As a 16-year-old schoolboy at my interview to become a police cadet, I was asked “Why do you want to be a police officer?” I replied I wanted to catch criminals, help victims and keep people safe. My motivation to be your PCC remains the same.

After retiring from the force, I became a senior official at the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC) in Westminster – the body helping PCCs to develop policy positions and influence change in the criminal justice system.

The most important job of a PCC is to listen to the concerns of local communities and businesses and act upon them. I have done just that and developed a straightforward plan to cut crime in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough:

1. Reduce crime – by recruiting many more police officers
2. Tackling rural crime – investing in rural policing
3. Safer roads – reducing accidents and cracking down on speeding
4. Preventing crime – investing in early intervention schemes
5. Fighting organised crime – catching the very worst criminals
6. Communities first – ensuring the police prioritise local issues

I have the vital experience required to be a PCC, please support me in keeping all our communities safe.

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Cambridgeshire

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 Cambridgeshire.

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

- MASSEY, Nicky – Labour Party
- MORRIS, Sue – Reform UK
- MOSS-ECCARDT, Rupert – Liberal Democrats
- PRESTON, Darryl – The Conservative Party Candidate

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