

**CHOOSE
MY PCC**

Candidates for the Devon & Cornwall 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 1.2 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. A third reason is that many people who are literate are unable to use their skills in a way that is useful to them.

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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 Devon & Cornwall 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**

Brian Blake

Liberal Democrats



Election statement:

I'm Brian Blake. As a former police officer in the Devon and Cornwall Police I think I'm ideally suited to be the region's next PCC. During a career of more than 30 years, I worked in nine stations across the two counties, starting in uniform before moving on to CID, Special Branch and the Regional and National Crime Squads.

I retired with the rank of Detective Chief Inspector and then worked with the MoD and NATO, mainly in Europe, in security related roles. My expertise was such that I was invited to address the Chief Constables Conference on international crime issues. I spoke on the same subject at Interpol conferences in Lyon and Madrid. I bring this experience of national and international policing to my candidacy for Devon and Cornwall's next PCC.

The PCC is required to work with the Chief Constable to produce an annual Police and Crime Plan. If elected, my Plan will be underpinned by Sir Robert Peel's definition of policing: "the prevention and detection of crime." The issues may have evolved but policing still has the same fundamental objectives.

I've seen at first hand the damage that crime does to individuals, families and communities, and I shall argue strongly in favour of:

- visible police patrols
- improved detection rates
- fighting hate crime
- rigorous pursuit of drug dealers, and re-hab programmes for addicts
- fairer funding for the police

I will also work closely with victim support services and charities, including rape crisis centres, domestic violence support organisations, and military veterans organisations.

As your successful candidate, I will have to swear an oath of impartiality. As a former copper, I take such oaths very seriously.

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Gareth Derrick

Labour Party



Election statement:

Our police have been exemplary over the past year, striking the balance between education and enforcement of Covid regulations across Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. But public perception of the value in the role of Police and Crime Commissioner is low. My aim is to build trust and confidence in this important democratically elected position by making the police answerable to the communities they serve.

I will work alongside the Chief Constable representing your policing and crime prevention needs in a plan that sets the priorities for action, and I'll hold the police to account for their performance on your behalf. Every decision I take will be based on my personal integrity and leadership experience gained during 36 years of public service with the Royal Navy.

I won't be drawn into party politics, but I will get to grips with the challenges that are holding back improvements to policing and crime prevention and the demonstration of value for money.

Beyond the G7 conference my priorities are:

- **To ensure that additional uniformed police officers will provide a much greater visible presence in your neighbourhood, serving you to cut crime and arrest offenders.**

- **To end the tragedy of rising violence. Nearly doubling in four years, much of it is against women and girls. It has to be stopped.**
- **To tackle the crimes in your community. I'll re-prioritise the crimes that affect you everyday, like theft, drug-dealing and anti-social behaviour.**
- **More investment in crime prevention to create a safer place for your families and your businesses too.**
- **Better policing for every pound. Tax-payers deserve honesty and value for money.**

I'm ready to serve again. Today I'm fighting to keep people safe and cut crime.

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Alison Hernandez

The Conservative Party Candidate



Election statement:

A Track Record of Delivery

A Promise of More

Alison has been the Commissioner representing the people of Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly since May 2016. Since she set her first budget, we have had the largest investment of **498 police officers**, with 317 already recruited.

We have become the **second lowest crime** rate area in the country. We have sustained this for a few year's but Alison wants us to be number one and can only do it with your help and by voting for her on the 6th May.

Alison understands your frustrations around anti-social behaviour, drug dealing and road safety. She wants to help you **better access policing, cut crime further** and create greater **visible policing** to keep us all safer.

Alison promises to:

- **Re-open police front offices** – Newquay police station has already opened, and Tiverton is next. Let Alison know which station you'd like to see re-opened by completing her survey on her website.

- **Police Officers on foot patrol** – With 498 extra police officers funded, Alison is working with the Chief Constable to ensure we see this investment in our communities.
- **Improve road safety** – Alison already has a plan to secure greater external investment in road safety and better support communities suffering from dangerous drivers.
- **Tackle dog theft** – Working with our MPs to secure harsher penalties for thieves and improve the recording of this devastating crime.
- **Cut crime in our hotspots** – Secured extra resources from the government for Plymouth, next Exeter to create safer streets through improved CCTV, street lighting and security for people's homes.
- **Continue supporting our rural communities**– under Alison's watch the force now has a rural crime team helping crimes get reported and investigated.

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The Green Party



Election statement:

I'm passionate about improving the **accountability**, **inclusivity**, and **environmental impact** of Devon & Cornwall Police (D&CP.) If elected, I'd want our Chief Constable to work on the following:

Accountability

Organise monthly “Listening Forums” for local people, three in each city: Truro, Plymouth and Exeter.

1. For all **women** to attend
2. For anyone identifying as **non-binary or LGBTIQA+**
3. For **people who experience racism**, including refugees

People in these three groups are over-represented amongst victims of certain crimes.

Listening Forums would allow people to raise concerns and/or questions with a senior police officer. Conversations would be facilitated using the NHS model of Schwartz Rounds, enabling police to better understand issues affecting us, the people that they serve.

Inclusivity

- **Publish annual data about recruitment** into Officer and Civilian posts, for the three groups above
- **Explain retention, promotion and recruitment data** for under-represented groups
- **Adopt best recruitment and retention strategies** of other Forces

As PCC, I'd examine cases of proven harassment of officers or staff, where protected characteristics were a contributory factor.

Environmental impact

- **Monitor** how police estates are managed with wildlife in mind
- **Invest** in solar and wind investment on police buildings
- **Insulate** existing buildings efficiently
- **Halt further closures** of Smaller Police Stations and **examine feasibility of re-opening** closed stations
- **Investigate feasibility of a mentored Allotment scheme** for people at risk of re-offending, using police land at Middlemoor, to help them learn how to grow their own food.
- **Publish an annual report** on the maintenance, purchasing choices and use of **Police Vehicles**.
- **Monitor the strategy of reducing Unnecessary Journeys**, including increasing video-conferencing.

I've previously worked as Training Officer for D&CP. This provided insights into the many strengths and some weaknesses of the Force.

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Devon & Cornwall

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 Devon & Cornwall.

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

- BLAKE, Brian – Liberal Democrats
- DERRICK, Gareth – Labour Party
- HERNANDEZ, Alison – The Conservative Party Candidate
- JACKSON, Stuart – The Green Party

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