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Candidates for the Dyfed-Powys Police Force Area

On 6th May, you will be able to vote for your police and crime commissioner.

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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 Dyfed-Powys 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**

Jon Burns

Conservative Candidate – More Police, Safer Streets

Conservatives
Ceidwadwyr

Election statement:

Jon Burns is the Welsh Conservative candidate for the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner in Dyfed-Powys.

A former Welsh City and County Councillor, Jon has worked in the Home Office for Her Majesty's Prison Inspectorate and for several leading healthcare companies and charities as an industry representative. He brings an insight to the inner workings of the UK's criminal justice system, an in-depth understanding and knowledge of the criminal re-offending cycle and first-hand knowledge of how to interrupt and break it.

Jon's priorities for Dyfed-Powys are;

1 To recruit at least 100 more Police Officers across Dyfed-Powys

2 To target rural and farm crime. Quad Bike theft, stolen farm machinery and animal theft are sadly rife across Dyfed-Powys. Using a strategic and detailed approach both to crime prevention and detection, Jon wants to ensure that farms and isolated rural communities are kept safe from organised crime.

3 Disrupt and dismantle County Lines drug gangs. ‘County Lines’ target towns and villages across Dyfed-Powys. Organised drug gangs, often using the rail network and travelling from larger cities to the Dyfed-Powys force area to recruit young and vulnerable people into the drugs trade, sometimes basing themselves in local communities and selling drugs locally. Jon’s plan is to help Dyfed-Powys Police work hand-in-glove with larger Police forces and the British Transport Police to share more information (often from seized mobile phones and other intelligence from offenders) and to dismantle the gangs.

4 Reduce Police response times across Dyfed-Powys, especially in isolated rural areas. One of the greatest challenges to Dyfed-Powys Police is responding to crime fast. By bolstering officer numbers and harnessing the latest technology available, Jon aims to reduce average response times to the most serious callouts, helping keep our rural communities safe from crime.

Dafydd Llywelyn

Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales

Election statement:

As your current Commissioner, operational, front-line policing has, and always will come before party politics. I have a strong track record of delivering on my promises and of listening to the communities of Dyfed Powys. I am proud of what I have achieved since 2016, but there is still so much to do.

I am an approachable individual and I believe in listening to all members of the community in order to shape a successful police force. Since 2016, I have increased resources whilst also retaining the lowest council tax levels in Wales. If re-elected:

- I will not appoint a Deputy Commissioner and I will continue to reduce costs on external consultants;
- I will put the victim at the heart of the service and develop a truly victim led service;
- I will not privatise core police support functions;
- I will continue to hold public meetings across the force;
- I will prioritise working in partnership with organisations and agencies to safeguard the most vulnerable in society.

Your safety is my top priority. I want to ensure that the Dyfed Powys Police Force remains one of the safest places to live in Wales and England. Since being elected as the Police and Crime Commissioner in 2016, I have delivered:

- A state-of-the-art CCTV system that is monitored 24/7 by police staff;
- A dedicated team to detect and fight crime in our rural communities;
- A focus and crack-down on county lines drug dealing to target organised crime;
- A Neighbourhood Policing Model putting a face to local policing;
- Investment in Youth Offending Teams to divert young people away from crime;
- A new innovative Offender Diversionary Scheme to reduce re-offending.

Glyn Preston

Welsh Liberal Democrats – Put Recovery First /Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru – Adfywio yw`r flaenoriaeth

Welsh Lib Dems
Dem Rhydd Cymru

Election statement:

People should be able to go about their lives without fear of discrimination. However, hate crimes are on the rise and too many people no longer feel safe.

People are crying out for change and desperately want to see more visible policing, particularly in areas that often feel forgotten about.

I will fight to keep our communities safe, by introducing tried and tested measures and work with communities to help us tackle big issues like anti-social behaviour and reducing reoffending.

If elected on May 6th, my main priorities will be:

- **More visible policing to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour**, especially in communities that feel left behind in terms of the policing presence. That's why we will create more PCSOs and police officers.
- **Support the victims of crime and witnesses** with quality and timely support to help repair harm done and rebuild lives.

- **More restorative justice and community sentencing** for less serious offences.
- **Diverting resources to targeting drug trafficking rather than drug possession offences**.
- **Tackle hate crime**, including by making it easier to report incidents and investing in services.
- **Reduce re-offending** by working with employers, education & health services to **reintegrate ex-offenders into society** through access to housing, jobs, apprenticeships, voluntary work & training.
- **Halt the use of facial recognition surveillance** by police forces until there is greater accountability and transparency around their use.
- **Resist draconian and dangerous attempts to subject marginalised communities to even more disproportionate policing.**
- **Resist attempts to curb our right to protest.**
- Publish a strategy on **tackling race inequality** in the criminal justice system.

Philippa Thompson

Labour and Co-operative Party/Llafur a'r Blaid Gydweithredol

Election statement:

I am delighted to be your Labour & Co-operative Party candidate for the Dyfed-Powys Police area. I served in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service, working with police and justice systems across the world, and on human rights and equality issues. My family and I live in West Wales where I'm proud to say my great-grandfather was a member of the Pembrokeshire Constabulary.

The Tories have created a crisis in policing and crime. They have spent a decade cutting the police, slashing billions of pounds from police budgets.

Here in Wales, the Welsh Labour Government has stepped up to support safer communities, investing in 500 extra Police Community Support Officers on our streets. The next Welsh Labour Government will increase the number of officers to boost community policing.

And it is Labour Police and Crime Commissioners who have spearheaded a public health approach to tackling crime, anti-social behaviour and violence against women by working with local authorities, voluntary sector and other agencies to make communities safer.

I am campaigning across Dyfed-Powys to keep the Tories away from direct control over our police forces. Electing me means protecting our local police force and making our communities safer.

MY PLEDGES

- **KEEPING US SAFE**

I will work hard to ensure we keep our low crime rate. We need to be safe – and to feel safe.

- **SUPPORTING OUR POLICE FORCE**

My annual Plan will support Dyfed-Powys police to deliver an excellent service for all.

- **LISTENING: A VOICE FOR YOU**

I will be your voice, to make the work of the police responsive to your needs. I will always stand up for you.

Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Dyfed-Powys

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 Dyfed-Powys.

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

- BURNS, Jon – Conservative Candidate – More Police, Safer Streets
- LLYWELYN, Dafydd – Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales
- PRESTON, Glyn – Welsh Liberal Democrats – Put Recovery First / Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru – Adfywio yw`r flaenoriaeth
- THOMPSON, Philippa – Labour and Co-operative Party /Llafur a'r Blaid Gydweithredol

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