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MY PCC**

Candidates for the Lancashire 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 400 million to 600 million.

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 Lancashire 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**

James Barker

Reform UK



Election statement:

I will endeavour to support all the emergency services and charities that my role has budget responsibility for.

The Party is unique in that it's candidates are not whipped by central office. This gives the candidates who have intrinsic knowledge of their areas the ability to serve their community best. Not only will I sustain the great work of the emergency services, I will enhance the role and I believe improve it.

There needs to be far more proactive initiatives to tackle youth crime at source. Reduce the incentive to use drugs and subsequent criminal activities. Rather than be reactive, I want to interject in our poorest and deprived areas by engaging on their own doorsteps with a joint venture between PCC and private enterprise.

In terms of the women's, disabled, and children's support groups I would be responsible for, I would engage on a monthly meeting for input on how we can do things better. Money helps but active listening and engagement avoids issues that have arisen in recent years. My connections within the private sector in Lancashire will enable me to bring on board business that wants to get involved in helping our most challenged and neglected groups in society at the same time as increasing public awareness. It is also my intention to

give 30% of my expenses to the most deserving Boys and Girls clubs for sporting excellence in the toughest areas in the County.

I won't be engaging in Party Political squabbles during this campaign - Reform is about exactly that, reform. Our whole purpose is to breathe new life into the role and use its extremely powerful influence on what's best for the people in the County.

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Neil Darby

Liberal Democrats



Election statement:

The Liberal Democrat candidate for the Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner is Neil Darby. As a councillor in Preston, Neil is very familiar with the need for our local police to work well within our communities to protect our neighbourhoods. It is important to build a holistic approach for local policing to both **care for victims and reduce repeat offences** which currently takes up so much police time. By working with other local bodies such as social services, health workers and teachers, the police can work with the wider community to head off many crimes such as antisocial behaviour at the source. This approach can prevent many issues from becoming greater problems over time, freeing police time in the long term and **avoiding a constant battle just to keep up with crimes in our community**. Neil will also press for Lancashire police to work closely with mental health services. If police are trained to spot incidents where someone is suffering a mental health crisis, they should have a target of one hour to handover to mental health services who are best placed to help. This would help **save lives as well as police time**. Finally, it is important to recognise that there is a trust issue between the police and some community groups. As PCC Neil would order a review of controversial police policies such as stop and search to ensure that no groups are being

disproportionately targeted or harassed. By listening to all in our community the police can rebuild the trust necessary to ensure they can effectively **protect everyone equally**.

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I, Jürgen O H Voges of 7 Haighton Drive, Fulwood, PR2 9LU confirm that I have prepared this form as Agent for Cllr Neil Darby.

Clive Grunshaw

Labour and Co-operative Party



Election statement:

I'd be honoured to be re-elected as our Police and Crime Commissioner.

We want our bobbies back!

Lancashire has been hit hard by Conservative cuts to policing, whilst some forces in the South have more bobbies on their streets now than ever before.

Lancashire is not a second-class county. We want our fair share of bobbies back on our streets, making Lancashire safer, not down in places like leafy Surrey!

We won't accept the crumbs off the table. We need all 750 of the officers lost through cuts back, to rebuild neighbourhood policing and reconnect with all the communities of our great county. If you're with me, please sign my petition:

www.policpetition.co.uk

Rebuilding neighbourhood policing

By utilising efficiencies within our budget, I have introduced new task force officers across Lancashire. These officers have disrupted drug dealers, gang crime and anti-social behaviour. They listen to the public's concerns and act on them.

Now, building on their success, I am introducing more task force teams that will embed themselves within our communities and ensure that we get the support we need.

Lancashire is ‘outstanding’ – it’s official!

Despite ten years of Conservative cuts, inspectors have rated Lancashire Police one of the best and most efficient police forces in the country.

I’m proud of Lancashire Police and what they deliver. We just need more resources and I’m committed to fighting this government to ensure we get our fair share - and opposing their forced increases in council tax.

Re-elect me on 6th May and together we can rebuild neighbourhood policing, rebuild our famous community spirit and ensure Lancashire remains a safe and wonderful place to live.

#FightingForLancashire

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Andrew Snowden

Conservative Party Candidate



Election statement:

On 6th May, you have the opportunity to vote to **crack down on criminal reoffenders, invest in front line policing and give more power to Lancashire's PCSOs to tackle antisocial behaviour.**

Throughout this pandemic our front-line police officers, supported by the Constabulary as a whole, have done amazing work in keeping our communities as safe as they can in difficult times. As we move on from the pandemic, with our world-leading vaccination programme paving the way, I want to lead the charge against crime in Lancashire.

I am standing as your Conservative candidate in this vital election. It matters who's in charge. The Commissioner sets the multi-million pound police budgets, agrees the priorities for policing and holds the force to account for delivering against those, for the benefit of all residents across Lancashire.

I will deliver a joined up approach to Lancashire policing. I will work nationally with our MPs and government ministers to ensure we have the resources and powers we need to fight crime, and ensure the budgets and priorities are set according to our priorities for keeping Lancashire safe. **The Government is investing more into policing- a vote for me is a vote to ensure a strong, joined up approach to ensure Lancashire gets the best out of this investment.**

If you want to see that change, you have to vote for it. So, I am asking that you use your vote to elect me to deliver the changes we all want to see. **Cracking down on reoffending. More powers for PCSOs. More officers on the front lines. And an end to the retreat from rural policing.**

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Snowden

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Lancashire

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 Lancashire.

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

- BARKER, James – Reform UK
- DARBY, Neil – Liberal Democrats
- GRUNSHAW, Clive – Labour and Co-operative Party
- SNOWDEN, Andrew – Conservative Party Candidate

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