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# **Candidates for the Leicestershire Police Force Area**

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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

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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 Leicestershire 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter)**

## Rupert Matthews

Conservative and Unionist Party



### **Election statement:**

#### **Make Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Safer.**

**My vision is for efficient, robust and professional policing in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. I want more offenders caught, more crime prevented and to put policing back into all our communities. I want partners who work with the police to be inspired so we can protect those at risk. I want the police to be connected to our communities to mobilise their community spirit. I want more compassion and kindness shown to victims of crime and the most vulnerable in society.**

As we build back better, it is vital that Leicestershire takes full advantage of the decision by Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his Home Secretary Priti Patel to put law and order back at the heart of our political agenda. With 20,000 new police officers, more prison places and tough new laws for violent criminals, the police can help society to level up. To harness this great support for policing from the Government, our area needs a Conservative Police and Crime Commissioner with the ability to influence national policy and ensure that our voices are heard.

I want officers and staff to be responsive to the needs of the law-abiding public as the police keep them and their property safe and secure. I want our police to target those criminals who engage in unlawful activity and seek to endanger or disrupt the peace and safety of our communities.

I will have two guiding lights taken from the Peelian Principles laid down when Sir Robert Peel founded our modern police force in 1829:

*“The police are the public and that the public are the police”*

*“The test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder”*

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## Dr James Moore

Liberal Democrats



### **Election statement:**

#### **The Local Choice Who Works for You**

Dr. James Moore has lived in Leicestershire and Rutland for much of his life. He was educated at John Cleveland College, Hinckley and Christ Church, Oxford. He has served as a member of Liberal Democrat controlled Hinckley and Bosworth Borough council, and currently works for the University of Leicester.

#### **Liberal Democrat Priorities - Keeping Streets and Communities Safe**

Leicestershire's Liberal Democrat councils work with the police all-year-round to protect the community. As your Police Commissioner, James Moore will fight to:

- Reverse Labour and Conservative cuts to local policing
- Extend community policing with more visible community patrols
- Introduce a 'Street Safe' initiative to reduce the fear of street violence
- Improve street lighting in high crime areas
- Tackle dangerous driving and speeding
- Adopt a more preventative and proactive approach towards domestic violence

- Tackle burglary and develop new burglary prevention schemes
- Enhance efforts to tackle drug crime and county lines gangs
- Develop more community neighbourhood watch and crime prevention initiatives
- Provide better support to victims of crime

### **Supporting the Police –Listening to the Community**

A Liberal Democrat Police Commissioner will work closely and constructively with the Chief Constable to improve local policing. James Moore will ensure communities have a direct say in local policing and crime prevention. When things go wrong, he will work hard to support the police to put things right.

### **More Police - Not More Politicians**

The Liberal Democrats believe that the Police Commissioner's office costs are far too high. James Moore will cut the cost of bureaucracy and reduce the number of paid advisors to a minimum. Liberal Democrats want to see more police, not more politicians and political advisors.

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## Ross Willmott

Labour and Co-operative Party



### **Election statement:**

#### **Public services safe with Labour**

#### **Now is the time to defend our public services.**

Over the last year we have seen how important the NHS, social care, & voluntary groups have been.

The choice is between Labour's Ross Willmott who is serious about defending public services and tackling the Tory rise in violent crime or the Conservatives who have slashed police numbers and let crime rise. Ross is committed to protecting all our public services, the police, youth work, social care, and our NHS, to ensure everyone of us feels safe through working together.

Ross knows the County and City well. He grew up and went to school in Coalville and represented Ibstock on the County Council for 12 yrs.

Moving to the City in 1988 Ross successfully led the City Council for ten year bringing about the biggest job creation in the city's history. He introduced the City Wardens who have been a great force in stopping crime and antisocial behaviour.

Ross's pledges:

- **Real Community Policing**

More officers on the beat making streets safer

- **Crime Prevention**

Defeating knife crime, investing in young people

- **Acting on what you tell me**

In every neighbourhood with more support to victims of crime

- **Tackling Domestic Violence**

And stopping the exploitation of children and adults,

Willy Bach our current PCC asks you to vote for Ross as his successor to continue the work he has done putting 289 police officers back on the beat.

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# Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Leicestershire

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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 Leicestershire.

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

- MATTHEWS, Rupert – Conservative and Unionist Party
- MOORE, Dr James – Liberal Democrats
- WILLMOTT, Ross – Labour and Co-operative Party

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