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MY PCC**

Candidates for the Norfolk 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 Norfolk 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**

John Peter Crofts

Liberal Democrat



Election statement:

I am a retired Headmaster and, now as a governor of schools in Norfolk, I see the importance of the educational role of the police in working with young people and their communities, to combat crime, but as importantly to boost the confidence of our communities. Only through understanding the needs of every person and supporting them can we hope to work together.

My priorities therefore focus on:

Education

To be truly effective we need to start with our children. Many schools have successful PHSE programmes, but few put enough emphasis on what crime is, the impact it can have on them and the community and how they can keep out of crime. Groups of victims, former prisoners and those involved in the criminal justice system should go into schools and inform the young people about issues including respect for women, knife crime and County Lines Drug Gangs and to promote social cohesion and civic values.

Community

We need to work with all members of the community and good mental health provision is essential in understanding those who suffer and who may present with issues that need proper care when considering crimes committed.

Addressing the many people in society who are victims of crime, but don't feel they are being listened to when it comes to the criminal justice system.

Restorative justice which brings those damaged by crime and those responsible for the damage into communication needs to be extended.

Thinking to the future

Embracing technologies, and making the funding available for them, that can help crime prevention and detections, always being aware that we should be conscious of civil liberties.

Vote John Crofts as your first choice for Norfolk PCC

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Independent



Election statement:

I am proud to say I am an ex British Army Infantry Veteran who served in The Royal Green Jackets and a retired Metropolitan Police Scotland Yard CID Officer.

I have lived in Norfolk now for 17 years and absolutely love it.

I am standing as the Independent Candidate to protect Norfolk from the ongoing rise of crimes spreading across Norfolk, and all of our Country.

I have always listened to the public and know you want police back on the streets, to protect you and your family, and I agree 100%.

Also the closure of police stations across Norfolk, and many other issues that we relied on have disappeared.

I also want to recruit, like you agree, our Military Veterans into our police as they are highly professional, operationally experienced, and a huge asset to our safety.

Please vote for me as I will follow the oath of allegiance I took as a 17 year old on joining the British Army, with my hand on a Bible "I swore allegiance to my Queen and Country" which I have done since that day, and will do everything in my power using my professional knowledge and operational experience as an Operational Police Officer to protect you all.

Thank you all for your support.

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Giles Rackley Orpen-Smellie

The Conservative Party Candidate



Election statement:

Keeping Norfolk Safe

As ***your*** PCC: I would be elected by you; to work for you; to ensure that your concerns about policing and crime are heard and acted upon.

My plan is to:

- **Increase visible policing:** recruit more police officers; put more officers on our streets; making our streets safer, especially for women walking alone; and do more to tackle anti-social behaviour.
- **Reduce high-harm crime such as:** domestic abuse, which totals 26% of crime in Norfolk; organised rural crime, including hare coursing and agricultural equipment theft; and county lines drugs with its violence and other criminality.
- **Put victims first:** to support victims of crime by full implementation of the new Victim's Code; and by improving prosecution rates for crimes such as sexual assault.
- **Address problems that cause crime:** the police deal with individual incidents but a 'public health' approach involving public, private and charity organisations is needed for to deal with underlying issues that cause crime.

- **Look to the future:** to consider what capabilities the police will need in future; to prepare now for challenges ahead rather than reacting later after new challenges begin to bite.

I served 34 years in the Army so I understand the vocational, non-political, nature of wearing a police uniform and serving the public. I also understand the police's need for the support of the public, local authorities, private businesses and charities. The PCC can bring all these together, helping the police to focus on policing while wider partnerships deal with issues that cause crime. The police and public should go forward together.

Please help me to make this vision a reality by giving me your **first preference vote** on 6th May 2021.

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Michael Rosen

Labour and Co-operative Party



Election statement:

Being Police & Crime Commissioner for Norfolk demands experience of leading a County level service, engaging with communities, and working with other organisations to meet people's needs. I already have a very successful record of delivering multi-agency services across Norfolk. I know the needs of Norfolk's different communities and who is best placed to meet them. I will integrate our Police into a whole community response that stops crime rather than just picking up the pieces after the event. I am the best person for the job.

I promise a better response to the concerns of communities challenging crime –the safety of women or anybody else targeted by hate, anti-social behaviour, the impact of drug use or street drinking, the rise in violent crime. People have a right to feel safe in public spaces. I promise to continue the fight against crime that happens in our homes – domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation, fraud, and cybercrime. We need to tackle crime where people work – violence against people doing their job, health & safety failures, and modern slavery and trafficking. I will support our Police to get the money and equipment they need, and fair pay that reflects the risks they run in keeping us safe. I will hold them accountable for using these resources to help create a safer, fairer Norfolk for everyone.

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Martin Kenneth Albert Schmierer

The Green Party



Election statement:

I have lived in Norfolk since 1994. For the last six years I have served as a city councillor in Norwich and from 2018-19 was Lord Mayor of the city.

As a councillor, I have considerable experience working with the police and the local authority to try to tackle criminal and anti-social behaviour – everything from flytipping and graffiti to drug dealing.

In that time, I have spoken to thousands of residents and feel I have built a deep understanding of what the priorities of the Police and Crime Commissioner should be. These include:

- Tackling the bureaucratisation and politicisation of the police force and will instead look to improve the links between communities and the constabulary;
- Making more money available for small grants to community projects which improve safety in their local area;
- Protecting rural policing and ensuring that resources are not solely focused on Norfolk's towns and cities; Ensuring that more is done to tackle hidden crime, e.g. domestic violence, which is often under- or-unreported;

- Addressing violence against women and hate crimes against minorities;
- Undertaking a fundamental rethink of our drug policy. Having spoken to police officers, judges and health professionals, it is clear the current approach isn't working and we cannot simply arrest our way out of the problem. We must look at drug addiction as a health issue, rather than simply a criminal matter.

Most importantly though, I would like to hear from more residents in Norfolk to ensure that everyone's voice is heard. We know Norfolk is a wonderful place to live and bring up a family, but it is only through working together that we can make this county safer for us all and for future generations.

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Norfolk

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 Norfolk.

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

- CROFTS, John Peter – Liberal Democrat
- MORELAND, David John – Independent
- ORPEN-SMELLIE, Giles Rackley – The Conservative Party Candidate
- ROSEN, Michael – Labour and Co-operative Party
- SCHMIERER, Martin Kenneth Albert – The Green Party

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