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Candidates for the South Wales 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 South Wales 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**

Mike Baker

Independent/Annibynnol



Election statement:

For the last nine years we have had a commissioner leading South Wales Police. In that time, we have seen repeated cuts to the budget, repeated reductions in officer numbers (currently 600 officers).

The public have spoken, they want a police service that reflects their needs, they are concerned that the reduction of officers and stations has left the police in a dangerous position.

As a former Police Officer / Barrister / Solicitor / Commercial Mediator and a Member of the International Police Association.

I am currently a Director and Secretary of a small company.

I have the background, the skill and the expertise for the office of Police and Crime Commissioner.

I am independent of all political parties and self-funding.

The public want to become more involved in the way their communities are policed. We need to bring a more visible police presence. I have made useful connections with many local communities which will help in my future policing plan.

I will strive to: -

Ensure that we have a strong politically independent police force free to police our communities without fear or favour.

Address the financial constraints currently placed on the police in order to bring South Wales Police back to full strength

Give the police the support they need, to enable them to address anti-social behaviour.

Give our communities the support they need.

Divert our youngsters away from crime to prevent them becoming our criminals of the future.

It's time for change, the office of PCC must be refreshed

I am your INDEPENDENT Candidate for the office of Police and Crime Commissioner for the South Wales Police.

Together we will make the difference

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Steve Gallagher

Conservative Candidate – More Police,
Safer Streets



Election statement:

Steve Gallagher has considerable experience in public service having been a serving police officer for 32 years reaching the rank of Chief Inspector and serving throughout South Wales.

After leaving the police he started a small business supporting others as a consultant advisor. He still runs this business which took him to London for several years becoming heavily involved in London Olympics, the planning and support of the Olympic Park and the opening and closing ceremonies. Also, working with Swansea University supporting the students and then assisting long term unemployed into work. He is currently a Councillor with City and County of Swansea.

Steve believes we should all be able to live work and play safely where we choose to live, and will challenge the police and community to work together but also supporting the police to allow them to carry out the role they are charged to do.

His key priorities are:

Increase local policing

- Accessible and visible policing and recruitment of officers
- Increase confidence and ease in reporting crime and anti-social behaviour
- Work with partners to support our business and prevent escalating or linked crime
- Tackle business crime and its links to violence and drugs and travelling criminals

Continued disruption of organised crime

- Tackling serious violence and knife crime
- Tackling drugs and county lines and links with business crime and cybercrime

Supporting the Community, the vulnerable and victims

- Address domestic abuse, stalking and harassment
- Support victims and their families
- Continue to support victims of rape and sexual abuse and ensure ease of report and response
- Safeguard the vulnerable and children in our society

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Dr Gail John

Propel: Wales Needs Champions/Propel:
Mae Cymru Angen Pencampwyr



Election statement:

My name is Dr Gail John and I am Propel's trauma informed Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) candidate. For over a decade, I have advocated for children and adults rights across the South Wales Police region, completing a doctorate which examined why Wales has the lowest educational results, poverty, suicide statistics and ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) outcomes in UK. The consistently high social poverty statistics, along with lived stories of pain signifies that a massive justice problem exists in the South Wales region.

This justice problem has been ignored and serious failures have been left unchallenged for decades. After connecting to people in psychiatric hospitals, prison, homeless outreaches, neurodivergent individuals failed by the education system, and those struggling with mental health and addictions, sexual abuse victims, exploitation and victims of trafficking and miscarriages of justice victims, I was invited into the family court arena by a judge to be a trauma informed expert witness. My reports pinpointed multiple systematic failings across public services in the South Wales Police region. I won a scholarship to study a Master's in Law Degree which taught me that the current Labour Welsh Government is violating the rule of law in their dealings with the Welsh public.

What I hope to achieve:

1. Eradicating systematic abusive practice out of South Wales Police and challenging all forms of collusion.
2. Ensuring the authentic preventative trauma informed practice through implementing early intervention and authentic harm reducing training across all multi-agencies in the region.
3. Restorative justice - righting all the wrongs including ensuring a proper independent investigation into Dai Morris' case including DNA testing outstanding evidence, where national policing standards were not followed by South Wales Police.

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Callum James Littlemore

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



Welsh Lib Dems
Dem Rhydd Cymru



Election statement:

Everyone should be able to go about their lives without fear of discrimination or abuse. Sadly, hate crimes are on the rise and too many no longer feel safe in their communities.

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 working with local communities to tackle anti-social behaviour and reduce 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, by recruiting 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.
- Halting the use of invasive facial recognition technology on day one.

- 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 support 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.
- Resist draconian and dangerous attempts to subject marginalised communities to even more disproportionate policing.
- Publish a strategy on tackling race inequality in the criminal justice system.
- Resist attempts to curb our right to protest.

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Nadine Rachel Marshall

Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales

Plaid Cymru



Party of Wales



Election statement:

Nadine Marshall is not your typical candidate for Police & Crime Commissioner. This is her strength and why she is an excellent choice for the role. She enters this race as a person with a significant understanding of the impact crime has on the victims of crime.

Not all politicians and not all ex police officers and lawyers can see the big picture and realise what is really needed to make our communities safer, better places to raise our children.

Nadine has proven that she is able to take on the establishment and right wrongs. Her ambition is to improve South Wales for each community by drawing together the Criminal Justice System to work more effectively and to show how the third sector can be used to improve further our living and working conditions. Her ambition for our well-being is not limited by what others say is possible.

Nadine will not be relying on sound-bites because she knows they are meaningless promises. She will be prioritising victims of crime; she wants potential criminals to know that they will be caught, they will be punished. More than that Nadine intends to work harder to catch the young people who are being drawn into crime and divert them away from that life.

Nadine will not just speak for the communities, she will speak to the communities to understand fully the different issues across South Wales. Anti-social behaviour and drug crime are a scourge on society and must be dealt with better. Our communities need innovation, new thinking, ambition that is wider than simply getting the best out of our police.

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Alun Edward Michael

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



Election statement:

I'm determined to make South Wales the best place to live and work, having demonstrated the commitment and leadership to ensure that South Wales has the best possible police service while preventing crime and harm wherever possible.

Ours is one of the best performing police services in England and Wales – despite significant cuts to the Police Grant by successive Conservative Governments in Westminster. I've protected neighbourhood policing – making the most of additional PCSOs funded by our Welsh Labour Government – while leading innovation in tackling the causes of crime, such as substance misuse, childhood trauma and violence.

Domestic violence and abuse damages communities – so as well as supporting victims I've invested in challenging perpetrators through the Drive programme, which is cutting violence and damage within families.

I've built a strong team and ensured that our police have the resources they need. I'm determined to accelerate our prevention and early intervention work to deliver my Police and Crime Plan.

Cooperation is the golden thread – so I listen to people’s views, to ensure we are best delivering for our communities. Our officers and PCSOs have worked with people across South Wales through COVID-19, while I worked with Welsh Labour Ministers, Local Authorities and Voluntary Organisations – to maintain local policing while meeting increased demand.

I work hard to engage and meet the needs of all our diverse communities. I’m working with agencies across the Criminal Justice System to ensure offenders are brought to justice as quickly and effectively as possible.

I’m standing on my proven track record of delivery, my passion for preventing crime and to accelerate work with the strong leadership team I have built. I want every community in South Wales to be safe.

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for South Wales

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 South Wales.

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

- BAKER, Mike – Independent/Annibynnol
- GALLAGHER, Steve – Conservative Candidate – More Police, Safer Streets
- JOHN, Dr Gail – Propel: Wales Needs Champions/Propel: Mae Cymru Angen Pencampwyr
- LITTLEMORE, Callum James – Welsh Liberal Democrats – Put Recovery First/Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru – Adfywio yw'r flaenoriaeth
- MARSHALL, Nadine Rachel – Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales
- MICHAEL, Alun Edward – Labour and Co-operative Party/Llafur a'r Blaid Gydweithredol

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