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MY PCC**

Candidates for the South Yorkshire 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 Yorkshire 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**

Alan Billings

Labour and Co-operative Party



Election statement:

During my time as Police and Crime Commissioner, South Yorkshire Police has been transformed. According to Her Majesty's Inspectors, they have gone from 'requires improvement' to 'good' overall and 'outstanding' for ethical leadership: one of the top performing forces.

I will take that forward by continuing to:

- Increase police numbers in neighbourhood teams – restoring cuts and going beyond that
- Suppress organised crime gangs and violent crime through an Armed Crime Team
- Prioritise community crimes – burglary, drug dealing, car thefts
- Protect vulnerable people, including victims of cyber crime, domestic abuse and hate crime
- Have a Youth Engagement Police Officer for every school
- Tackle rural crime – with specialist Rural Crime co-ordinators based with the Mounted Section
- Have greater focus on Road Safety - working with local authorities and Safety Camera Partnership to cut speeding
- Support victims of crime

- Use the proceeds of crime and assets of criminals to fund community groups
- Reduce the force's carbon footprint – electric vehicles, telematics, solar panels

I set up a Violence Reduction Unit to help steer people away from violence.

I set up a Sexual Assault Referral Centre where victims of rape receive support, have forensic examinations made and statements taken without having to go to a police station or hospital. There is a video link to the court.

I have lived and worked in South Yorkshire. I have been a lecturer at the UK Defence Academy; Director of the Centre for Ethics and Religion, Lancaster University; board member of the Big Lottery Fund – dispensing millions to good causes; board member of the Youth Justice Board – overseeing the justice system for under 18s.

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David Chinchen

Conservative Party Candidate



Election statement:

Building Confidence in Policing – Reducing crime and bringing offenders to justice

The Government is recruiting an additional 20,000 police officers and has increased the police budget by 10%, the biggest growth in funding for a decade. It is creating an additional 10,000 prison places together with additional funding for the Crown Prosecution Service and the recruitment of 1000 new Probation Officers. South Yorkshire needs a Police and Crime Commissioner with the skills, knowledge and experience to make sure this investment leads to significant and sustained reductions in crime and anti-social behaviour.

I am a former Chief Superintendent with experience of policing and criminal justice extending over three decades. I understand policing and crime, and have a broad policing experience. I understand the business of policing, including the leadership required and the business skills necessary to use public money to best effect.

We must build confidence in policing by investigating more crime and bringing offenders to justice. I want to see a culture of crime-fighting and criminal investigation within South Yorkshire Police. My focus will be on cutting crime. This will allow us to increase support for victims. I want to inject

new momentum into tackling violence, notably that involving women and children. Neighbourhood Policing Teams are the bedrock of UK policing and I will continue to invest in these and re-establish the key link with schools. I will deliver new investment to protect our more rural communities and re-focus efforts to protect businesses as we work to re-build our economy. I will work to ensure new technology delivers better, smarter policing, including ways to engage more productively with communities and respond to their concerns promptly and effectively.

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Joe Otten

Liberal Democrats



Election statement:

South Yorkshire Police need not be blighted by historical failures.

It is time to look to the future.

With your 1st preference vote on May 6th I want to work with local people and the police to rebuild our force into one we are proud of, that listens to residents and protects us all.

We can do this by:

- Listening better, more neighbourhood police, faster 101 and 999 call answering
- Ensuring the lessons of past failures are always embedded, while training and equipping the force for the challenges of the future
- Improving collaboration with agencies working with vulnerable young people, mental health, drug abuse, etc; preventing crime and setting people on the right path.

I have lived in South Yorkshire for 32 years, I have run a business, I am a city councillor in Sheffield, and I have been a member of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel for 6 years. I'll use my experience of running a business, listening to local people, bringing communities together, and knowing

at first-hand what a commissioner should be doing, to ensure that South Yorkshire Police does all it can to tackle the causes of crime across the area.

It is time for change.

We deserve and we demand better policing.

Police officers put themselves in harm's way to defend us and they deserve our respect and support. We will sell them short if we do not have first rate leadership and accountability at the top.

I am determined to make South Yorkshire Police the example that others will follow.

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for South Yorkshire

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 Yorkshire.

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

- BILLINGS, Alan – Labour and Co-operative Party
- CHINCHEN, David – Conservative Party Candidate
- OTTEN, Joe – Liberal Democrats

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