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MY PCC**

Candidates for the Wiltshire Police Force Area

On 19th August, 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 19th August, 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.

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 are 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 are also 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 Wiltshire 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 visit **www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter**

Junab Ali

Labour and Co-operative Party



Election statement:

I am standing as the Labour and Co-operative Party candidate for Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Commissioner. I run an electrical contracting business and grew up in Wootton Bassett, moving to Swindon in 1997. I have been a Swindon Borough Councillor for 13 years and was Mayor of Swindon from 2018-19. I have also been a previous Parliamentary & European Parliamentary candidate in Wiltshire. Most importantly, I have served on the Police and Crime panel for Wiltshire and Swindon since 2012 and was voted as Vice-Chair 4 years ago and this year was voted as Chair by Conservative, Liberal Democrat, Independent and Labour members of the panel – despite being one of only two Labour members on the panel. As Chair and Vice-chair, I have built a strong understanding of our Police force in Wiltshire.

As a priority I shall press for a fairer funding for the Wiltshire and Swindon Police area as this drives the ability of the police force to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour. Despite every MP for our PCC area being Conservative, a Conservative PCC being in place for 2 terms, both councils for Wiltshire and Swindon being Conservative controlled and Conservative controlled governments for over 10 years, no progress has been achieved on this and I will seek to remedy this.

We need better funding to strengthen our police force.

My key pledges are:

- Build a more visible policing presence through a stronger focus on community policing
- Task a senior staff lead to support victims
- Build more resources to tackle cybercrime
- Protect children and the vulnerable
- Better protection for women and girls
- Create a greener police service at no additional cost

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Reform UK



Election statement:

Army children have no homes. But if they did, Wiltshire is mine. My father was an Army Chaplain: a regular. As a boy, I lived in Godley Road, Salisbury and attended Harnham Primary School, before going to school in Codford St Mary. I lived in Tidworth, Bulford and finally in Manor Road, Salisbury. My first jobs were in Salisbury. I worked the night shift at the Wellworthy factory in Harnham, toured Wiltshire selling ice creams and manned the petrol pump at Headquarters, UK Land Forces, in Wilton. I am a director of Ocean Footprint Limited in Wilton

Why am I seeking election as your PCC? I am not a career politician. I am a Queen's Counsel. But we all sense that our criminal justice system and indeed, our freedoms, are at a critical stage. Crime is always with us, but it can be reduced and criminals deterred. Police funds are finite. That means, we must set priorities. Not those passing fads, which we are told we **should** want, but those **you actually want**. Morale in your police force, coupled with the support of the law abiding public are vital objectives. They come from leadership. Our county is not immune from organised crime, nor from internet fraud, indeed in the latter case we are probably more vulnerable than most London boroughs.

I studied law at Brasenose College, Oxford, where I won 3 boxing blues and played rugby for Oxford University, including a victory over the Springboks at Twickenham. Called to the Bar in 1972, I was a pupil to Robert Alexander Q.C. (Chairman, NatWest Bank). I became a Queen's Counsel in 1991 and was for 20 years a part time Crown Court Recorder

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Liberal Democrats



Election statement:

The re-run was caused by the fielding of an ineligible candidate with a criminal record. It is costing you the tax-payer around £1.5 million and those who caused this to happen should pay. But you can still make them pay at the ballot box!

In May, the Lib-Dems came second. This time as the main challengers, we are best placed to win the re-run.

And Brian Mathew has the *right* track-record!

- Trouble shooter, with real practical experience with British and International charities, governments & academic institutions.
- Has served on the Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Panel for the last four years.
- An innovator. His motion scaling up the 'Shared Lives' adult social care programme is resulting in a better life for the clients with hundreds of thousands of pounds saved for Wiltshire Council tax-payers.
- Led the successful Climate Emergency motion, passed on a 'rugby score' of a vote 36 to 32.
- Whilst a student made a citizen's arrest on a young offender on the run.

- While in Tanzania served the British community in the up-country capital Dodoma in an Honorary Consular capacity.
- An active member of his local church.

Priorities for Wiltshire:

- Speeding – promoting intelligent speed cameras to target those who seriously endanger all of us, with high speed and often lack of insurance a killer combination.
- A dedicated modern police station for Salisbury. Activate retired police to volunteer with schools to support our kids.
- Promoting 'Green' Policing - Fast electric cars for e-response & electric bikes for visible neighbourhood policing, along with 'Pop up Cop Shops' where police stations have been closed.
- Giving violence against women, Internet fraud, antisocial behaviour, pet theft and the victims of crime a higher priority.

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Mike Rees

Independent



Election statement:

I stand as an Independent candidate .

I am a local businessman who also has 30 years of policing experience and no political allegiance.

I will serve you with Honesty, Integrity, and Transparency.

I will listen and be your Voice in policing.

I will work for You, The People of Wiltshire, to do the Right Thing for YOU.

- **SAFER STREETS**
- **STRONGER PRESENCE**
- **SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES**
- **SPENDING WISELY**
- **STANDING AGAINST CORRUPTION**

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Philip Wilkinson

Conservative Candidate – More Police,
Safer Streets



Election statement:

I served for 32 years in the army with the Royal Artillery, Commando and Parachute Brigades and Special Forces, which included 6 years in Northern Ireland. For the last 20 years I have worked on the international front-line, in countries in conflict, (Rwanda, Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine and Somalia) to keep my family, community and our country safe.

Now I want to use that experience and expertise for communities across Wiltshire and Swindon. I will consult widely regarding threats and concerns, and then focus on prevention, prosecution, punishment, restorative justice, reintegration into civil society and victim support.

Defeating criminality, like terrorism requires a comprehensive strategy.

Crime concerns vary across Wiltshire & Swindon – in urban areas there are ‘county lines’ and drug issues, whilst rural communities suffer from the theft of expensive agricultural equipment, fly-tipping and hare coursing. Across the entire county, there are speeding and traffic issues, theft, anti-social behaviour, pet theft and domestic abuse. **As your Police and Crime Commissioner I will ensure that our police are more visible in our communities.**

It would be easy to make hollow promises as to how I will address these issues - what I can promise is to strain every sinew to put more police on the front line. This will require a close look at the police funding formula and how our police are currently organised. I will work closely with the Chief Constable and will also promise to do all that I can to support our police. **I believe passionately in the RMA Sandhurst motto 'Serve to Lead'.**

If you want an experienced practitioner to take charge of your security and to keep you and your family safe, you should vote for me.

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Wiltshire

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 Wiltshire.

Police and Crime Commissioner Elections will be held in Wiltshire on 19th August 2021; the candidates standing in that election, alphabetically by surname (as they will appear on the ballot paper), are:

- ALI, Junab – Labour and Co-operative Party
- MALINS, Julian – Reform UK
- MATHEW, Brian – Liberal Democrats
- REES, Mike – Independent
- WILKINSON, Philip – Conservative Candidate – More Police, Safer Streets

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