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Candidates for the North Yorkshire Police Force Area

On 25th November, you will be able to vote for your police, fire and crime commissioner.

Find out who your local candidates are and how to vote.



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About Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners

On 25th November, you will be able to vote for your Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC). The role of the PFCC is to be the voice of the people and hold the police to account. In addition to their role overseeing the police, a PFCC is also the fire and rescue authority (FRA) for their area. PFCCs are responsible for both the police force and the fire and rescue service within their area and are responsible for delivering efficient and effective services.

39 Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) are elected across England and Wales, of which 4 are also PFCCs (Essex, Staffordshire, North Yorkshire, Northamptonshire). PFCCs are elected by you and aim to cut crime and hold the police force and fire and rescue service to account on behalf of the public. PFCCs bring a public voice to policing and the fire and rescue service 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;
- setting the fire and rescue objectives for their area through a fire and rescue plan;
- ensuring the police force and fire and rescue service budgets are spent where it matters most; and
- appointing the Chief Constable and Chief Fire Officer, holding them to account for delivery of their objectives and if necessary, dismissing them.

Work with others

PFCCs also work with your council and other organisations to promote and enable joined up working on community safety and criminal justice.

The PFCC does not 'run' the police force or fire and rescue service. Chief Constables and Chief Fire Officers are responsible for the day to day operations of their relevant service, but they are accountable to the public via the PFCC.

With a single directly elected individual overseeing both police and fire and rescue services, there are greater opportunities for blue light collaboration.

Represent the entire community

As with all PCCs, PFCCs are legally required to swear an oath of impartiality when they are elected to office regarding their policing responsibilities the oath is designed so that PCCs can publicly set out their commitment to upholding the integrity of the office. It reflects the commitment police officers make to serve every member of the public impartially and makes clear that they are there to serve the people, not a political party or any one section of their electorate.

Find your candidate

This booklet contains information on the candidates standing for election in the North Yorkshire police force area and fire and rescue service 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

Hannah Barham-Brown

Women's Equality Party



Election statement:

Every week nine women in North Yorkshire experience sexual assault, seven experience rape, reports of harassment and stalking have increased by 83% in the last year and an average of 15 domestic abuse offences are reported to the police every day.

It doesn't have to be like this. Violence isn't inevitable, but faced with women's fears of violence, politicians have offered nothing but empty words and piecemeal measures. When the press coverage ends, their interest fades, and ending violence only lasts as long as the news cycle.

As Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire I will put ending violence against women and girls at the top of the agenda. I will:

- Make ending violence against women and girls a top policing priority.
- Launch an independent inquiry into misogyny in North Yorkshire Police.
- Run quarterly scrutiny panels reviewing the reasons abuse and sexual violence cases are dropped.

- Ringfence discretionary funding for EVAWG organisations, particularly for sustainable funding for specialised services supporting Disabled, LGBTQ+, black and minoritised women.
- Ensure specialist support for everyone reporting abuse and sexual violence.
- Implement compulsory training for all agencies working with black and minoritised women who are victims of violence.
- Ensure a trauma informed and victim-led approach to investigations.

North Yorkshire showed how powerful we are when we forced Philip Allott to resign after his disgraceful, victim blaming comments were reported in the media. Now it's time to finish the job. We have an opportunity to build a better future for women and girls in North Yorkshire, and send a message to politicians everywhere.

Enough is enough. We will not allow politicians to sit idly by while women lose their lives and freedom in the face of violence.

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James Barker

Liberal Democrats



Election statement:

I try to make a difference in whatever I do, and my candidacy for the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner is the next logical step in my public service.

I want to build a resilient, professional and diverse Police and Fire service representing and working for the people of North Yorkshire. I want to bring openness and transparency to its operations and make the case for adequate funding for our vital local services.

About me

My background is in the armed forces, having joined the RAF as an Officer Cadet in 1996. In 24 years of military service I was deployed to Iraq three times and also to Afghanistan. I continue my military service as a reservist.

I live in York with my wife and children. Outside of work I am a Scout leader and a qualified rugby coach. I am a City of York Councillor, representing the Rural West York ward.

My priorities

- Responsive Policing – residents using the non-emergency 101 number to report concerns are often left hanging on the phone and just give up. This needs to improve.

- Visible Policing – in both urban and rural areas and I want to see stronger partnership working between the Police and local communities.
- Tackling the causes of crime – I want the Police to work more closely with education, social care, mental health, drug and alcohol and other services to ensure that people get the help and support they need to build lives free from crime.
- Restoring trust – I want to restore trust in the post that has been lost in particular with victim's groups and women's groups – the PFCC must listen to and support victims of crime

This election address has been prepared by my Agent, Andrew Hollyer, of Unit 12A Victoria Farm Estate, York YO30 6PQ.

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Zoë Metcalfe

Conservative Party Candidate



Election statement:

Dear Resident,

I'm Zoë Metcalfe and I am delighted to be the Conservative Party Candidate for the North Yorkshire Police Fire and Crime Commissioner Election. Policing needs to be under great scrutiny, especially after recent tragic events involving women's safety. Despite the huge challenges the Commissioner faces, I want to improve trust in policing, while supporting the fantastic work of the police and fire service.

As a councillor for Harrogate Borough Council and North Yorkshire County Council, I am experienced in representing residents' concerns and interests. I pride myself on achieving positive results by working together with a wide array of people and organisations. I also work as a project manager for a property business. The skills and experience I have gained from local government and business will stand me in good stead for this important position I am contesting.

My priorities for the Police and Fire Service are:

- Urgent action on women and girl's safety in our community – hold our services to account and implement resources and initiatives to make our society here in North Yorkshire and York a safer place.

- Tackle anti-social behaviour, burglary, rural crime, pet theft and road safety.
- Relentless disruption of serious and organised crime – drugs and county lines, serious violence, child sexual exploitation and abuse.
- Support victims and safeguard the vulnerable.
- Maximise resources and funding by blue light collaboration to deliver better value for money for taxpayers.

Although there has been significant progress and improvement within both the Police and Fire and Rescue Service, there is still much to deliver. For a strong and effective Police and Fire Crime Commissioner who will get things done, vote for Zoë Metcalfe.

This statement has been prepared by my election agent, Stefan Houghton of Unit 1, Omega Business Village, Thurston Road, Northallerton, DL6 2NJ

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Emma Scott-Spivey

The Labour Party Candidate



Election statement:

Police and fire services are facing unprecedented challenges – not just from the government’s savage cuts – but from new and changing demands. There has also been a breakdown in trust, compounded and inflamed by the last commissioner. Trust must be restored and the damage done by Phillip Allott repaired.

North Yorkshire needs a commissioner who recognises people’s concerns and works to address them. We must restore trust and rebuild the frontline.

My parents were police officers who worked on the frontline. I work on the frontline as a student paramedic. I know how dedicated and hardworking our police and fire service staff are. They too must have a commissioner they can trust, who understands the sacrifices they make and the pressures they face. They need a commissioner who will fight to make sure they have the resources they need to keep us safe.

That is what I will do.

I will fight for fairer funding for North Yorkshire and I will prioritise:

- Tackling endemic violence against women and girls
- Eliminating county lines drug dealing

- Cracking down on crime against the elderly
- Extra resources for dog thefts and crimes against animals
- Improving police and fire services in rural and coastal communities

I won't dodge tough conversations or hide from difficult decisions. I will be open, accessible and transparent. And I will make sure North Yorkshire's police and fire services take the same approach. In that spirit I will voluntarily 'submit to recall', in the way MPs have to. I will also donate 20 per cent of the commissioner's salary to local causes.

I will restore trust in North Yorkshire's commissioner and I will rebuild our frontline.

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Keith Graham Tordoff

Independent

Election statement:

I am a Yorkshireman who served as a police officer for twenty years. Starting as a police constable I went on to serve in the CID, working on major investigations.

I was a firearms protection officer to government ministers, up to Prime Ministerial level. I received commendations and retired from the service with an exemplary service record.

I went on to work in the banking sector for ten years as a fraud investigator.

In recent years I have worked in my family business, the world famous Oldest Sweet Shop in Pateley Bridge. I have Chaired and served on the boards of a number of voluntary organisations for local communities. I am a patron of Dementia Forward, a registered charity in North Yorkshire. For services to businesses and the local community I was honoured to be awarded the MBE by Her Majesty The Queen in her birthday honours in 2018.

I am standing for the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) of North Yorkshire, a role which should be independent of any political party. Party politics has no place in policing or the fire service. If you elect me, I will bring to the role an understanding not just of the police and the fire services but of business and community. I will work to support the Chief Constable and Chief Fire Officer to deliver outstanding services to everyone who lives, works or visits North Yorkshire. I will donate 20% of my salary to local good causes.



My priorities:

- Preventing harassment, hate crime and all types of abuse.
- More police on patrol, making the streets safer.
- Tackling drugs, county lines, knife crime and anti-social behaviour
- Rural crime
- Preventing online fraud, bullying,
- Improving efficiency through best use of resources
- New green environmental initiatives, including electric cars.

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for North 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 North Yorkshire.

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Elections will be held in North Yorkshire on 25th November 2021; the candidates standing in that election, alphabetically by surname (as they will appear on the ballot paper), are:

- BARHAM-BROWN, Hannah – Women’s Equality Party
- BARKER, James – Liberal Democrats
- METCALFE, Zoë – Conservative Party Candidate
- SCOTT-SPIVEY, Emma – The Labour Party Candidate
- TORDOFF, Keith Graham – Independent

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