

What We Pay For Our Police Force



PCC
Office of the Police
and Crime Commissioner
Devon and Cornwall

Police and Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez outlines her plans to raise money and recruit 85 new police officers



In Devon and Cornwall last year two out of every three households* contributed about £3.20 a week** towards the cost of policing this beautiful place in which we live, work, and play.

Your council tax bill for this year shows the contribution your household will make to the police in the next 12 months – a Band C property will pay £188.69.

That's an increase of 41p a week*** which will raise £14.3m and allow us to recruit an extra 85 police officers, bringing officer numbers up to 3,100 by the end of 2020 – the highest number of officers since the first police and crime commissioner elections in 2012.

This will allow the chief constable to:

Place a police officer in every sector with responsibility for better connecting the police and public

Recruit more detectives so more criminals are brought to justice

Maintain our investment in roads policing and recruit more response officers

I am also committed to driving the force to use what it has more efficiently, so more funds can be reinvested in the front line.

Without the additional funding we would have had to stop recruitment of front line officers – who are increasingly dealing with the mentally unwell, significant summer demand pressures, serious crimes and a constant terrorist threat.

*59.5% of households in Devon and Cornwall are rated at Band C or below.

**In 2018/19 a Band C property paid £3.21 towards policing through their council tax.

***0.41p a week would be for a Band C property.

Budget Highlights

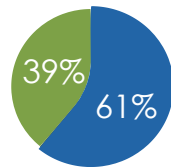
2018/19

38 armed response and 28 roads policing officers

Last Year our
Budget was
£295m

We won bids for
£750k
of Govt funding
for innovative projects

Where the
police budget
of £295m
came from



● Government grant
● Council Tax

98.2% of our budget goes on
operational policing

£2m Funding
for our victim
care unit



Last year the PCC
commissioned
£3.7m of services to keep
communities safe

Including
£1.6m to community safety partnerships
£500k to youth services
£343k to help victims of sexual violence



Last year we spent
£23.9m to give
police the facilities
and equipment
they need

85%

of our budget is spent
on officers and staff

OPCC Initiatives in Plymouth

- £485k for Community Safety Partnership and Youth Offending Team in Plymouth.
- New Plymouth sexual assault referral centre established – jointly funded by PCC and NHS England.
- Supporting expansion of local CCTV initiatives – including £14k for extension of CCTV system to Stoke village.
- 38 new Armed Response Officers in Plymouth.
- Major support for the Plymouth Respect Festival.
- A successful pilot where a court can order treatment to offenders with mental health issues rather than handing down punishment.