

## Annual Report 2013-2014



The Police and Crime Commissioner's  
Annual Report for 2013-2014 for  
Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

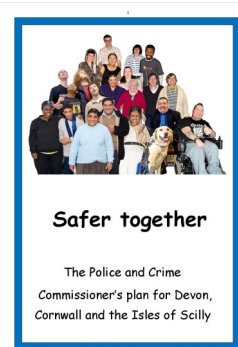
## Tony Hogg's Annual Report:



This is the Annual Report for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, Tony Hogg.



An Annual Report is a document which explains what a person or company has done in the last year to achieve its goals.



Tony Hogg's goals and targets can be seen in the booklet Safer Together ~ The Police and Crime Commissioner's plan for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.



This Annual Report will let you know what Tony Hogg has done over the last financial year 2013-1014. It is to keep you updated on his progress as promised, so you can hold him to **account** (see glossary).



## A message from Tony Hogg:

I am pleased to present this easy read Annual Report to you for 2013-2014. Over the last year I have:



- **Recruited** more police officers



- Funded the increase of **Special Constables**



- Given funding to Community Safety Partnerships, Drug and Alcohol Action Teams, Safeguarding Boards and Youth Offending Teams



- Helped to save the Devon Rape Crisis Centre from closing



- Given small grants worth over £98,000 to local groups and community organisations



During my first full year in post my team and I have spent a lot of time making sure that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has structures in place to run well, with people taking responsibility for different areas.



This is to make sure that we:

- improve our **accountability** ~ we can show that we have done what we have been asked to do and said that we will do



- Ensure that the public's views are reflected in local policing



- Refine the focus of the Police and Crime Plan so it sets out more clearly how we work with partners



We must remember that Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly remains one of the safest areas in the country to live in and visit.



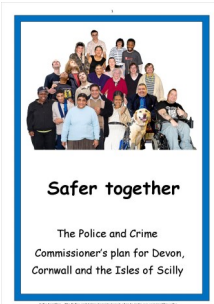
We still have lots of work to do but as I approach half way through my **term of office** this annual report will show that we have had major results already.

Tony Hogg

Police and Crime Commissioner



## Police and Crime Plan priorities:



The Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan was launched in 2013. There were 5 key priorities:



1. Reducing crime and bringing offenders to justice



2. Giving victims and witnesses a stronger voice



3. Listening to and responding to the public



4. Providing strong leadership at all levels



5. Investing in policing for the future





## Police and Crime Plan progress:



The following 8 pages will set out each priority and highlight the developments against them in our first year.



### Priority 1: Reducing crime and bringing offenders to justice



Tony Hogg worked with council leaders, licensees, the police and health sector workers to help people:



- Realise the effects of alcohol abuse
- Have a better education around problems caused by alcohol



He would like the public to work with the police to support this.



The RU2DRUNK campaign was funded by a small grant from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. It was launched in Torbay to help educate people about the affects of alcohol.







As part of the Tony Hogg's plan to encourage community groups to help with crime and policing issues he launched the Small Grants Scheme.



Groups could bid for grants for up to £5,000 for projects that would support local people and community safety. Over £98,000 was awarded to over 25 organisations and groups.



## **Priority 2: Giving victims and witnesses a stronger voice**



In April 2015 the Police and Crime Commissioner will be responsible for providing services to victims of Crime in Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.



Tony Hogg has put a great amount of effort into setting up a new Victims Services Hub for the region.



Police forces across the UK need to change the way they deal with people who have mental health needs.



It is agreed that police cells are not the best place for people **detained** under the Mental Health Act.



The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is playing an active role in ensuring that officers are aware of different mental health issues.



**Priority 3: Listening and responding to the public**



Tony Hogg has spent a lot of time travelling around Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly meeting members of the public. This is so he can hear their concerns and build relationships.





The new Victims Hub Service in Exeter and out and about at the Devon County Show listening to and responding to the public.







Tony Hogg had a full programme of engagements during 2013-2014. He:



- Held surgeries for members of the public to meet with him one-to-one



- Gave talks and presentations to community and social groups



- Took part in a number of local radio phone-ins and television interviews



This was so he could meet and talk to as many people as possible.



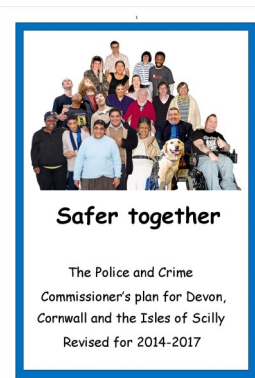




## Priority 4: Providing strong leadership at all levels



Tony Hogg continues to meet regularly with the Chief Constable Shaun Sawyer. He is publically **accountable** for a police service that works well.



In March 2013 Tony Hogg wrote a Police and Crime Plan. This set out objectives (aims to work towards) for Devon and Cornwall Police. This was revised in 2014.



During 2013-2014 the Police and Crime Commissioner began working with 5 Health and Wellbeing Boards.



This was to make sure that issues related to community safety were discussed at different meetings.



As the people of Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly are important to Tony Hogg he has worked closely with 18 Members of Parliament. This was to ensure:



- That a fairer share of police funding comes to the region

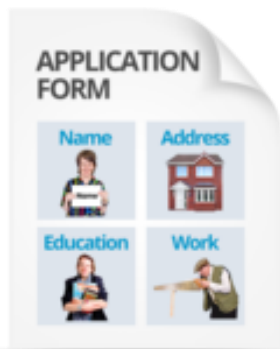


- That the government knows about safety and policing issues in the area



## Priority 5: Investing in policing for the future

Tony Hogg is proud that he has been able to stop the **recruitment** freeze that has been in place for several years. More police officers and special constables have been **recruited** into the police





The Police and Crime Commissioner has worked closely with other police forces in the South West to:



- Share resources



- Improve the way the region deals with terrorism



- Agree a new regional **forensics** service



This will help to save Devon and Cornwall Police up to £6.6 million pounds by 2018-2019.



In 2014-2015 the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner will look at causes of violent and sexual offenses, domestic abuse and public order offenses. They will also develop plans to manage their resources.



## Update summary:



As you can see Tony Hogg has worked hard in his first full year to highlight and meet the five priorities that were set in his Police and Crime plan.



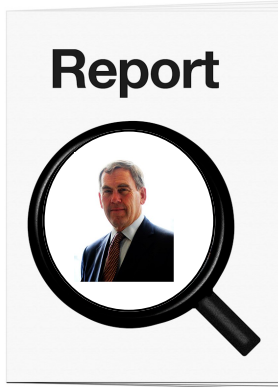
The year proved challenging as Devon and Cornwall suffered from bad flooding in the winter and had higher than normal visitors to the region in the summer.



The police adapted well to meet these challenges and the region remains one of the safest places in the country to live, work or visit.



## Openness and transparency:



By publishing this Annual Report Tony Hogg wants to be completely open and transparent with you.



This means he is giving you the information you need to know, so you are more aware of what he is doing in his role of Police and Crime Commissioner, on behalf of the public.



It has shown:

- Some of the meetings he has attended

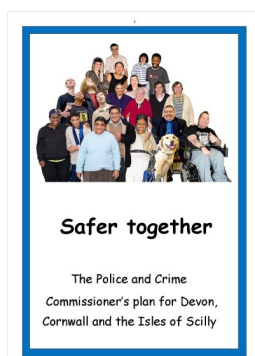


- Some of the relationships he has developed with partner agencies



- What he is doing to achieve his aims

## Staying informed:



If you want to stay well informed of the work Tony Hogg is doing and has done to address the priorities and targets set in his Police and Crime Plan you can:



- Keep in touch on Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/devonandcornwallpcc](http://www.facebook.com/devonandcornwallpcc)



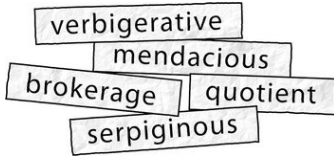
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## Glossary ~ hard words explained:



**Accountable/ accountability** = If someone is held accountable they have to show they have done what they have been asked to do



**Detained**= If someone has been detained they have been arrested for committing a crime or for their own safety



**Forensics** = is a scientific way of gathering evidence and investigating crime



**Licensees**= are people who have a license to sell alcohol for example: pub landlords and hotel owners



**Recruited/recruitment** = signed up to do a job. The process of looking for the right person to do a job



**Special constable**= is a trained volunteer who works with the police to give them support



**Term of office**= is the length of time a person is asked to do a job. The post of Police and Crime Commissioner is for four years. Tony Hogg's term of office started in 2013



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