

Devon & Cornwall Police funding 2023/24



Commissioner Hernandez and Chief Constable Kerr

A renewed focus on community priorities

Dear householder, this leaflet explains how Devon and Cornwall Police will be funded for the next financial year, the implications for your council tax bill and strategic direction of the force.

The Police and Crime Panel unanimously supported my proposal to increase the police precept (the element of council tax bills which pays for policing) by a below inflation 6%.

The increase and national funding will enable our new Chief Constable Will Kerr to move towards our shared vision of a police force that is better connected to the communities we

serve. Our focus will be on improving visibility of the police and access to them, maintaining record officer numbers and enabling the programme of reopening community police station 'front desks' to continue – meaning more officers and more open police stations near you.

More information on the budget and the services I commission can be found on my website or by contacting my office (see over).

Alison Hernandez, Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Where the money comes from

The 2023/24 force budget of **£384m** is made up from council tax precept payments and a Government grant. Band D household police precepts will be **£261.56** in 2023/24 – **£15** more than in 2022/23. Other council tax bands will be affected differently (see table, right).

Central
govt grant
57%



Council
tax precept
43%

Council tax band	Total due 2022/23	Total due 2023/24	Annual increase
A	£164.37	£174.37	£10
B	£191.77	£203.44	£11.67
C	£219.16	£232.50	£13.33
D	£246.56	£261.56	£15
E	£301.35	£319.68	£18.33
F	£356.14	£377.81	£21.67
G	£410.93	£435.93	£25
H	£493.12	£523.12	£30

2023-24 budget highlights

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more Police Enquiry Offices to be opened – bringing total to 22

Police force strength maintained at record
3,610
officers

Progressing work on a new police station for Exmouth in Devon

£4.9m
to help victims of crime and reduce reoffending

An extensive refurbishment of Camborne Police Station in Cornwall

£200k
for a community grants scheme to support grassroots organisations

Highlights of 2022/23



Cornwall

- Penzance, Truro and Falmouth Police Enquiry Offices reopened
- Funded violence prevention work in the Isles of Scilly
- Lead partner who secured £665,000 of Government cash for Truro Safer Streets scheme with a focus on violence against women and girls

Devon

- Reopened Tiverton and Newton Abbot Police Enquiry Offices
- Secured funding for vital CCTV cameras in Exeter city centre
- Lead partner who secured £349,000 of Government cash for Barnstaple Safer Streets scheme



Plymouth

- Lead partner who secured £100,000 of Home Office funding to extend support for those affected by Keyham shooting
- Made an additional £50,000 available for Keyham residents to make home security improvements
- Operation Scorpion disrupted drug supply in the city's bars and clubs

Torbay

- Worked with Merseyside Police to take weapons, drugs and cash off the streets of Torquay
- Lead partner who secured £749,000 for Torquay Safer Streets initiative with a focus on violence against women and girls
- Invested extra £200,000 in policing patrols to crack down on Torquay antisocial behaviour



Report a crime to Devon and Cornwall Police

In a non-emergency, report online using the 101 service (online form or webchat) at www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

or call **101**

When a life is threatened or there is imminent danger call

999

Report crime anonymously

Contact Crimestoppers by calling **0800 555 111** or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Get support if you are affected by crime

For free, independent, confidential support 24/7 contact Victim Support on **08 08 16 89 111** or visit www.victimsupport.org.uk

Get in touch

You can contact the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner at:

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Call: **01392 225547**

Email: opcc@dc-pcc.gov.uk

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