Safer together

The Police and Crime Commissioner’s plan for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly: Revised for 2014-2017

2015 refresh
The Police and Crime Plan for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

The Police and Crime Plan for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly was written by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Tony Hogg is the Police and Crime Commissioner for this region. Tony was elected into this role by the public in 2012. The next election is in May 2016.

2014 - 2017

The Police and Crime Plan has been revised and will be used between 2014 and 2017. This is an update.

This plan explains how the Police and Crime Commissioner and partners will work to cut crime and make Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly safer.

Safer together — The Police and Crime Commissioner’s plan to make our communities safer
Tony Hogg’s message:

This Police and Crime Plan sets out my priorities (see glossary) for policing, crime and community safety in Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

These priorities are based on and shaped by what local residents have told me is important to them. I welcome the chance to hear what people think about policing and how we are doing.

As well as setting policing priorities I also hold the Chief Constable Shaun Sawyer to account to ensure the plan is delivered.

I make important decisions on funding and Devon and Cornwall Police are now working with Dorset Police to share resources and make savings.
Keeping this region safe:

As Police and Crime Commissioner I want to make Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly a safe place to live, work and visit.

I want to cut crime, keep people safe and encourage everyone to work together to make communities stronger and safer.

We must work in partnership to deliver the best services to:

- Help victims
- Reduce offending
- Create safe communities
- Prevent offenders returning to crime
Police and Crime Plan priorities:

The Police and Crime Plan has 6 priority areas. They are:

1. Cutting crime to make our region a safe place to live, work and visit
2. To reduce the harm caused by people who have drunk too much alcohol
3. To spend the police budget carefully, planning now and for the future
4. To ensure that the Criminal Justice System works well
5. To deliver a high quality victim support service across the region
6. To get community groups and volunteers involved in policing and community safety

The next 6 pages will cover these in more detail.
Priority 1: Cutting crime, keeping Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly safe

We must ~

- Support neighbourhood policing
- Keep police officer numbers over 3000
- Protect the vulnerable and ensure good safeguarding measures are in place
- Encourage increased reporting of crimes e.g. hate crime, domestic abuse, sexual abuse and violent crime
- Ensure a good 101 and 999 service
- Have a clear focus on crime reduction and prevention
- Continue to improve services for victims
- Work with offenders to turn them away from crime
Priority 2: Reducing the harm caused by alcohol related crime

We must:

- Be tough in our response to alcohol related crimes and anti-social behaviour

- Develop an action plan to change the way people use alcohol

- Provide better services to support victims of alcohol abuse and offenders dependent on alcohol

- Encourage responsible sales of alcohol and responsible levels of consumption

- Raise awareness and improve education about the dangers of alcohol misuse
Priority 3: The Police Budget

We must:

- Make further savings and make every penny count
- Work with Dorset Police to share resources
- Look at new sources of funding
- Lobby for a fairer share of national funding from the government
- Keep Police and Crime Commissioner support costs as low as possible
Priority 4: An improved Criminal Justice System (see glossary)

We must—

• Work with the local *Criminal Justice Board* to deliver improvements

• Commission (buy in) a range of options for victims to influence *restorative justice*

• Campaign to reduce the number of vulnerable people with mental health issues entering the Criminal Justice System unnecessarily

• Allow young people the chance to make amends, avoiding a criminal record for low level offences
Priority 5: High quality, accessible help for victims of crime

We must:

- Ensure the voice of the victim is heard and understood
- Protect the vulnerable
- Put into place the **National Victims Code**
- Make sure we use the wide range of services provided by voluntary and community groups across the area
- Guarantee the needs of victims are properly understood with Devon and Cornwall Police
- Work towards **victim personal statements** being used within the Criminal Justice System to help courts understand the affect a crime has had on the victim
Priority 6: Greater public involvement in policing

We must:

- Make sure we have active involvement from community groups in policing
- Work with existing volunteers and organisations
- Work with Devon and Cornwall Police to create new volunteering opportunities
- Think about start-up grants for community projects that promote community action
- Encourage businesses to work more closely with the police to help tackle crime
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Your opinions, ideas and thoughts really matter so please get in touch. We can make our communities safer by working together to tackle crime.
Glossary ~ hard words explained

**Anti social behaviour** = Includes things like graffiti, dropping litter, use of bad language, drinking too much alcohol

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

**Budget** = A budget is how much money you have to spend

**Consumption** = how much alcohol is drunk

**Criminal Justice Board** = Is a board that meets to improve the experiences of victims and witnesses

**Criminal Justice System** = Is the police, courts, prisons and Crown Prosecution Service all working together to prevent and detect crime, prosecuting offenders.
Elected = Is when the public choose someone and vote for them to do a job for a set time.

Lobby = To petition, urge or promote; to try to influence a change.

National Victims Code = Is a code that sets out the services a victim can expect from the Criminal Justice System.

Offenders = Offenders are people who break the law.

Partnership/ partner organisations/work in partnership = Is when lots of different agencies, groups and organisations work together to achieve aims and goals.

Priorities = Are important things you have to get done.
Region = Is the part of the country that we live in. Tony Hogg’s region is Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Restorative Justice = Is when you can tell your offender how their actions against you made you feel. They can apologise and try to make things better.

Victim Personal Statement = a statement written by a victim of crime which explains how that person feels

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