Annual Report 2014-2015

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 2014-15. 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 2014-2015. Over the last year I have:

- Worked very hard to deliver the pledges set out in my Police and Crime Plan
- Spent a lot of time across Devon and Cornwall meeting the public, attending events and visiting police officers

I am very pleased that:

- More people have noticed the difference the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is making to policing and community safety
- The role of Police and Crime Commissioner will continue to grow with new responsibilities in the future
Police and Crime Plan priorities for 2014-2015:


He did this having consulted (see glossary) with the Chief Constable Shaun Sawyer, key partners, the public and the Police and Crime Panel.

The revised plan had some changes from the old plan to reflect feedback from talking to people as well as new challenges and growing issues.

There are six priority areas in the plan which are listed on the next page.
Police and Crime Plan priorities:

The six priorities for 2014-2015 were:

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 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
Police and Crime Plan progress:

Priority 1: Cutting crime to make our region a safe place to live, work and visit

- We want to keep crime levels low in this region

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) worked with communities, business and partners to prevent and lower crime rates

- We want to keep police officer numbers above 3000 and support community policing

The OPCC formed an alliance with Dorset Police to share costs and resources
• We want to be **transparent** and involve members of the public

Performance and Accountability Board meetings are open to the public so people can ask the Chief Constable questions; they are also filmed and can be watched on the OPCC website and YouTube [www.youtube.com/user/PCCTonyHogg](http://www.youtube.com/user/PCCTonyHogg)

• We wanted to improve the 101 non-emergency service

A review was held to see how we could make the 101 service better. Theresa May, the Home Secretary, praised the review and encouraged other police forces to do the same
Performance and Accountability Board and meeting with partners about misuse of alcohol
Priority 2: To reduce the harm caused by people who have drunk too much alcohol

- Alcohol contributes to a wide range of offences including sexual violence, domestic abuse and hate crime

A work programme was put in place to address the problems of alcohol harm and to improve the safety of our communities.

This included: a breathalyser project in Torbay, encouraging more responsible licensing schemes and promoting better education and awareness sessions.

Activities for the following year include national lobbying and a Drinkaware project.
Priority 3: To spend the police budget carefully, planning now and for the future

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has worked hard to save money to ensure the police service is run efficiently; without wasting resources.

This has been helped by forming an alliance with Dorset Police, setting up the Every Penny Counts Board and applying to the Home Office for funding bids.

Priority 4: To ensure the Criminal Justice System works well

- Key agencies to work together so that the Criminal Justice System works well
• Making sure the needs of victims and witnesses are properly understood

• That high quality services are provided to victims of crime

A lot of work has gone into addressing this priority area:

• A Local Criminal Justice Board Action Plan has been written

• We have introduced *street triage*

• We have improved services to victims and people with mental health issues

• We are developing plans to tackle youth reoffending
Raising awareness of the need for Fairer Funding and Victim Support Services
Priority 5: To deliver a high quality victim support service across the region

Victims’ rights are at the heart of the Police and Crime Plan. In April 2015 Tony Hogg took on responsibility for victims services through the new Victims Care Unit across Devon and Cornwall.

This was a very important and special time as it represented an excellent piece of partnership work between the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, the police, partner agencies, community groups and charities/voluntary organisations.

The Victim Care Unit provides immediate support for victims; giving them information and referring them to organisations who can help with how they are feeling.
The Victim Care Network is a list of 72 organisations across Devon and Cornwall who can provide help and support to vulnerable victims.

They can be found on this website:
www.victimcaredevonandcornwall.org.uk

Priority 6: To get community groups and volunteers involved in policing and community safety

This plan placed a focus on encouraging the people of Devon and Cornwall to support community policing.

Progress hasn’t been quick within this priority but the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner hopes to see more action in the next year.
Public consultation and engagement:

During 2014-2015 Tony Hogg and his team:

- Attended the Royal Cornwall Show, Devon County Show, Exeter Pride, Exeter Respect, the Plymouth Blue Light Day and the Saltash Regatta
- Hosted public surgeries in Exeter, Penzance, Launceston, Honiton and Truro
- Ran community days to hear people’s views on policing and community safety
- Met with different charities and organisations who had received small grant awards
- Launched the new website, redesigned their Facebook page and made appearances on local TV and radio programmes
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 updated you on:

- What he is doing to achieve his aims
- Services he has developed
- Plans for the next year
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

- Go on Twitter @DC_PCC

- Watch short films on PCC TV
  www.youtube.com/PCCTonyHogg

- Email the office
  OPCC@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk
  or go on our website
  www.devonandcornwall-pcc.gov.uk
Glossary ~ hard words explained:

**Account** = If someone is to account they have to show they have done what they have been asked to do

**Alliance** = Working together in partnership

**Budget** = How much money you have to spend

**Criminal Justice System** = The police, courts, prisons and Crown Prosecution Service all working together to prevent and detect crime, prosecuting offenders

**Consulted** = Talked to lots of people to get their thoughts and opinions
Key partners = Supportive groups, originations and agencies that work together to achieve aims and goals

Licensing Scheme = Things that local businesses and public services can do to make it safe to go out for the night in a pub or club

Priority = An important thing you have to get done

Region = The part of the country that we live in

Street triage = Health workers helping police officers to identify people who have mental health issues;
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