We need local communities to feel safer in Sussex and our county to be a hostile place for criminals. That means a balance of visible policing with officers and specialist staff so Sussex Police can combine intelligence and prevention with tougher enforcement.

Thanks to your precept contributions, the Force is recruiting 250 more police officers and 50 additional specialist staff. There are now also 100 extra Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in Sussex.

In addition, there will be 129 more police officers funded by the Government’s national recruitment campaign. This brings the total number of additional police officers coming to Sussex to 379.

Boosting the visible frontline is helping our Force to prevent and deter criminal activity and building vital public confidence.

By raising the precept this year, I can enable Sussex Police to continue its significant four year recruitment programme.

The Chief Constable’s senior team know what they need to succeed. With your continued financial help they will have more police officers, PCSOs and staff to reinforce their prevention, response and investigation capabilities.

Thank you for your valuable support for Sussex Police.

Katy Bourne OBE

You said: I just want to see more policing

The extra money raised from precept rises is being spent locally with 250 additional police officers by March 2023. There will also be 129 more police officers funded by the Government’s national recruitment campaign.

You said: I’m worried about anti-social behaviour (ASB)

Greater use of police powers and partnership working saw a 7% decrease in ASB across Sussex in the last year. Since our early intervention youth programme REBOOT launched last April, over 600 young people have been supported and helped to make positive life choices.

OVER 600 YOUNG PEOPLE DIVERTED FROM CRIME
with your continued recruitment programme. Sussex Police to continue its significant four years of recruitment. PCOs and staff to reinforce their prevention, response and investigation capabilities. Thank you for your valuable support for a balance of visible policing with officers and a hostile place for us to feel safer in Sussex. Katy Bourne OBE

Thanks to your precept contributions, the Force is recruiting 250 more police officers and building vital public confidence. This brings the total number of officers coming to Sussex to 379. The extra money raised from precept rises is now also 100 extra Police Support Officers back into our parishes and wards, and 129 additional police officers by March 2023. There will also be 50 specialist staff funded by the precept. The decision to put 100 extra Police Community Support Officers back into our parishes and wards has been warmly welcomed across the county. PCOs provide vital intelligence about neighbourhood issues and build public confidence.

You said: We want more PCOs, they know the area and local issues

You said: 101 is frustrating and badly needs improving

Thanks to investment in more staff and better technology, call waiting times for the non-emergency 101 service dropped by over 70% in the past year. Work to identify persistent callers who didn’t need police help has also successfully reduced demand.

100 EXTRA PCOS

TOUGHER POLICING IN 2020/21

“Last year I gave my assurance to the PCC that any extra funds raised from the local precept would be spent on policing that makes a difference to local communities. “I’m delighted to report that recruitment of the additional 250 police officers, 100 PCOS and 50 specialist staff funded by the precept is on track, as well as an extra 129 officers funded by the Government.

Already, people are starting to see and feel the difference of this investment, with more visible policing in neighbourhoods and dedicated enforcement capability to tackle the growth in violent and serious crimes that affect our most vulnerable.

“I have given the PCC the same assurance this year and the increased investment strengthens our position to keep Sussex safe. With further support, we can do even more - catch more criminals, protect more victims, prevent and solve more crimes.”

Chief Constable Giles York QPM

101 WAITING TIMES DOWN BY 72%

HOW TO CONTACT SUSSEX POLICE

REPORT ONLINE
www.sussex.police.uk/contact-us

999 in an emergency
when a life is threatened or there is imminent danger

101 for all non-emergency calls
when you don’t require an urgent response

Alternatively you can report to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

SAFE SPACE Sussex
Help and support for victims and witnesses of crime: www.safespacessussex.org.uk