



Sussex  
Police & Crime  
Commissioner

# PRIDE IN LOCAL POLICING

2022/23



SUSSEX POLICE PRECEPT

**As we enter the Spring of 2022, we are cautiously hopeful for a return to normality but we still face major challenges, with some crime returning to pre-Covid levels and rising costs affecting us all - including our public services.**



Sussex Police have been there for us throughout, continuing to build the neighbourhood policing that residents tell me they value.

With your previous precept contributions, Sussex Police have invested in specialist capabilities, such as the tactical enforcement units, data tools and investigative technologies. Additionally, the force has launched a Business Crime Unit and expanded their Rural Crime Team into the largest in the South East.

By March next year we will, as promised, have 3,096 full-time equivalent police officers - 137 more than we had ten years ago when I was first elected.

With your help, Sussex Police has made tremendous strides to increase their capacity in crime prevention, response and investigations and re-establish vital communication and engagement with local people.

An 83p a month increase (for a Band D property) is essential so that Sussex Police can meet the increased costs of the pandemic, pay and inflation and preserve the improvements in capacity, visibility and accessibility I have built up with your help since 2018.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Bourne'.

**Katy Bourne OBE**



## On an average day Sussex Police:

- Receives 2,412 contacts:
  - 665 calls to 999
  - 949 calls to 101
  - 798 digital contacts
- Deals with 1,350 incidents
- Makes 63 arrests
- Sends 24 digital devices for forensic examination
- Records 332 new crimes including:
  - 81 assaults
  - 15 sexual offences

## Investment in proactive enforcement units

The Rural Crime Team has been boosted and a new Business Crime Team launched. The Specialist Enforcement Unit seized more than £1m in drugs and cash in its first year.

## Fighting unseen crimes in Sussex

All year round, officers and staff deal with cyber-crime, online fraud, child sexual exploitation, modern slavery, missing persons, sexual and domestic abuse.

## Cracking down on dangerous drivers

The Roads Policing Unit is taking dangerous drivers off our roads. 20% more drink and drug drivers were arrested over Christmas 2021 and New Year.

## Keeping women and girls and our streets safer

My office has secured over £7m in extra funding for better lighting, more CCTV and extra night time police patrols and support for sexual violence, stalking and domestic abuse victims.



**Last year, I promised that Sussex Police would continue to protect our communities, catch criminals and deliver an outstanding service. Your investment enabled me to do this.**

We have more police officers, detectives, special constables, police staff and volunteers. We have visible and unmarked specialist policing units deployed 24/7 to target and disrupt serious and organised crime.

We have technology to help us work smarter; safe and discreet ways for victims to contact us and joint partner operations tackling child sexual abuse and county lines drugs trafficking.

I am very proud that my colleagues are providing a more proactive, more accessible, and more visible police service despite the challenges of the pandemic and I am committed to maintaining, sustaining and building upon these gains.

We cannot do this without your ongoing support. We will continue to listen and engage with you so that, together, we can keep our beautiful county safe for all.

Thank you.

**Jo Shiner**, Chief Constable



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# WHAT DOES IT COST TO POLICE SUSSEX?

For further information visit:

[www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/budget](http://www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/budget)

[www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/FAQ](http://www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/FAQ)

## HOW TO CONTACT SUSSEX POLICE



### REPORT ONLINE

[www.sussex.police.uk/contact-us](http://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](http://www.crimestoppers.uk.org)



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