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HOW YOU SUPPORT SUSSEX POLICE 2024/25

Sussex Police officers and staff work hard every day to protect our local communities, catch criminals and deliver an outstanding service. We police an ever rising, diverse and transient population, tackling both visible and hidden crime which is growing in complexity.

Thanks to your support, we now have more police officers working across all districts, more people to respond to your calls and investigate crime. At the same time, we have continued to invest in technology that helps us target finite resources where they are needed most, free-up officer time and ensure we are working as efficiently as we can be in what are challenging financial times.

We remain committed to engaging with you, listening to your concerns, and working with you to keep our beautiful and unique county safe for all.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to serving you in the year ahead.

Chief Constable Jo Shiner

Each year Sussex Police:

- Receives **751,716** contacts (this includes **855** calls to 999 every day)
- Attends **187,827** incidents
- Makes **24,714** arrests
- Records **140,891** crimes
- Deals with **42,423** road-related incidents
- Records **5,934** sexual offences
- Deals with **13,489** missing persons
- Records **1,542** assaults on police officers

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HOW TO CONTACT SUSSEX POLICE



Report online at sussex.police.uk/contact-us
We assess all online reports in the same way as a 101 call



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



Always call 999 in an emergency
When a life is threatened or there is imminent danger

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SUSSEX POLICE PRECEPT

As your Police & Crime Commissioner I am responsible for setting the £395 million net budget for Sussex Police.



Thanks to your taxpayer contributions and the Government's programme to recruit 20,000 police officers, by the end of March there will be 3,245 police officers in Sussex (equivalent to 3,163 FTE). That is 316 more than March of my first year in office.

The impact of global events since 2020 has pushed up energy, fuel and supply prices for the police with increased pay costs. Police officers and staff account for 78% of the total budget and those officers, Police Community Support Officers and police staff carry out essential work to keep our county safe. Sussex Police have already been implementing a rigorous savings programme to maximise efficiency through smarter use of technology and cross-border and back-office collaborations so there is little room for cutting back.

Sussex Police receives the sixth lowest level of total grant funding per head of population and, whilst the Government have increased the overall grant settlement by an extra £7.2 million this year, external factors mean they will still have a savings requirement of £8 million.

That is why I have proposed a rise in the precept by the maximum amount permitted of £13 a year per household for an average Band D property. This additional funding will help keep Sussex Police moving forwards, protecting police officer numbers and essential staff roles and supporting the transformation savings programme that is well underway.

From listening to you, I know you are seeing a more visible, reassuring police presence and that you "don't want to go backwards" – nearly 70% of you report feeling safe and we are now seeing the results of previous investment.

I am most grateful for your continued support this year.

Katy Bourne
Katy Bourne OBE



We have seen significant improvements across our county

Reporting to Sussex Police (as of January 2024)

- 101 waiting times are averaging just 2 minutes. **This puts Sussex Police in the top performing forces in England & Wales.**
- 98.1% of all 999 calls received were answered within the required 10 seconds, making **Sussex Police the highest performer in the country.**

Neighbourhood crime is decreasing

(cf. pre-pandemic levels, 2019)

- **Theft from the person down 25%**
- **Residential burglary down 33%**
- **Total neighbourhood crime down 23%**

Serious and Organised Crime

- In the last year, Sussex Police has **disrupted 585 drug lines** (175 of these were County Lines).
- The force **solved 1,260 serious crimes** in 2023 compared with 1,045 the year before. **This represents a 21% improvement.**

Police Officer Numbers

- Sussex Police now has a headcount of 3,245 police officers (3,163 FTE) **more than we've had in over a decade.**
- Sussex Police, with this funding, will maintain its dedicated Business Crime Unit and Rural Crime Team.

Sussex Police Budget

Where the money comes from



How it is spent



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How it is spent in more detail

