



Last year, Sussex Police continued to protect communities, catch criminals and deliver an outstanding service.

Thanks to your support we have been able to step up enforcement activity against criminals wherever they may operate – in people's homes, online, on the streets, in our countryside and on our roads.

We now have a greater visible policing presence in neighbourhoods, and more non-uniformed resources tackling violent, serious and organised crime: county lines, violence against women and girls, child exploitation, and serious crimes using our road network.

Everyone in Sussex Police is committed to making a difference in our communities. Over the past year, our officers, staff, specials and volunteers have worked tirelessly to keep people safe and tackle crime in all forms - patrolling our streets, responding to emergencies and working with partners to prevent crime and disorder.

Now, with significant financial challenges, it is vital we can both protect and continue to modernise our policing service. As a local resident, you play a crucial role in this and, by working together, we can help keep Sussex even safer.

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

Jo Shiner
Chief Constable



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HOW YOU SUPPORT SUSSEX POLICE 2023/24

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



To report anonymously,
call **Crimestoppers** on
0800 555 111 or online:
www.crimestoppers-uk.org



SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS

Help and support for victims
and witnesses of crime:
www.safespacesussex.org.uk



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SUSSEX POLICE PRECEPT

Just when we thought things might improve after the pandemic, we have all been impacted by high energy costs, food and other price rises.



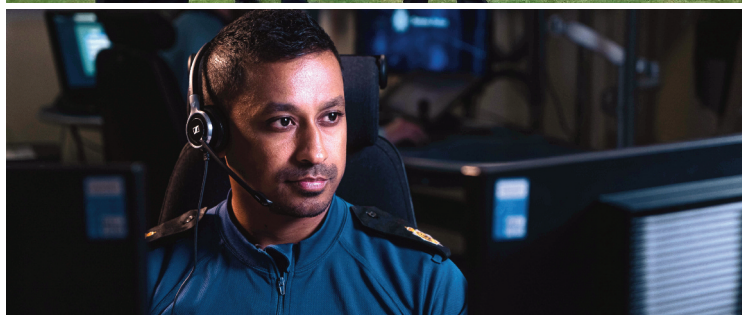
Sussex Police is not immune to this and the increase in the Government's policing grant has also been affected by inflation. Whilst we continue to look for budget savings and efficiencies, it is necessary to ask local council tax payers to contribute more to maintain the number of police officers and police community support officers whom we value so highly.

You will be reassured that Sussex is on track to recruit extra officers funded by the Government and previous local precept investment. This means we will maintain 3,096 police officers for the coming year – more than we had in 2012 when I was first elected.

People tell me that they don't want to go backwards and see officer numbers reduced. That's why I have asked households to support a rise of £15 per year in the precept (which equates to £1.25 per month per household) for a Band D property. I appreciate that any increase in household expenditure is challenging so I continue to support Council Tax Reduction Schemes for low-income households across the county.

The Sussex Police precept makes up approximately 10% of your council tax bill and remains one of the lowest policing precepts in England and Wales. Thank you for your continued support for Sussex Police.

Katy Bourne OBE



Last year Sussex Police:

- Received 802,501 contacts (791 calls to 999 every day)
- Attended 176,517 incidents
- Made 21,939 arrests
- Recorded 131,428 crimes
- Responded to 19,136 roads incidents
- Recorded 5,631 sexual offences
- Dealt with 11,141 missing person incidents
- Recorded 1,517 assaults on police officers

Your investment in Sussex Police means that:

- Neighbourhood crime is down 32.8% since 2019, compared to a 20.7% reduction nationally

Over the last two years:

- Theft from person is down 32%
- Burglary (residential/dwelling) is down 41.6%
- Sussex Police now has a dedicated Business Crime Team with 10 specialist officers
- The Rural Crime Team has been expanded to 22 officers
- Since 2020, the Specialist Enforcement Unit (SEU) has seized £1.3m and taken nearly 160 bladed articles and firearms off the streets. They have also made more than 650 arrests

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