HOW TO REPORT AND WHO TO

YOU COULD HAVE A VITAL PIECE OF INFORMATION, WHICH COULD LEAD TO POLICE TAKING ACTION IN YOUR AREA. I KNOW RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES ARE BEST PLACED TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON IN THEIR AREA - SO PLEASE 'REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY'.

It may seem unimportant or insignificant, but your information could be the missing puzzle piece needed, and it could help catch a criminal and keep people in your community safe.

You can provide this information by going online at **Report suspicious activity | Dorset Police**

The information you share will be sent to the relevant team to be assessed. It maybe that the police were unaware of your information and can begin to monitor the situation, or it could be that they are able to cross-check your information against what's already known, enabling them to act.

In most cases, they would not need to contact you in relation to the information you have provided.

If you see or hear something suspicious, please report it – you may just be able to provide that one missing piece of information the police have been waiting for.

CONTACTING OTHER AGENCIES

OTHER PARTNER AGENCIES DEAL WITH ISSUES THAT THE POLICE CANNOT, FOR EXAMPLE – NOISY NEIGHBOURS, SOME INCIDENTS OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, FLY-TIPPING AND HEALTH & SAFETY.

Report a noise nuisance to your local council:
www.gov.uk/report-noise-pollution-to-council

Report vandalism to public property to your local council:
www.gov.uk/report-vandalism

Report fly-tipping to your local council or the Environment Agency:
www.gov.uk/report-flytipping

Your local authority deals with a vast array of community issues. To find out who your local council is and more about what they do - go online: **www.gov.uk/find-local-council**

HOW TO CONTACT DORSET POLICE IN A NON-EMERGENCY

ONLINE

Online contact with the police is dealt with in exactly the same way as non-emergency 101 phone calls.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Click on the 'Report suspicious activity' button on the Dorset Police homepage or go to **www.dorset.police.uk/suspiciousactivity**

BY PHONE - CALL 101

IF THERE IS A CRIME IN PROGRESS OR SOMEONE IS IN DANGER -

CALL 999 IMMEDIATELY

CRIMESTOPPERS

Crimestoppers allows you to give information anonymously about crimes that affect you and your local community. You can contact them directly online or on **0800 555 111**

CONTACTING YOUR PCC

Police and Crime Commissioners decide the priorities for the local police, set the budget, and commission services for victims of crime. They do not have responsibility over operational matters, nor are they the correct agency for most complaints against the police. For matters dealt with by the Police and Crime Commissioner, please contact the office on the details below.

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DORSET POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER DAVID SIDWICK



In 2024, I was re-elected to be your Police and Crime Commissioner. Having served in this role since 2021 and making the pledge to be your voice in policing, I wanted to let you know about the continued progress being made on the priorities of my Police and Crime Plan. The priorities in the Plan are based on your views and are being delivered on your behalf.

My team and I are privileged to be working for you and we continue to work toward achieving the ambition of **MAKING DORSET THE SAFEST COUNTY.**

DAVID SIDWICK
Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner

MAKE EVERY PENNY COUNT

• The Police and Crime Commissioner has welcomed Rachel Farrell as the Chief Constable for Dorset.

• Alongside continuing to lobby for a fairer funding formula for Dorset Police that accounts for the seasonality and rurality of our area, the OPCC has welcomed additional funding from Safer Streets and Hotspot Policing, while continuing to evaluate efficiencies and improvements through its Evolve programme to ensure the Force is in a stable financial position.

• Introduction of support initiatives including Dorset Police's Enhanced Video Response (EVR), a digital service allowing victims of crime to speak with officers via secure live video calls rather than waiting for an in-person visit. This approach has not only benefited victims but also helped the Force meet some of its environmental objectives in reducing fuel usage while also making the use of officer time more efficient.

PUT VICTIMS & COMMUNITIES FIRST

• Partly funded by the OPCC, the Victims' Champion is a new role designed to continue the improvements to victims-first policing in Dorset, by overseeing Dorset Police's commitment to the Victims' Code of Practice from the start of the victim's journey and throughout.

• Restorative Justice helps victims of crime find closure and hold offenders accountable by giving victims the chance to safely communicate with the person who harmed them. A new contract will see the service continue for the next four years and include Hate Crime Awareness Courses.

• Commitment to young people continues to be delivered through investment in interventions to divert children and young people at risk from criminality.

FIGHT RURAL CRIME

• Increased the resource and capacity of the Rural Crime Team, resulting in increased positive outcomes against offenders and the team receiving recognition from the National Police Chiefs' Council, winning the award for 'Most Innovative Partnership to Tackle Serious and Organised Acquisitive Crime' in 2024.

• The PCC established the Dorset Partnership Against Rural Crime, working with partners to launch Country Watch, create crime prevention resources and provide theft prevention kits to hundreds of Dorset farmers and rural businesses.

• The PCC oversaw the launch of the award-winning Dorset Rural Mounted Volunteers scheme, improving visibility in remote rural areas and providing additional intelligence and engagement opportunities across Dorset's countryside.



To find out more about my Police & Crime Plan and my ambitions for Dorset, please visit:

www.dorset.pcc.police.uk

CUT CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

• Compared with 2019/2020, reported incidents of anti-social behaviour have reduced by 30% across Dorset (incidents reported April 2025 to March 2026) and are the lowest since 2008. The PCC has supported operations such as Op Track and Op Fireglow and provided more than £210k of funding for community projects tackling ASB.

• Burglary Investigation Teams have been introduced in both BCP and Dorset County command areas and burglary investigations are resulting in more positive outcomes than ever before, with stolen property being returned and perpetrators being rightfully punished.

• Improved road safety across Dorset by helping shape the Dorset Road Safety Strategy, with a long-term vision to reduce deaths and serious injuries on Dorset's roads, supporting high-visibility roads policing operations and rising numbers of Community Speed Watch teams while raising awareness of the consequences of drink and drug driving through victims' stories.

MAKE POLICING MORE VISIBLE & CONNECTED

• The OPCC has worked with Dorset Police to improve customer service and public confidence by supporting faster 999 call answer times and continued investment in 101 and control room performance to ensure the public receive a prompt response when they need police assistance.

• Ensured Dorset residents can contact the police in more ways than ever by overseeing the launch of Community Contact Points, two Mobile Police Stations and the transition to a new online reporting system, improving accessibility and engagement with communities across Dorset.

• The PCC has worked with senior officers to introduce additional hotspot patrols in key locations across the county, delivering 9,000 additional hours of high-visibility foot patrols in 2025 alone. The OPCC also secured £1.6m of Government funding, in 2025, for additional frontline officers and staff to boost patrols and community presence.

FIGHT VIOLENT CRIME & HIGH HARM

• Operation Scorpion, in partnership with the five South West PCCs and respective police forces, remains focused on disrupting organised drug crime, safeguarding vulnerable people and making the region a hostile environment for county lines activity and exploitation.

• The OPCC now has a Violence Reduction and Prevention Team focused on what is needed to respond to serious violence locally, and to identify the gaps in provision. Dorset has the second lowest number of knife-related offences in England, a reduction of 28% since 2020/2021.

• Established a VAWG Improvement Panel to review cases across a range of crime types, including stalking and harassment, domestic abuse, rape and serious sexual offences and child exploitation, to hold Dorset Police to account through constructive discussions and valuable learning focused on victims.