

PCC NEWS

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DORSET POLICE AND DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE FORMALLY ENTER A STRATEGIC ALLIANCE

The PCCs and Chief Constables for Devon & Cornwall Police and Dorset Police have reached a symbolic milestone from which they will deliver future policing services across the three counties.

An agreement has been reached for a large-scale strategic alliance between the two forces. The aim is to maintain a high standard of policing services for the communities within both force areas, at a time when police budgets are reducing across the country. Working together more closely and sharing many services is a significant move that will allow the forces to continue to provide efficient and effective policing, while meeting current and future financial challenges. Initial plans that have been developed have already highlighted savings of at least £12 million spread across both forces.

This significant step was formalised when both PCCs and Chief Constables signed an agreement under Sections 22 and 23 of the Police Act (1996), the first time this has happened since the introduction of PCCs. A strategic alliance is not a merger of the two forces.

Over the next 12 months, the organisations will consider exactly which functions should be delivered jointly and will also look at best practice outside of policing. This will ensure that the most effective and efficient policing is being delivered. It will include assessing whether current functions can be improved by the forces working more closely together and the possibility of some services being delivered outside of the organisations, in public or private partnerships. Whatever approach is taken, the core aim to maintain services to the public while reducing costs remains the same.

Police & Crime Commissioner for Dorset, Martyn Underhill, said: "We are facing unprecedented times in policing. We need to deliver more for less and this alliance will help us achieve that. I have made the biggest decision in my term of office. We have formally decided that Devon & Cornwall Police do have a role in shaping our future policing and securing Dorset's reputation as one of the safest places in the country."

WELCOME

We've had a busy few months since my last newsletter and I wanted to update you on some key milestones.

I have taken the decision to freeze the police precept this year, which was unanimously supported by the Police & Crime Panel. This allowed us to take a £574,000 government freeze grant. However, we are facing uncertain times with police funding and we are actively looking at ways to save money, while maintaining an efficient and effective policing service. There is no doubt that we need to continue providing 'more for less' and my team and I continue to explore new funding streams to supplement the old. We are one of the lowest funded Forces per head of population, so this summer, I'll be fighting hard at the Government Police Funding Formula Panel, to secure fairer funding for Dorset to move us off the bottom of the national funding league tables.

We are looking forward to a comprehensive community engagement programme over the summer and I would really like to hear your views on the future of policing. In the meantime, please do get in touch to raise any issues regarding policing, crime and community safety you may have in your area. Our new website provides a strong platform to communicate with my team and me. We look forward to hearing from you.



MARTYN UNDERHILL

Dorset Police
& Crime
Commissioner



ONLINE

TRIPLE SUCCESS FOR DORSET OPCC IN NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS

The Dorset Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner is delighted to announce that their Communications and Engagement Team has won two silver distinctions in the prestigious Communicator Awards for their new website and has been nominated for 'website of the year' in the 2015 UK Public Sector Communications Awards, which recognises innovation and excellence in communications projects.

Judges commended the new bespoke website which prioritises engagement with communities across Dorset, by enabling the team to do more consultations and polls to boost interactivity between the public and the office. They also praised the site's accessibility, enhanced transparency and responsive design.

The new site launched in January 2015 and offers quick and easy access to information giving visitors a better understanding of the Dorset OPCC. It boasts a comprehensive engagement section with updated news and events. It also includes more focused pages on commissioning, statutory work and the budget. The design, improved functionality and enhanced content goes towards the Dorset OPCC's mission to inform and involve the public in their work.

The Award Ceremony for the 2015 Public Sector Awards will take place at the Emirates Stadium, London on Thursday 9th July.

"GREAT WEBSITE, COMPREHENSIVE AND EASY TO USE. MAKES IT CLEAR HOW MUCH WORK THIS OFFICE IS INVOLVED IN."
GARY BOURNEMOUTH

"WE RECOGNISE THAT NOT EVERYONE IS ABLE TO MEET WITH US FACE-TO-FACE TO DISCUSS THEIR LOCAL ISSUES WITH POLICING, CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY SO THIS INVESTMENT WAS VITAL TO ENSURE WE ARE REACHING AS MANY RESIDENTS AS POSSIBLE. FEEDBACK ON THE SITE HAS BEEN GREAT AND WE'VE SEEN A 30% INCREASE IN PAGE VIEWS WHICH IS FANTASTIC TO SEE."

KRISTIAN WARD Digital Engagement Officer for the Dorset OPCC

"I AM DELIGHTED THAT OUR OFFICE HAS BEEN RECOGNISED NATIONALLY FOR THEIR COMMUNICATIONS WORK AND THIS ANNOUNCEMENT SHOWS JUST HOW FAR OPCCS HAVE COME IN SUCH A SHORT SPACE OF TIME. WE THANK RESIDENTS AND PARTNERS FOR HELPING TO MAKE IT WORK. BEING NAMED THE BEST OPCC IN THE COUNTRY FOR ENGAGEMENT IN 2014 WAS GOOD NEWS BUT TO HAVE THIS ADDITIONAL NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR ALL OF OUR ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS IS REALLY PLEASING. WE ARE PUTTING DORSET ON THE MAP FOR EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT BUT WE WON'T STOP THERE. THIS YEAR WE ARE ATTENDING ALL THE MAJOR DORSET SHOWS AND ARE CONSTANTLY EVOLVING OUR ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME, TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC IN DORSET."

MARTYN UNDERHILL
Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner

"WELL DONE! I LIKED SEEING THE CONTENT ON MY MOBILE."
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"THE WEBSITE IS VERY GOOD & GIVES LOTS OF INFORMATION CLEARLY SET OUT. I LIKE IT."

PETER DORCHESTER



CYBER CRIME NEWS

POLICE LAUNCH NEW CAMPAIGN TO TACKLE CYBER CRIME



Dorset Police and the Police & Crime Commissioner have launched a new cyber-crime prevention campaign.

The campaign, named CyberSafe, will focus on financial based crime, child online safety, social networking safety and online fraud and property crime. The threat from cyber-crime is a rapidly growing problem for policing and is a priority here in Dorset and nationally.

The campaign will run over the next 12 months and link into the national campaign 'Get Safe Online'. To tackle this growing phenomenon Dorset Police has created a Cyber-Crime Unit which is focused on ensuring that the Force provides a quality response to all forms of online crime in our communities. The unit will be working in conjunction with regional and national units to ensure that they remain skilled and equipped to face the challenge of fighting crime in cyberspace.

Police are also working in conjunction with representatives from the Bournemouth University Cyber Security Unit (BUCSU) and Get Safe Online.

Director of Intelligence, Detective Superintendent Mark Callaghan, said: "Cyber-crime is a fast growing area of crime. More and more criminals are exploiting the speed, convenience and facelessness of the internet to commit a diverse range of criminal activities.

There are many opportunities offered by the internet, particularly the growth in online shopping and banking, which make us vulnerable to crime.

Online safety shouldn't be taken for granted or assumed. The internet is now a fact of modern life for most of us. It is expected that online activity has caught the attention of a few determined criminals, but it is up to us to ensure we keep ourselves and our information safe when using the internet. This is one of the big revolutions in 21st Century policing and we are working hard to step up to the challenge."

Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner, Martyn Underhill, said: "Cyber-crime has the potential to affect every household in Dorset. Our young people are at increased risk of cyber-bullying, an awful crime which has far reaching effects.

We have also seen an increase in the risks to the older population as they embrace new technology to enable them to carry out financial transactions online and keep in touch with loved ones. It is essential that we prioritise tackling this new and growing threat which exists not on our streets but in cyberspace.

I am delighted to be working with Bournemouth University in finding approaches to cyber-crime, and I congratulate them on their forward thinking.

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MARTYN UNDERHILL

Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner

I look forward to building on that relationship as we develop a joint approach to raising awareness of cyber-crime and finding solutions to this fast emerging threat."

Doctor Christopher Richardson, Head of Bournemouth University Cyber Security Unit said: "Cyber is pervasive to our digital society; it controls and connects our services, drives the economy, banks our money, sells our goods and pays our bills.

With the benefits of the world-wide web and other online opportunities generating so much wealth, cyberspace also attracts undesirable consequences and individuals with malicious intent.

The Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner's new initiative to help police and reduce this global crime wave and its impact to our local economy is warmly welcomed by Bournemouth University and its Cyber Security Unit.

Cyber security is a national threat and our education programme is equipping the future security practitioners for a market, which has an increasing shortage of skilled individuals. The cyber-crime wave and its growth is greatly affected by this skills gap and the limited amount of resources committed to solving the problems it creates.

Dorset Police has started to readdress this and we wish them well."



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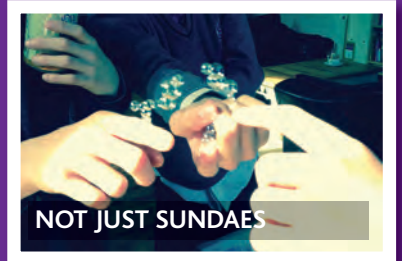
MUNTYS CARE ACTIVITIES



SW DORSET MULTICULTURAL NETWORK

SAFER DORSET FUND

The Safer Dorset Fund is our community grants scheme, offering funding for smaller voluntary community projects and services up to £1,500.

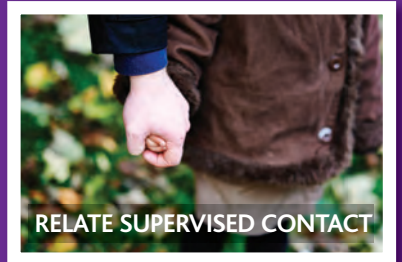


NOT JUST SUNDAES



SOCIALLY WISE

The key requirement is that the project must meet at least one of the six Police & Crime Plan priorities in Dorset. Grants are assessed by a representative panel, to ensure fairness to all those that have applied.



RELATE SUPERVISED CONTACT



BOURNEMOUTH BMX CLUB



SPACE YOUTH PROJECT



ROOTS GARDENING PROJECT

ROUND 1 FUNDING

Weymouth Street Pastors	£250 - West Dorset
Routes to Roots - Our voice	£1500 - Bournemouth & Poole
The Horse Course	£1500 - West Dorset
Read Easy Blandford	£180 - North Dorset
Dorset Mental Health Forum - SLAP	£1500 - Portland
The Rendez Vous - Championship Tournament	£801 - West Dorset
Relate Project Supervised Contact Centre	£1500 - West Dorset

ROUND 2 FUNDING

ActsFast	£1500 - Bournemouth
Dorset Adult Asperger's Support Group - Socially Wise	£1500 - Pan Dorset
Bournemouth BMX Club	£1500 - Bournemouth
Future Roots - Whitfield	£1500 - West Dorset
Hadland Foundation - Refuge Emergency Child Care	£1200 - Bournemouth & Poole
South West Dorset Multicultural Network	£800 - South West Dorset
Muntsys Community Care Activities	£1150 - West Dorset
Not Just Sundaes	£1500 - East Dorset
People First	£1500 - Pan Dorset
Help & Care Project Roots	£1500 - Pan Dorset
ScreenPLAY	£1500 - West Dorset & Portland
Dorset Fire & Rescue Service - SPARC	£1500 - Pan Dorset
Vita Nova - The Write Time	£1500 - Bournemouth

"THE COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME IS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR GROUPS ACROSS THE COUNTY TO APPLY FOR FUNDING TO RUN PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES THAT DELIVER POSITIVE CHANGES FOR DORSET. I WOULD STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ORGANISATIONS TO APPLY TO THE FUND SO WE CAN WORK TOGETHER IN PARTNERSHIP TO REDUCE CRIME, SUPPORT POLICING AND IMPROVE COMMUNITY SAFETY."

MARTYN UNDERHILL Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND SEARCH FOR "SAFER DORSET FUND" TO SEE WHEN THE NEXT ROUND OF FUNDING IS AVAILABLE, DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION FORM AND READ MORE ABOUT THE 20 PROJECTS WE'VE SUPPORT SO FAR.

USE OF FORCE

The Dorset OPCC will soon publish the results of an independent review into the Use of Force at Dorset Police.

The report reviewed law and policy, governance and recording practices, Use of Force data comparison and the use of Taser in custody.

Dorset Police and the PCC have accepted all six of the review's recommendations and have now set out how they intend to implement each of them. A series of actions have already addressed several of the

review's recommendations. All of the remaining recommendations will be implemented as soon as possible.

In December 2014, Martyn Underhill, wrote to Chief Constable of Dorset Police, Debbie Simpson, to formalise his concerns in respect of the use of Taser, specifically within police custody suites and involving individuals with mental health issues. Following further consideration, the PCC commissioned an audit of the police Use of Force in Dorset.



MENTAL HEALTH

Dorset PCC Martyn Underhill has long campaigned for people with mental health issues to get the 'right care, at the right time and in the right place'.

As Chair of the Mental Health PCC Working Party, Martyn helped spearhead a national campaign to improve crisis care for people with mental health needs across England.

The Mental Health Concordat was launched in February 2014 and has been signed by local partners. Martyn has also secured a Mental Health Street Triage Pilot for Dorset, which launched in May 2014 and sees mental health practitioners assisting police officers on patrol, in dealing with mental health issues.

Martyn was recognised by the Home Secretary for his good work in this area at the Policing and Mental Health Summit in October 2014. Martyn has also introduced a shared pilot scheme with our local Mental Health provider. This is to support and help protect our most vulnerable group of people with Serious Mental Illness in Dorset to prevent them becoming repeat victims of crime.

WATCH VIDEO



TACKLING SEXUAL VIOLENCE CONFERENCE A HUGE SUCCESS

Around 1000 people attended Dorset's first Tackling Sexual Violence Conference, which was held at Poole Lighthouse on Thursday 5th March 2015.

Funded by the Office of The Police & Crime Commissioner and organised by the Safer Poole Partnership, the conference included

some, at times, very moving stories, films and poems from a group of local survivors.

VIEW PHOTO GALLERY

Speakers included Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner, Martyn Underhill, Commander Pete Spindler from the Metropolitan Police and Assistant Chief Constable of Dorset Police, David Lewis together with some high profile guest speakers from the world of television and academia.

One attender at the conference said: "An incredible conference that gave a voice to survivors of sexual violence. Powerful and above all empowering."



NOMINATIONS WANTED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AWARD SCHEME

Entries for the Young People's Community Engagement Awards open on May 1st. The awards acknowledge the valuable contribution that Dorset's young people make to their community.

There are four categories for nomination; Youth Group of the Year, Individual Youth Award 11-18 years, Individual Youth Award 19-24 years and the Dorset PCC Youth Award for Excellence.

Nominations can be made for any youth group or individual living and/or operating a service, in Dorset. Nomination forms and criteria can be downloaded from our website. The shortlisted nominees will be invited to the award ceremony at Hamworthy Social Club, on Friday September 11th.

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DORSET OPCC, WINNERS OF THE 2014 COPACC (COMPARING PCCS) AWARD FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, HAS SEEN THEIR ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY FEATURED IN A CABINET OFFICE REPORT IN APRIL 2015, WHICH HAS IDENTIFIED AREAS OF BEST PRACTICE. WE ADOPTED THE APPROACH THAT 'NO PERSON OR GROUP OF PEOPLE ARE HARD TO REACH.'

FUNDING

£2.5M EXTRA FUNDING TO DORSET SECURED BY OPCC

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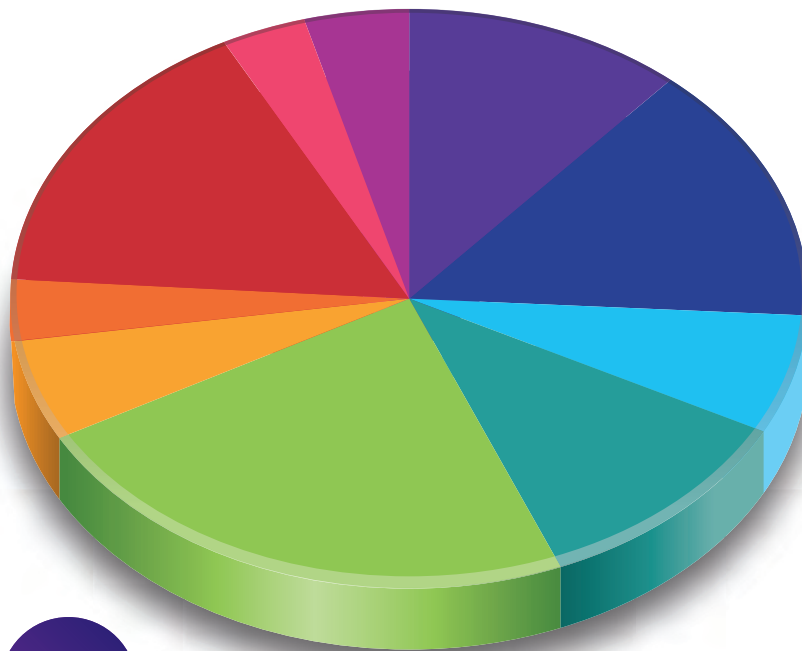


Throughout 2014/15 the Dorset OPCC secured and re-invested almost £2.5M to support partnership service delivery through a range of statutory and voluntary partners. Funding has been used to support the PCC to deliver against his six Police & Crime Plan priorities.

The PCC is committed to supporting victims of crime and in funding specialist services to support people affected by crime.

One key area of work is in supporting those who have suffered sexual violence. The office has invested over £350,000 in partnership services to address issues associated with sexual violence, supporting services such as:

- Independent Sexual Violence Advisors
- Tackling prostitution
- Counselling for young victims of sexual abuse
- Rape Crisis Support Centre
- Managing serious sex offenders in the community
- Tackling Sexting and Child Sexual Exploitation



DOMESTIC ABUSE	£272,225
SEXUAL VIOLENCE	£358,741
DRUGS & ALCOHOL	£174,710
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	£275,175
COMMUNITY SAFETY	£556,658
YOUNG PEOPLE	£139,301
EQUALITY ISSUES	£87,864
VICTIM SERVICES	£404,351
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE	£82,898
MENTAL HEALTH	£100,000

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DORSET PCC SURGERIES



YOUR CHANCE TO RAISE YOUR POLICING, CRIME OR COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES DIRECTLY WITH DORSET PCC, MARTYN UNDERHILL.

20 MINUTE APPOINTMENTS

Contact us in advance to book your time with the Commissioner.
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RURAL CRIME NEWS

DORSET PCC BACKS NEW SURVEY TO HELP TACKLE RURAL CRIME

Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner, Martyn Underhill is backing a new national rural crime survey, which has been commissioned by the National Rural Crime Network (NRCN) to try and establish the true scale, impact and cost of crime in the countryside.

Martyn Underhill was among the first PCCs in the country to sign up to the network, which will help the public, police, community safety practitioners and others to develop policy and best practice for tackling crime and anti-social behaviour in rural areas.

The network has a clear objective to shape national and local government policy by raising

the profile of the issue of rural crime and helping to ensure people living in rural areas are offered the support and services they need.

Partially funded by the Home Office, membership of the network comprises 28 Police & Crime Commissioners, along with other organisations that have a clear interest in the objectives of the network. These include Crimestoppers, English Heritage, the CLA, the NFU and NFU Mutual, the Countryside Alliance, the National Community Safety Network and others.

For more information visit

www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net.

"THIS IS A HUGE STEP FORWARDS IN KEEPING RURAL COMMUNITIES UP TO DATE WITH INFORMATION ON HOW TO STAY SAFE AND SECURE. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE NATIONAL RURAL CRIME NETWORK ON THEIR NEW WEBSITE AND SURVEY. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PRACTITIONERS WORK TOGETHER TO TACKLE RURAL CRIME."

MARTYN UNDERHILL

Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner

ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR 2015-16

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY
MAY	21 May	Share your views - East Dorset	PPC & Engagement Stand - Sainsbury's Ferndown
	29 May	Gypsy Roma Traveller Event	Engagement Stand
	29-31 May	Bournemouth Wheels Festival	PPC & Engagement Stand
JUNE	2 June	Victim of Crime Surgery - Sturminster Newton	
JULY	1 July	Portland Community Day	PPC & Engagement Stand - Tesco Easton
	1 July	Meet the PCC Surgery - Portland	Community 2000
	3 July	Meet the PCC Surgery -	Police HQ
	8 July	Dorset Business Conference	
	11 July	Bourne Free LGBT	PPC & Engagement Stand - Bmth Gardens
	11 July	Emergency Services Fun Day - Poole Park	PPC & Engagement Stand
	17 July	Victim of Crime Surgery - Boscombe	
	28 July	Blandford Community Day	PPC & Engagement Stand
AUG	20-23 August	Bournemouth Air Show	PPC & Engagement Stand
	19 August	Gillingham & Shaftesbury Show - Motcombe Showground	PPC & Engagement Stand
	27 August	Melplash Show	PPC & Engagement Stand
	28 August	Meet the PCC Surgery	Police HQ
SEPT	5-6 September	Dorset County Show	PPC & Engagement Stand
	11 September	Meet the PCC Surgery	Police HQ
	11 September	Dorset Police Young People Awards	Awards Ceremony
	26 September	Bournemouth Uni Fresher's Fair	PPC & Engagement Stand
OCT	2 October	Meet the PCC Surgery	Police HQ
	TBC	Mental Health Summit/ Big Debate	Conference
	20 October	Somerford Community Day	PPC & Engagement Stand
	TBC	Drug Conference	The Goldstands Stadium AFC Bournemouth

**VIEW
EVENTS
CALENDAR**

DORSET PCC LAUNCHES POLICING EARLY INTERVENTION GUIDE AT HOUSE OF COMMONS

New guidance has been launched to help police officers prevent crime and other problems by intervening early to help children and families where things are at risk of going wrong.

The Early Intervention Foundation (EIF) and College of Policing have launched a practical guide to help frontline police identify children, young people or families needing support and to respond effectively.

Dorset PCC Martyn Underhill helped write the guidance and was the guest speaker at the launch event, which was attended by the Crime Prevention Minister, Lynne Featherstone.

The new guide offers advice on the warning signs, which could indicate that a child, young person or family needs help, including poor living conditions, disengagement from school, domestic abuse, or aggressive and confrontational behaviour.

Dealing with young offenders, domestic violence and anti-social behaviour costs public services an estimated £5.2 billion a

year - £1.8 billion of which falls to the police - according to analysis by the Early Intervention Foundation. On top of this, a significant proportion of police call outs are related to wider social problems, including mental health and other welfare concerns.

Carey Oppenheim, EIF Chief Executive, said: "All too often the Police may be the first agency to come into contact with a parent, child or family needing help and it is vital that they are equipped to work alongside health and children's services, schools and others sharing intelligence and ensuring the right support is given at the earliest opportunity."



"IF WE CAN CHANGE THE OUTCOMES FOR 0-5 YEAR OLDS, WE CAN CHANGE A GENERATION. POLICING ISN'T JUST ABOUT PICKING UP THE PIECES, IT'S ABOUT BEING PRO-ACTIVE AS WELL, BUT THE ONLY WAY WE CAN ACHIEVE THAT IN TODAY'S COMPLEX AND VARIED SOCIETY IS TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP TOGETHER."

MARTYN UNDERHILL Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner

HOME OFFICE AGREES TO RAISE FIREARMS LICENCE FEES

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After our long campaign to increase firearms licensing fees, the Home Office has increased the cost of a firearms certificate from £50 to £88 with a shot gun certificate rising from £50 to £79.50. We manage 14,500 firearm and shot gun certificates in Dorset.

Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner, Martyn Underhill, said: "Dorset Police estimate the cost of granting a firearms license to be £218 resulting in a subsidy of around £250,000 per year by the Dorset taxpayer. This isn't about generating money to bridge our funding gap.

It is about cost recovery, enabling rural police forces like ours to continue to deliver efficient and effective policing services.

We shouldn't expect the tax payer to subsidise the administration costs for individuals who own firearms."

IF A CRIME IS IN PROGRESS OR IF THERE IS DANGER TO LIFE CALL 999

FOR ANY OTHER POLICING ISSUE CALL 101 AT ANY TIME



CRIMESTOPPERS
0800 555 111
Call anonymously with information about crime

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We are always looking to hear from residents about their experience with policing in Dorset and what their priorities are. Please get in touch via the details below.



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