

# PCCNEWS

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## HAVE YOUR SAY

## HOW OFFENDERS ARE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE IN DORSET

*Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner, Martyn Underhill has launched a three month consultation to give residents a greater say in how anti-social behaviour and low level crime is dealt with in the county.*

The recent Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act places a statutory duty on all commissioners to develop a list of Community Remedies. From this autumn, victims of crime will be able to select the punishment for the offender from a menu of options with the agreement of the investigating police officer.

Community Remedies are likely to include measures such as repairing damage to property, cleaning up graffiti or receiving a punishment proportionate to the crime. It is a way of delivering justice without going through the traditional court process.

In addition to the online survey, the Dorset Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner will be holding a number of focus groups to consult communities on what they would like to see on the list of Community Remedies.

### SHARE YOUR VIEWS

- To take part in the online survey visit [dorset.pcc.police.uk](http://dorset.pcc.police.uk) and follow the links from the homepage
- For more information, to take part in a focus group on Community Remedy or request a printed version of the survey please email the team on: [pccevents@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:pccevents@dorset.pnn.police.uk) or call 01202 229084

The consultation ends on Friday 19th September 2014

## WELCOME

*The summer months bring an influx of visitors to Dorset. For the police it means increased call volumes and workloads.*

The summer period sees a rise in the number of high profile events, for example the Bournemouth Air Festival and the Dorset County Show. The emphasis on summer policing is on police presence and making people feel comfortable and safe. Other seasonal challenges can arise, such as heath fires or heatwaves and it is important for agencies to work together to help people prepare for, respond to, and recover from any difficult situations. We are especially grateful to the hundreds of volunteers who work hard keeping our communities safe.

We continually strive to put the public first and prioritise the needs of the most vulnerable and continue our engagement work across Dorset. We are attending a number of public events this summer to hear about people's experiences with the police or criminal justice services. It is important we remain accessible, to provide the channels to offer people a listening ear and to help provide links to relevant local services.

I am extremely proud of what all the teams are achieving and hope you enjoy reading more about our work in this newsletter.



**MARTYN  
UNDERHILL**

Dorset Police  
& Crime  
Commissioner



# VOLUNTEERING

## PCC ADVOCATES

*Martyn has appointed 6 voluntary PCC Advocates. These volunteers are from selected geographical areas or from groups such as the older population or Polish community, to support his engagement with Dorset communities.*

Advocates play a committed and energetic role in assisting the Commissioner in facilitating effective lines of communication between the Commissioner and local

partners, stakeholders and other community contacts as well as members of the public. Whilst the Commissioner would love to attend every event he is invited to, unfortunately his time is limited and advocates help to bridge that gap by representing and actively participating in relevant local community meetings and providing the Commissioner with feedback from the public and partners. This will help the Commissioner achieve his vision of ensuring that Dorset is a better place for people to live, work and visit.

*Anna Andersen was appointed as one of the Commissioner's Polish Advocates in November 2013 to cover the Poole area. Having spent her early life in Poland, she has developed a strong link to the Polish community across Dorset and is involved with various community groups. Anna has set up a Polish Advocate Facebook page helping to share news and information to the Polish Community.*

### ANNA'S COLUMN

*I am very excited about my role as a PCC Advocate. Recently I have attended several local events, meeting members of Poole's Polish community where they shared their opinions about policing and crime in Dorset.*

I have received very positive comments about the way Dorset Police works with the community and I was told that people generally feel safe in the county. There were a few areas where some people expressed uncertainty, such as how to report antisocial behaviour, how to stay anonymous when reporting crime and where to find more information in their native language.



Receiving this feedback is invaluable as it gives the Commissioner the opportunity to tackle them. My role involves bringing together two rather different communities which can be challenging at times, but I enjoy it because meeting new people who talk to me in confidence is mutually rewarding. It is quite important to be open to the views of the Polish community because it's the best way to understand and address the issues affecting the largest minority in Dorset.

**ANNA ANDERSON**  
PCC Polish Advocate

## INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITING



*Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs) are local volunteers drawn from all walks of life whose main role is to provide an independent check on the welfare of people who are detained at police stations.*

They do this by making random unannounced visits in pairs to police stations throughout the county and reporting their findings.

We have recently carried out a successful recruitment campaign to bring our team of ICVs to a total of 25. These volunteers make regular visits to all of the Dorset Police custody centres and also meet to discuss their findings at quarterly Panel Meetings attended by senior personnel from Dorset Police, including Assistant Chief Constable David Lewis, and the Police & Crime Commissioner or his Chief Executive.

Independent Custody Visitors need to have a number of personal skills including resilience, as within custody they will come into contact with sights and sounds that they may be unlikely to come across in everyday life. Every visitor will need to display good communication skills and have the ability to be assertive when necessary. We ask visitors to complete a written report at the end of each visit which summarises their findings and any subsequent action taken by custody staff.

In the year 2013/14, there were 762 detainees being held when visits occurred. 522 of those detainees were available for a visit and 475 were actually visited.

*To find out more about the ICV scheme, visit our website at [www.dorset.pcc.police.uk](http://www.dorset.pcc.police.uk)*

# NEWS

# WE'RE ON SOCIAL MEDIA - ARE YOU?

## BOOST FOR VICTIMS ACROSS DORSET

*It's been a groundbreaking few weeks for victim services across Dorset. Not only did we make history by becoming the first OPCC to commission local victim services, we were also successful in our Competed Fund bids for £300,000 of Government funding to spend on local victim projects.*

## COMPETED FUND

*The government funding will be used for pilot services for mental health victims, support for child victims of serious sexual offences and extra services for victims of Domestic Abuse. Projects will also be set up for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) victims and male domestic abuse victims.*

This Ministry of Justice grant award is part of a £12 million pot raised through offenders paying a 'victims surcharge' that PCCs have been able to bid against with the emphasis on innovative technologies and specialist services, to support victims of crime across the country.

Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill said: "I am delighted. This is fantastic news for Dorset. These grants strengthen and widen our work with victims. This will see a real improvement in victim care and help us to fill in the gaps



where provision is lacking. For example, we will now be able to offer courses to male victims of domestic abuse and specialist counselling to child victims of domestic abuse. That is really exciting and will make a positive difference to many people's lives."

## VICTIM SUPPORT

*Victim Support has been commissioned by the Dorset Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner to provide an enhanced service to the county's victims for the next three years. The contract will commence on 1 October 2014 with Martyn Underhill being the first PCC in the country to commission a local service for victims.*

The independent charity for victims and witnesses of crime will continue to provide confidential support and free advice until 2017 with a new and innovative approach to the service. It will include a 24hr helpline for victims of crime and additional support for victims of antisocial behaviour and business crime. The size of the Victim Support team in Dorset will also double.

Victims' Minister Damian Green said: "This contract is the first of its kind and shows how the move to local commissioning is meeting the needs of the community in Dorset."

*Social media sites such as Facebook & Twitter have continued to grow over the last few years with more than 31 million people in the UK having a Facebook profile and around 15 million regularly using Twitter.*



This gives us a huge opportunity to communicate with you through a platform many residents in Dorset are already using.

Through our Facebook & Twitter accounts, we share news and information on how your Police & Crime Commissioner, Martyn Underhill and his team is working to make Dorset safer. We also share information about how we influence national policing decisions and how national decisions may influence our county.

One of the biggest benefits of social media is in allowing the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner to engage with Dorset residents who may not be able to attend one of Commissioner's public events. It gives you the opportunity to bring any issues you have with policing and crime in Dorset to the attention of your elected commissioner. Martyn regularly tweets and those directly from him always start with MU.

 @PCCDorset

 Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner

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**"THIS NEW CONTRACT IS REALLY EXCITING AND IS A STEP CHANGE FOR SERVICES LOCALLY. THE CONTRACT WILL BRING NEW VICTIM CATEGORIES INTO THE SUPPORT NETWORK, SUCH AS VICTIMS OF BUSINESS CRIME AND LOW LEVEL ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR. THIS IS REALLY EXCITING AND WILL HELP MY TEAM AND DORSET POLICE COMPLY WITH THE NEW VICTIM CODE."**

**MARTYN UNDERHILL**

Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner

# DID YOU KNOW?

# KEY DATES

## DORSET POLICE FACTS

23

people and vehicles stopped & searched each day

278

incidents attended each day

12

RTCs attended each day

22

breath tests conducted each day

102

crimes recorded each day

80

ASB Incidents recorded each day

25

arrests for notifiable offences are made each day (for context, there are crimes that could be tried by a jury)

101

crimes recorded every day

220

999 calls answered every day

746

non-emergency calls answered every day

## DORSET FACTS



1 The Celtic name 'Dorseteshire' means the place of fisticuffs.



2 The first UFO ever seen in British skies was recorded on 8 December 1733 in Fleet, Dorset.



3 Dorset's most famous literary son, Thomas Hardy, had his heart buried in Stinsford, South West Dorset, beside first wife Emma.



4 The first-ever radio station was set up in the Haven Hotel in Poole back in 1899.



5 Enid Blyton's Famous Five adventure stories were inspired by the Dorset countryside around the Isle of Purbeck.



6 The Boy Scout movement was founded in 1907 and held its first camp in Dorset on Brownsea Island.



7 The Dorset Naga is one of the hottest chilli peppers in the World and is so fiery that you must wear gloves to handle it.

## JULY

JULY 1st

Community Remedy Focus Group  
Shaftesbury Town Hall

JULY 3rd

Youth Shadow Group  
Dorset Police Headquarters

JULY 14th

Community Remedy Focus Group  
Kinson Hub

JULY 15th

Community Remedy Focus Group  
Dorchester Borough Gardens

JULY 18th

Community Remedy Focus Group  
Wimborne Allendale House

JULY 21st

Community Remedy Focus Group  
Christchurch Borough Council Committee Room

JULY 24th

Bournemouth Family Fun Festival  
Meyrick Park

JULY 25th

Community Remedy Focus Group  
Weymouth Police Headquarters

JULY 29th

Community Remedy Focus Group  
Poole Civic Centre

## AUGUST

AUGUST 5th

Public Meeting & Surgery Appointments  
Boscombe Friends Meeting House

AUGUST 15th

Swanage Youth Festival

AUGUST 20th

Public Meeting & Surgery Appointments  
Christchurch Priory House

AUGUST 21st

Melplash Show West Bay

AUGUST 28th - 31st

Bournemouth Air Festival

## SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 6th-7th

Dorset County Show Dorchester

SEPTEMBER 11th

Police & Crime Panel Meeting

SEPTEMBER 16th

Public Meeting & Surgery Appointments  
Weymouth Community Firestation

\*These figures are based on 2013/14 data

# BUDGET

## OUR BUDGET & HOW WE SPEND IT

# 1.96%



Dorset PCC Martyn Underhill raised the policing element of the council tax by 1.96% this year equating to an increase of 7p per week for a band D household.

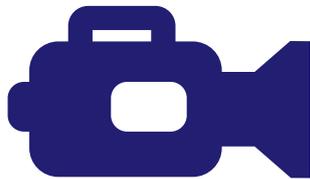
This has enabled the continued development of the force in the following areas:



### New Officers

16 new police officers - Ensuring a long term balance of employees

### Body Cams



300 body worn cameras - increasing accountability, public confidence & capturing atmospheres in domestic abuse cases

### Rural Community Vehicles

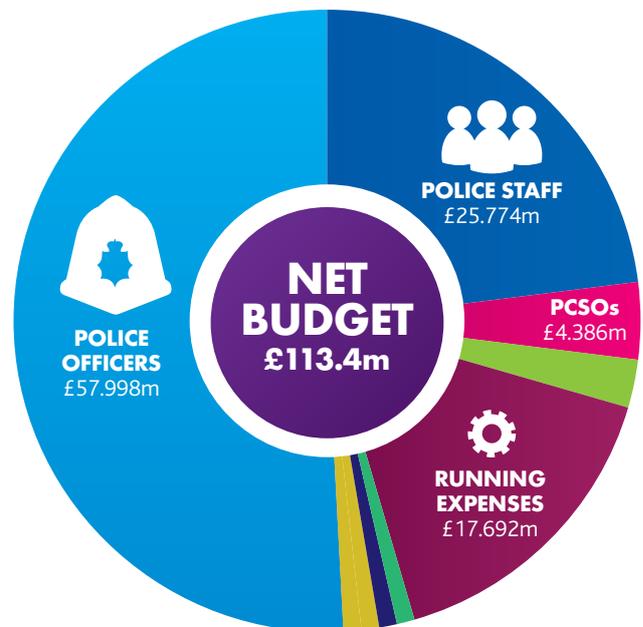
5 new rural cars and 2 patrol buggies for hard to reach policing areas



### Cyber Crime

A cyber crime campaign raising awareness of being safe online

## THE BUDGET



	<b>POLICE OFFICERS</b>	£57.998m
	<b>POLICE STAFF</b>	£25.774m
	<b>PCSOs</b>	£4.386m
	<b>CAPITAL FUNDING</b>	£2.918m
	<b>RUNNING EXPENSES</b>	£17.692m
	<b>PENSIONS</b>	£1.316m
	<b>OFFICE OF THE PCC</b>	£0.858m
	<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND &amp; COMMISSIONING</b>	£2.448m

# NEWS

## DORSET PCC & DORSET POLICE ANNOUNCE PIONEERING MENTAL HEALTH STREET TRIAGE SERVICE

*A pilot scheme starting on Friday 27 June 2014 will see mental health practitioners assisting police officers on patrol. The 12 month pilot will take place across Dorset on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights from 19.00 to 08.30.*



The aim is to provide police officers attending an incident with background medical information, advice, and if needed a full assessment regarding the mental health of a person.

As part of the Street Triage service, mental health practitioners will conduct a telephone triage service to support police officers out on patrol, assist officers when

they are responding to emergency calls and give advice to staff in police control rooms.

The scheme will operate across Dorset, and at the request of the police the mental health practitioners will also attend incidents in the Weymouth and Bournemouth/Poole conurbations from their base at Weymouth and Bournemouth police stations.

**"IT IS CRUCIAL THAT PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS GET THE RIGHT CARE, AT THE RIGHT TIME, IN THE RIGHT PLACE.**

**WITH THE SUPPORT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, OFFICERS WILL HAVE THE ASSISTANCE THEY NEED TO TREAT VULNERABLE PEOPLE APPROPRIATELY IN TIMES OF CRISIS. THIS IS A HUGE STEP FORWARD IN OUR PARTNERSHIP WORK BETWEEN HEALTH SERVICES AND THE POLICE."**

**MARTYN UNDERHILL**

Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner

**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

### CONTACTING US

*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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