

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN 2025/26

CUT CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Work continues to tackle anti-social behaviour across Dorset. I have supported 12 further ASB prevention projects with almost £50,000 through my Operation Relentless Community Fund. Dorset Police continues to see a significant reduction in ASB in hotspot areas alongside Dorset-wide crime reductions, notably a 13% fall in residential burglary, a 23% reduction in vehicle crime and an 11% reduction in violent crime that causes injury*.

MAKE POLICING MORE VISIBLE & CONNECTED

Ensuring the force is visible and connected to the public remains a priority. Over the past year, Dorset Police has expanded its community contact point scheme to 72 locations, launched two mobile police stations, and maintained high-visibility patrols in hotspot areas.

FIGHT VIOLENT CRIME AND HIGH HARM

Dorset Police continues to disrupt drug supply and shut down county lines through Operation Viper, working closely with our partners across the south west with Operation Scorpion, making arrests and safeguarding vulnerable people, sending a message that Dorset is #NoPlaceForDrugs.

FIGHT RURAL CRIME

Over the past year, the Dorset Police Rural Crime Team has run numerous operations to combat rural crime, including a joint operation with the Environment Agency targeting vehicles suspected of being used in waste crime and metal theft. The Mounted Rural Volunteers were also recognised regionally, winning Volunteer Team of the Year.

PUT VICTIMS AND COMMUNITIES FIRST

I continue to commission vital support services for victims of crime, including Victim Support in Dorset, as well as helping to fund the Victims Champion role at Dorset Police, a new position focused on improving victims-first policing in Dorset.

MAKE EVERY PENNY COUNT

I have and will continue to lobby Government and work with local MPs and other campaigners to address the unfair funding situation which continues to place further pressure on Dorset Police and the people of Dorset through the precept.

*Office of National Statistics Report (Oct 24 – Sept 25)

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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 YOUR INTELLIGENCE

Click on the 'Report Your Intelligence' button on the Dorset Police homepage or go to: www.dorset.police.uk/intelligence



BY PHONE - 101 Non-emergency

999

IF THERE IS A CRIME IN PROGRESS OR SOMEONE IS IN DANGER - CALL 999 STRAIGHT AWAY



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ABOUT THIS LEAFLET This leaflet meets the PCC's obligation, as the Precepting Authority, to explain to the public the reason for the decision to raise the policing element of the Council Tax Precept (as set out in the Local Government Finance Act 1992). It has cost approximately 3.4p (per copy) to print and distribute this leaflet.

MAKE DORSET THE SAFEST COUNTY 2026/27



DAVID SIDWICK

Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner



“ As your Police and Crime Commissioner, one of my most important responsibilities is setting the police budget, and it is a responsibility I take extremely seriously. Dorset Police must be properly funded so it can continue to keep our communities safe.

Since taking office in 2021, I have repeatedly and consistently lobbied Government to reform the national police funding formula. The current system is outdated and fails to reflect Dorset's rural geography and significant seasonal increases in population. As a result, Dorset Police receives one of the lowest levels of government funding in England and Wales.

Dorset Police has a strong record of sound fiscal management, delivering efficiency savings that are reinvested into frontline policing. Independent inspectors confirm the Force provides value for money.

However, in the face of exceptional budgetary circumstances, and with any reform likely to take considerable time and be subject to change, I have had to ask for a raise in the precept. This decision has not been taken lightly. Asking residents to contribute more is never easy but Government has made it clear that forces are expected to bridge funding gaps through the precept.

Dorset remains one of the safest areas in the country, with crime falling and outcomes improving. This precept increase is necessary to protect that progress and ensure Dorset Police can continue to serve our county effectively.”

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DAVID SIDWICK

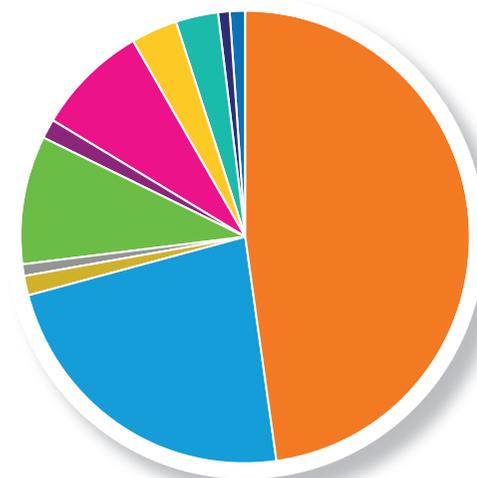
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POLICING BUDGET & PRECEPT

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £m

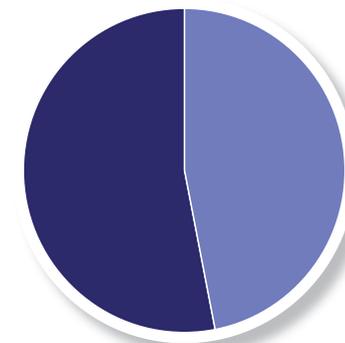
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| Police Officer Pay & Allowances | 108.5 |
| Police Staff Pay & Allowances | 52.5 |
| Police Pension (Injury and Ill Health) | 3.2 |
| Training and Development | 1.9 |
| Premises | 21.0 |
| Transport | 2.7 |
| Supplies & Services (e.g. IT services, licence fees, equipment, uniform and other office costs) | 18.4 |
| Capital & Borrowing Costs, contribution to reserves | 7.4 |
| Regional and National Collaborations | 7.5 |
| Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner | 1.9 |
| PCC Commissioning and Grant Funding | 1.9 |



Total Expenditure **£226.9**

Specific Grants and Income **-32.9**

TOTAL **£194.0**



FUNDING SOURCES £m

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| Government Core Grant | 92.0 |
| Council Tax Precept | 102.0 |

Net Revenue Budget **£194.0**

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| 2025/26 Charge | £205.05 | £239.23 | £273.40 | £307.58 | £375.93 | £444.28 | £512.63 | £615.16 |
| Annual Increase | £10.00 | £11.67 | £13.34 | £15.00 | £18.33 | £21.67 | £25.00 | £30.00 |
| 2026/27 Charge | £215.05 | £250.90 | £286.74 | £322.58 | £394.26 | £465.95 | £537.63 | £645.16 |

