

The Police Authority - Working for you

The Police Authority is the local independent 'watchdog' for policing in Derbyshire. The Authority does not carry out operational policing, which is the Chief Constable's responsibility.

There are 17 members of the Authority, nine of whom are local councillors and eight are independent members of the public. These people, working on behalf of the public, hold the Chief Constable to account for performance.

The Authority also:

- Consults with the public on priorities for policing
- Sets local targets for the police force
- Monitors performance against those targets
- Agrees the budget for policing and scrutinises how the money is spent
- Appoints and if necessary dismisses the chief officer team.

The Authority is keen to hear your comments and suggestions regarding policing in the county, which help us to drive improvements in the service.

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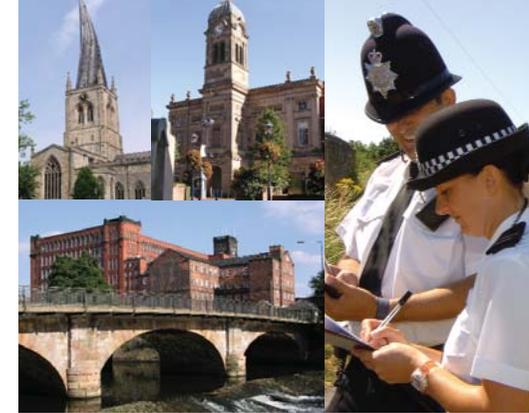
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Reporting a Crime

In an emergency always dial **999**

To report a crime call **0345 123 3333**

Or to provide anonymous information about a crime, call
Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**



Derbyshire Police Authority

Our Vision

All our communities feel safe and have confidence in policing in Derbyshire

Our commitment to you

In one of the most financially challenging periods we will ever face, the Police Authority is committed to preserving local policing services and maintaining a presence in all neighbourhoods because we know how much that matters to our local residents.

Cllr Philip Hickson
Chairman of the Police Authority

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Annual Review of Policing 2009-10

Your police – your views

Local people ‘had their say’ when the Police Authority and the Constabulary took to supermarkets, high streets and shopping centres across the county with a survey to find out what people feel about policing in Derbyshire.

‘Have Your Say’ is now in its eighth year and over 3162 people took part at 20 different events, 137 people responded online and 146 posted a survey back.

It is clear from the responses that the majority of people feel safe, know about the Safer Neighbourhood Teams, are satisfied with the service they receive and have confidence in Derbyshire Constabulary.

The top three policing priorities were drug dealing and supply, groups of nuisance youths and protecting vulnerable people. This information will be used to help the Authority allocate available resources appropriately.

You said – we listened

Last year you told us that you wanted a faster, better response to enquiries and greater police visibility. This year Safer Neighbourhood Teams are expected to spend 90% of their time in communities, providing an increased and accessible police presence.

Working with partner organisations the Constabulary is already undertaking effective programmes of prevention, education and enforcement to tackle anti-social behaviour, alcohol and drug issues.

As a result, this year, between April – September 2010 anti-social behaviour fell by 7%, serious acquisitive crime (vehicle crime, domestic burglary and robbery) fell by 471 (8.1%), criminal damage fell by 1,157 (14.3%), non-domestic burglary fell by 299 (10.6%) and overall crime reduced by 818 (2.3%).

Performance – the facts

In 2009-10 compared to the previous year

- There were **5,655** fewer crimes reported
- Domestic burglary fell by **357** crimes to **3,772**
- Criminal damage reduced by **1,512** incidents to **14,635**
- Vehicle crime was down by **1,839** incidents to **6,673**
- Anti-social behaviour fell by **5,952** incidents
- The number of violent crimes increased by **96**

Crime fell for the seventh consecutive year

Since 2002-2003 there have been 35,000 fewer victims of crime



Where you Live -

Reports from the Constabulary's Divisional Commanders

B Division High Peak & Derbyshire Dales – Crime down

During 2009-10, the division achieved significant reductions in domestic burglary, vehicle crime, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour. Overall crime reduced, meaning that there were 153 fewer victims of crime.

The winter, one of the harshest for many years, saw officers battling the extreme weather to provide an effective police service and ensure that vulnerable people were safe and well.

Local community support is invaluable and, with the help of information provided by local residents, the person responsible for the murder of taxi driver Stuart Ludlam was arrested, charged and has now been convicted.

We are also very pleased that 19 local people have become Special Constables, whose valuable contribution to policing continues to increase.

C Division Chesterfield, NE Derbyshire, Amber Valley & Bolsover – Crime down

In 2009-10 the division saw overall crime fall by 14% (2573 fewer offences) compared to the previous year.

This year, we are working with other forces to deter criminals from travelling to the area to commit crime, particularly in the north of the division. A successful initiative in the south of Chesterfield saw acquisitive crime fall by 70% during the operation.

In addition, our Safer Neighbourhood Teams are continuing to work with local communities and partners to address alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour.

As a result of the change of divisional boundaries in April 2010, we now have more police officers available at peak times to deliver a better and more visible service to our communities.

D Division Derby, Erewash and South Derbyshire – Crime down

Last year we responded to 122,000 incidents, over 35,500 crimes and nearly 40,000 incidents of anti-social behaviour and investigated over 3,900 missing persons. Crimes such as burglary, robbery and vehicle crime fell slightly when compared to the previous year.

This year our priorities include tackling anti-social behaviour, managing alcohol-related harm, addressing the illicit goods markets and work to deter the most prolific offenders from committing crime.

There are other challenges that we continue to monitor and manage such as the gang tensions seen in parts of Derby, the cross-border criminality that affects part of Erewash and South Derbyshire and our ongoing responsibility to prevent violent extremism.



Come and find out what the cuts will mean to you

Meet Police Authority Chairman Philip Hickson and Chief Constable Mick Creedon at a venue near you, from 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

Thursday January 20 2011	The Winding Wheel, Chesterfield
Wednesday January 26 2011	The Dome, University Campus, Buxton
Tuesday February 1 2011	The Guildhall, Derby
Wednesday February 9 2011	Police HQ, Ripley

Influencing what we do

If you live or work in the County you can join our Community Consultation Panel and have your views taken into account when the priorities are set for the coming year.

You can choose how regularly and in what way you want to be contacted, including postal or on-line questionnaires, formal meetings, face to face discussions or telephone conversations.

To find out more contact: Sarah Greensmith, Community Engagement Officer,
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Making the most of our Resources

The Authority has been preparing for reductions in funding for some time and over the last seven years has overseen an efficiency programme which has delivered £42M in savings. However, this will not be enough to enable us to balance the budget as the cuts bite.

Approximately 80% of our funding is spent on staff costs, so we are looking at ways in which the Constabulary can 'work smarter' while still delivering a high quality policing service to local residents.

We are also working with the other forces and partners in the region to deliver greater savings without impacting on local policing. This includes scientific support, professional standards, specialist crime and procurement work, which can be provided for less cost on a regional basis.

