



SUSSEX NEEDS KATY BOURNE AS POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER



Katy Bourne's priorities to ensure that we are all Safer in Sussex...

- ✓ **Cutting crime and catching more criminals**
- ✓ **Visible and effective neighbourhood policing**
- ✓ **Putting the victim at the heart of the justice system**
- ✓ **Tackling anti-social behaviour & domestic violence**
- ✓ **Delivering value for money and a Council Tax freeze**

On the **15th November**, Sussex residents will have the chance to elect a Police & Crime Commissioner, whose job it will be to hold the police to account and ensure the police focus on the public's priorities.

The new position will replace the 17 member Police Authority and provide strong leadership for Sussex Police, whilst maintaining the police's operational independence.

Importantly, the Police & Crime Commissioner will be 65% cheaper than the costs of the existing Police

Authority, saving over £160,000 - money which can be reinvested in crime fighting in your community.

Conservative candidate Katy Bourne has been travelling across Sussex to listen to the views of residents about crime and policing

Katy says: "I believe every citizen has a right to feel safe on the streets and in their homes. As the Conservative candidate, you can be sure that law and order, supporting families and sound public finances will be at the heart of everything I do".

KATY'S PLAN TO ENSURE WE ARE SAFER IN SUSSEX

Katy Bourne is standing to be our Police & Crime Commissioner to ensure that we are all Safer in Sussex. She has spent months travelling across the county, listening to residents' concerns and priorities for policing. Her Safer in Sussex plan reflects what she has heard and sets out her priorities if elected to be Sussex's Police & Crime Commissioner.



A crime is a crime... and calling it anti-social behaviour doesn't reduce its impact

Katy will ensure that the police [get tough on the unacceptable yobbish behaviour that can blight lives and communities](#) and that those responsible for repeated anti-social behaviour are targeted and brought to justice.



Where possible, such crimes will be resolved using restorative justice, but it is equally important that the police do not shy away from prosecution. Katy will work with others to ensure the public have a greater say in the range of meaningful tasks carried out as part of Community Service.

[Katy thinks offenders should wear high visibility 'Community Payback' vests when performing these tasks.](#)

More visible neighbourhood policing... and more Special Constables

Sussex has one of the lowest numbers of Special Constables of any police force in the country. Special Constables are volunteers who have the power of arrest and increasing their number is essential to improve police visibility and increase frontline, neighbourhood policing. [Katy will increase the number of Special Constables and put one in every rural village in Sussex, to enhance the excellent work done by PCSOs.](#)



To recognise their exceptional contribution, [Katy will offer all Specials a refund on the police's share of Council Tax - equivalent to £550 over four years](#) and work with Councils to establish whether there are any further incentives which can be offered.



Delivering value for money for the taxpayer... and no increase in the police's share of Council Tax

The police already do excellent work across Sussex with crime having fallen for 7 successive years - we need to ensure police officers are free to continue that trend. [Katy will be relentless in ensuring police officers are out on the beat and not stuck at desks doing paperwork.](#)



As a Conservative, Katy believes that the money residents earn should stay in their pocket. [That is why she will not increase the police's share of Council Tax next year](#) and will begin an urgent review to look for more effective ways of working, with the savings made available to the Chief Constable for frontline policing.

Make Sussex's roads safer by tackling anti-social and drug influenced driving

The biggest issue raised in Katy Bourne's Sussex Crime Survey was road safety. [Katy will encourage the police to target accident 'black spots' and high risk drivers and continue 'Operation Crackdown' to tackle anti-social driving.](#) Katy also supports the introduction of Community Speedwatch schemes where speeding is a concern.



Drink driving is already unacceptable and Katy believes that driving under the influence of drugs must become equally so. [She will lobby Government to develop technology and legislation to assist the police to quickly check whether a driver is under the influence of drugs.](#)

Don't overlook business crime that puts jobs and the economy at risk

Businesses suffer from crime too and can be victims of repeat offenders. It is important not to ignore the voice of business owners and of those who encounter crime at work.



Whilst travelling across Sussex, Katy has talked to shop owners whose businesses have been affected by anti-social behaviour, to factory owners who have had goods stolen and farmers who have had valuable machinery stolen. Less visible crime such as fraud is easily overlooked. Katy will work with the Federation of Small Business and other business groups to ensure that crimes against businesses are properly tackled.

The police should be on the side of the majority who play by the rules

Local communities are rightly frustrated by traveller encampments in public parks and open spaces. Too often, the police are held back by inadequate legislation and delays occur while landowners apply for eviction orders.



Katy wants to see fairness for residents who play by the rules. She will work with Councils to ensure that there is a co-ordinated approach to tackling illegal encampments and will lobby Government for stronger powers. Katy also welcomes the change in the law earlier this year which made squatting a criminal offence.

A rural crime should be taken as seriously as a crime committed in an urban area

A large number of people in Sussex live in smaller towns and villages where farming and the countryside are focal points for the community.

Katy wants to ensure that a crime in a rural area is taken as seriously as a crime in an urban area. Crimes such as burglary, agricultural theft, fly-tipping, rustling and trespass should be high on the list of priorities.



To ensure that rural concerns are taken seriously, Katy wants people from rural communities represented on Community Safety Partnerships and for police plans to be 'rural proofed'.

Ending the misery of drug related crime and helping addicts to turn around their lives

All too often, large numbers of crimes are committed by a small number of people and, frequently, the common denominator is drugs. Katy will give the police strong support to target the drug dealers and organised crime networks that bring misery to our streets.



Katy will also work with other agencies to fund proven initiatives that help addicts, often themselves victims, give up their drug dependency permanently, as well as working with health authorities, schools, victims and charities to ensure we never stop looking for innovative ways of educating residents about the dangers of drugs.

Securing Sussex's borders and fighting organised crime

These are critical priorities for Sussex Police. Much work goes on 'behind the scenes' but Katy is committed to supporting the police with the resources necessary to ensure, as far as possible, that Sussex is safe from terrorist activity and that serious and organised crime is effectively tackled. Katy wants to see that the proceeds of crime are confiscated and used to benefit community projects.



Domestic abuse: time to change attitudes and behaviour

Domestic abuse is still largely a hidden crime occurring behind closed doors. Sussex Police are already working hard to change this culture of violence. Katy will strengthen their efforts by working with other organisations to change attitudes and behaviour, as well as encouraging specialist training for police officers in dealing with domestic and sexual violence.



THE **BIG** INTERVIEW

Katy Bourne answers your questions

What will the Police & Crime Commissioner actually do?

Police & Crime Commissioners (PCCs) have been introduced by the Conservatives in Government to give local people a say in policing priorities. For the first time, residents will be able to hold someone to account for cutting crime. The Police & Crime Commissioner will set the police's priorities and budget, hold the Chief Constable to account for the delivery and performance of policing and, ultimately, appoint or dismiss the Chief Constable.



Isn't the Police & Crime Commissioner just another layer of expensive bureaucracy?

The Police & Crime Commissioner will cut bureaucracy and save the taxpayer money. The PCC will replace the 17 member Police Authority, who receive allowances totalling £245,000 a year.

The PCC will cost £85,000 - a 65% reduction in costs, freeing up £160,000 a year to be spent

on frontline policing.

Why do you want to be Sussex's Police & Crime Commissioner?

Because I care about our community and passionately believe that everyone has the right to be safe on the streets and in their own home. I will work hard to identify waste and inefficiency and ensure that savings are put into frontline policing to enable Sussex Police to continue to tackle and cut crime.

What is your experience for this role?

I have a commercial background which includes building, managing and selling my company and investing in start-up businesses. My public service experience as a school governor and local councillor means that I also understand the importance of community engagement and accountability which will be vital to this role. I will undertake this role with a delivery-focused and financially-disciplined approach.

Doesn't this new position politicise the police?

The Police & Crime Commissioner will have to make important decisions involving taxing, spending and service provision, which are inevitably political issues. The Police Authority, which will be replaced by the PCC is already political, as it contains a majority of Councillors.

The PCC will swear an oath of impartiality before taking office, committing them to tackle



the role with integrity, echoing the pledge police officers make to serve every member of the public impartially. The operational independence of Sussex Police is unaffected.


As a Conservative, voters can be confident that I will make the necessary decisions to cut bureaucracy, identify waste and reinvest the savings into frontline policing. Other candidates may not be as transparent about their views.

What will you do between elections to ensure you listen to people's views about policing?

If elected, my success as your PCC will depend on my understanding of Sussex and its residents and shaping the police force accordingly. I will be an accessible Commissioner who will hold regular surgeries and public meetings as well as embrace all forms of technology to communicate effectively. I intend to be highly visible throughout Sussex and be a strong voice for local people in the fight against crime.

FIND OUT MORE

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How to cast your vote for Katy Bourne

In the election for Police & Crime Commissioner you can exercise two votes - for your first and second choice. You must mark a first choice for your vote to be counted.

Vote for Katy Bourne as your first choice by marking one cross X in column one. You don't have to cast a second vote if you don't want to.

Reporting Back *Huge response to survey*

Katy Bourne has had a huge response to her Sussex Crime Survey. Anti-social behaviour was a key concern, with graffiti, vandalism, litter and street drinking seen as common

problems. Highways issues such as speeding and illegal parking were also raised by residents, a majority of whom were satisfied with Sussex Police and felt safe locally.