CHOOSE MY PCC

Candidates for the Cheshire Police Force Area

Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) elections are taking place on 2nd May in England and Wales.

Find out who your local candidates are and how to vote.

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On 2nd May, you will be able to vote for your Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). The role of the PCC is to be the voice of the people and to hold the police to account.

Police and Crime Commissioners are elected to hold your police force to account for delivering the kind of policing you want to see. PCCs are responsible for the totality of policing in their force area and aim to cut crime and deliver an effective and efficient police service. PCCs bring a public voice to policing and they do this by:

- Engaging with the public and victims of crime to help set police and crime plans;
- Ensuring the police force budget is spent where it matters most; and
- Appointing the chief constable, holding them to account for delivery of their objectives, and if necessary, dismissing them.

The PCC does not "run" the police force. Chief constables continue to be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the police, but they are accountable to the public via the PCC.

In some Police Force Areas, PCCs are also responsible for Fire and Rescue Services, and are known as Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners (PFCCs). Furthermore, in some areas, neither a PCC nor PFCC is elected – instead there will be an election for a Mayor who will hold the PCC, PFCC or equivalent powers.

37 PCCs will be elected across England and Wales, of which 4 will be PFCCs – PFCCs are found in Cumbria, Essex, Staffordshire, and Northamptonshire.

Work with others

PCCs also work with your council and other organisations to promote and enable joined up working on community safety and criminal justice. As directly elected individuals, they provide opportunities for greater collaboration and effective scrutiny of public services. In doing so, PCCs also have regard to national cross border threats, and ensure there is an effective policing response.

Represent the entire community

PCCs are required to swear an oath of impartiality when they are elected to office. The oath is designed so that they can publicly set out their commitment to: serve all of the people in their Police Force Area; act with integrity and diligence; give a voice to the public; act with transparency so that they may be effectively held to account; and not interfere with the operational independence of police officers.

Find your candidate

This booklet contains information on the candidates standing for election in the Cheshire Police Force Area. You can also order a copy of this booklet in the following formats: large print, braille and audio.

To place your order visit **www.choosemypcc.org.uk** or call **0300 1311323**.

About your vote

You need to be registered to be able to vote.

If you are not registered visit **www.gov.uk/register-to-vote** or contact your local council.

If you are registered, and eligible to vote you can either vote in person at a polling station, by post, or by proxy (allowing someone you trust to vote on your behalf).

PCCs are elected using the first past the post voting system, where the candidate with the most votes, wins. Voters will vote by choosing a single candidate on the ballot paper. This is the same system as UK Parliamentary elections.

For more information about your vote visit: **https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections**.

Paul Michael Duffy

Liberal Democrats

Election statement:

Under the banner of “Let the police, police,” Paul pledges unwavering commitment to combating crime in all its forms. Recognising the pressing issues of violent crime, particularly knife crime and violence against women, Paul vows to prioritise these critical areas, ensuring that our streets are safe for all residents. Drawing on years of experience and a deep understanding of local dynamics, Paul will work tirelessly to implement targeted strategies to address these specific challenges head-on.

But the Liberal Democrats know that true progress requires more than just reactive measures. With a focus on prevention, Paul aims to reduce crime at its roots, investing in community initiatives, youth programs, and early intervention strategies. By addressing the underlying factors that contribute to criminal behaviour, Paul is committed to creating lasting change and building a safer, more prosperous future for Cheshire.

Central to Paul’s platform is the implementation of restorative justice practices, offering a compassionate and effective alternative to traditional punitive measures. By fostering

accountability, healing, and reconciliation, restorative justice not only reduces reoffending but also strengthens community bonds, promoting a sense of trust and cooperation between law enforcement and the public.

With deep roots in the community, Paul has a wealth of experience. Married and parent of two, Paul understands the importance of building a secure environment for families to thrive. Moreover, Paul's tenure as a town councillor reflects a proven dedication to public service and a keen understanding of local governance.

As the Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner election approaches, The Liberal Democrats Paul Duffy, stands ready to lead with integrity, compassion, and a bold vision for a safer, more just Cheshire.

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John Dwyer

Conservative Candidate –
More Police Safer Streets

Conservatives

Election statement:

Since 2021, crime in Cheshire has fallen 3.1%. Arrests are up 30%. Burglaries are down 7%.

We've turned a corner on policing since I was elected as Police and Crime Commissioner three years ago. The plan is working.

I'm proud of what we have achieved together so far:

- 322 extra police officers for Cheshire – we now have over 2,400 officers, the highest number in the force's history.
- We're putting the brakes on dangerous driving, with drink driving arrests up 8.3% and almost 13% for drug driving – keeping you safe on our roads.
- Over 90% of all 999 calls are answered within 10 seconds and 101 waiting times are down to an average of five minutes.

But the job isn't done yet.

I have a clear plan to make Cheshire even safer.

We need to keep cutting crime and anti-social behaviour across our towns and villages, and make Cheshire's roads safer.

We need to take on the scourge of rural crime that affects too many farms and businesses.

We need to tackle fraud, theft, and cybercrime and protect vulnerable people from criminal activity.

And we will continue to ensure that 101 and 999 calls are getting answered quicker, with reports responded to faster, so criminals know they won't get away with it.

My plan for Cheshire will deliver more police and safer streets. But I can only deliver this if re-elected as Cheshire's Police and Crime Commissioner.

Your vote will decide if we continue to put more police on our streets and in our communities. Or go back to square one.

Help me make Cheshire even safer with more police and safer streets by voting Conservative on Thursday 2nd May.

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Dan Price

Labour Party Candidate

Election statement:

Crime up, charges down, and prisons full.
After 14 years, this is the Conservatives' record.

Home office data shows **offending in Cheshire is up 59% since 2012**, and in 2022 that meant **2 million crimes went unsolved** across the country and the **charge rate fell to just 5.5%**.

Cheshire cannot afford more **Tory failure**. We need a **fresh start with Labour** to take back control of Cheshire's streets.

Dan Price is standing to be your Police and Crime Commissioner so we can protect all communities and make Cheshire safer.

Dan's lived in Cheshire all of his life and for over a decade has been a councillor, bringing new ideas and energy to public service. He sees the challenges we face daily, and knows what we need to feel safe.

He will deliver:

More Police, Faster Response

We need more police officers than ever before and PCSO numbers are continuing to fall. More police will be Dan's top priority.

Prevention Focused

Dan will commission early intervention services in schools and youth organisations, preventing young and vulnerable people becoming tomorrow's criminals.

Community Led Policing Plans

Cheshire is huge and our communities are diverse. Dan will introduce neighbourhood police and crime reviews, giving each community the chance to define their policing priorities.

Learn From Victims

Dan will establish a Cheshire victims of crime board, so that we learn from victims, support them, and increase trust in policing and criminal justice.

Reforming And Modernising

Crime has changed and too often criminals are one step ahead. By learning and collaborating with other forces, whilst pioneering new technology, we will take back our streets.

To deliver the change we need, **on May 2nd Vote Dan Price for Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner.**
Vote Labour.

Thank you.

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Cheshire

This booklet contains more information about those candidates (where provided) and other information useful to voters. The information provided by a candidate is their responsibility, and may not reflect the opinions of myself or my council.

As Police Area Returning Officer I am responsible for coordinating the election and announcing the result in Cheshire.

Police and Crime Commissioner Elections will be held in Cheshire on 2nd May 2024; the candidates standing in that election, alphabetically by surname (as they will appear on the ballot paper), are:

- DUFFY, Paul Michael – Liberal Democrats
- DWYER, John – Conservative Candidate – More Police Safer Streets
- PRICE, Dan – Labour Party Candidate

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