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MY PCC**

Candidates for the Dyfed-Powys 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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About Police and Crime Commissioners

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 Dyfed-Powys 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>.

Justin Griffiths

Welsh Liberal Democrats/
Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru



Welsh Lib Dems
Dem Rhydd Cymru



Election statement:

If elected I would seek to implement a more transparent, accountable and community-based policing service.

I would seek to restore proper community policing ensuring officers are visible in our communities and not diverted to other areas, whilst tackling inequalities in criminal justice and seek to implement the recommendations of the Thomas Commission in devolving of powers to the relevant devolved administration.

I would implement a fairer and more compassionate policing service e.g. the focus on drug offenders being put on rehabilitation programs, this is an example of our holistic approach to reducing repeat offending and a reduction in court backlogs and overpopulated prisons.

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Ian Harrison

Conservative Candidate –
More Police, Safer Streets



**Conservatives
Ceidwadwyr**

Election statement:

Ian Harrison is a family man with 3 grown children, married to Anne, living in Guilsfield near Welshpool.

Now retired and a County Councillor, Ian's expertise are in global operations and innovation management, gained in the Brewing and Distilling industry and then Ethical Global Pharmaceuticals. He originally trained and qualified as a Master Brewer with a major UK Brewing Company. Following closure of the brewery where he was a packaging manager, he undertook the MBA course at Cranfield and moved into Corporate Management, firstly within Brewing and Distilling, and then Pharmaceuticals. His roles involved management troubleshooting, business process improvement, and improving competitive advantage.

These roles, whether within an operational or corporate context, involved significant attention to health and safety matters and, in the case of pharmaceuticals, strict attention to regulatory frameworks designed to ensure the safety and

efficacy of new products and technologies. Hence, although he has no experience of policing, he fully appreciates the highly controlled framework within which they must operate.

If elected as Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed Powys Ian's immediate priorities will be focused upon Force performance within the context of the Annual HMIC reports and he would plan to come to an early agreement with the Chief Constable to address this issue.

Residents tell Ian that they want to see more police officers, and that they want action on anti-social behaviour, tackling County Lines gangs, domestic violence and rural crime.

Dyfed Powys is an enormous rural area to police, and Ian intends to spend his time visiting and listening to many stakeholders and interest groups as he develops specific plans and initiatives to reduce crime, make residents safer and reinforce interfaces with victim support groups.

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Dafydd Llywelyn

Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales

Plaid Cymru



Party of Wales



Election statement:

As your current Commissioner, operational, front-line policing has, and always will come before party politics. I have a strong track record of delivering on my promises and of listening to the communities of Dyfed Powys. I am proud of what I have achieved since 2016, but there is still so much to do.

I am an approachable individual and I believe in listening to all members of the community in order to shape a successful police force.

Since 2016, I have increased resources whilst also retaining the lowest council tax levels in Wales. During that time, we've seen:

- 150 more Police Officers;
- 150 more Police Staff;
- A CCTV system that is monitored 24/7 by police staff;
- A dedicated rural crime team;
- A focus on county lines drug dealing to target organised crime;
- Investment in Youth Offending Teams to divert young people away from crime;

- A new Offender Diversionary Scheme to reduce re-offending.

If re – elected:

- I will safeguard Neighbourhood Policing resources retaining a visible local policing presence;
- I will invest in the Communications Centre to ensure an accessible service;
- I will continue to put the victim at the heart of the service and develop a truly victim led service;
- I will work with operational staff to keep local police stations open;
- I will invest in a new and refreshed School Police programme to deliver early intervention and preventative work;
- I will prioritise working in partnership with organisations and agencies to safeguard the most vulnerable in society.

Your safety is my top priority. I want to ensure that the Dyfed Powys Police Force remains one of the safest places to live in Wales and England.

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Philippa Ann Thompson

Labour and Co-operative Party/
Llafur a'r Blaid Gydweithredol



Election statement:

Make Our Streets Safe: Vote Philippa Thompson, Labour and Co-operative Party.

I served in the Diplomatic Service, working with police and prison services overseas, on security from a human rights perspective, on the rule of law. I was an elected union leader, representing the interests of several thousand members of staff.

I live in West Wales with my family. My great-grandfather was a member of the Pembrokeshire Constabulary: I hope he would be proud to know I am standing for Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner.

There's a huge crisis in funding for policing and public services. The Conservative Westminster Government has so much to answer for having destroyed our country's economy. Labour believes security is the bedrock on which opportunities are built, communities thrive, and local economies prosper.

Instead of standing up for security, the Tories have done the opposite. This wasn't an accident – it was the result of deliberate choices. A choice to cut police from our streets, a choice to undermine respect for the rule of law. Our communities cannot afford more of the same. Things have got to change.

Labour will be tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime. We need to overhaul the way public services and community organisations work with young people, restoring hope, but also stronger early intervention. We need action across society to tackle violence against women and girls, and we need policing rooted in our communities.

I pledge to use my experience to support our police force so that our communities can have trust and confidence in our police.

That means keeping in close touch with you, and working with the Welsh Labour Government, so we make better, fairer choices – for Wales' future.

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Dyfed-Powys

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 Dyfed-Powys.

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

- GRIFFITHS, Justin – Welsh Liberal Democrats/Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru
- HARRISON, Ian – Conservative Candidate – More Police, Safer Streets
- LLYWELYN, Dafydd – Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales
- THOMPSON, Philippa Ann – Labour and Co-operative Party/Llafur a'r Blaid Gydweithredol

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