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Candidates for the Essex Police Force Area

On 2nd May, you will be able to vote for your
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC).

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

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About Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners

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

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners (PFCCs) are elected to hold the police force and fire and rescue service to account for delivering the kind of policing and fire and rescue service you want to see. In addition to their role overseeing the police, a PFCC is also the Fire and Rescue Authority (FRA) for their area. PFCCs bring a public voice to policing and the fire and rescue service and they do this by:

- Engaging with the public and victims of crime to help set police and crime plans;
- Setting the fire and rescue objectives for their area through a fire and rescue plan;
- Ensuring the police force and fire and rescue service budgets are spent where it matters most; and
- Appointing the chief constable and chief fire officer, holding them to account for delivery of their objectives and if necessary, dismissing them.

PFCCs are responsible for both the police force and the fire and rescue service within their area and are responsible for delivering efficient and effective services.

The PFCC does not “run” the police force or the fire service. Chief constables and chief fire officers continue to be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the police force and fire service respectively, but they are accountable to the public via the PFCC.

In some Police Force Areas, a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is elected instead – this is similar to a PFCC, but is only responsible for the police force in their area – they are not the FRA for their area. 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

PFCCs 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, PFCCs also have regard to national cross border threats, and ensure there is an effective policing response.

With a single directly elected individual overseeing both police and fire and rescue services, there are greater opportunities for blue light collaboration.

Represent the entire community

PFCCs 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 Essex Police Force Area and Fire and Rescue Service 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).

PFCCs 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>.

Adam Daniel Fox

Labour



Election statement:

As Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex, I will listen to the residents of Essex and act as their local champion to ensure that Essex is the safe and welcoming place we all want it to be. Our county is in a worse place after 14 years of the Conservatives and it is time for change.

My priorities for Essex are:

- Increased visible neighbourhood policing
- Tackling antisocial behaviour
- Making our town and city centres safe to visit
- Preventing rural crime
- Working with partners to stop male violence against women and girls
- A fire service that helps keep every home and workplace safe

I have listened to Essex residents who tell me they want to see more visible neighbourhood policing to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour and reassure the public. It is my number one priority to see more police and community support officers in every neighbourhood.

I have previously worked managing services that tackle drug and alcohol addiction and criminal activity, supporting young people and victims of crime. As a local councillor I worked with my local residents to tackle issues and make improvements to my local area and I'm committed to doing that across Essex as the Commissioner.

We must restore people's faith in policing and develop a modern Police and Fire service that is both responsive and cost effective. I won't rest until we have achieved that.

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Kieron Anthony Franks

Liberal Democrat



Election statement:

People in Essex feel significantly less safe than people in England as a whole (Essex County Council data). Nearly half of women and over two-thirds of people aged 18-25 don't feel safe in Essex after dark. Too many people feel they aren't listened to when they report things to the police and that nothing gets investigated when they report thefts and vandalism.

I will push for Essex Police to tackle the crimes that affect people's lives and work with partners to tackle the root causes of crime, such as insecure housing and poor support for our most vulnerable residents. As a Liberal Democrat I am campaigning to fund youth services properly so that we can work with young people to set them on the right path.

The Liberal Democrats have a track record of making Essex safer for women, such as the pioneering Women's Safety Charter by Lib Dem-led Chelmsford City Council. I want the opportunity to build on initiatives like this.

Rural crime and community policing desperately need more attention. Only 0.1% of police in England and Wales are dedicated to rural crime teams. Essex's team has only 11 officers which is simply not enough for our needs. Local communities across the county are crying out for more community-focused policing. I am committed to increasing the number of community-based officers, including appropriately trained officers for rural communities.

Our emergency services work hard to protect our lives and wellbeing but they simply aren't given the resources they need. I will hold the Government to account, advocate for proper funding and give a voice to all Essex residents.

Vote Liberal Democrat on 2nd May 2024 for policing and fire services that work for everyone.

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Roger Charles Hirst

The Conservative Party Candidate



Conservatives

Election statement:

As Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner (PFCC) for Essex I will ensure Essex Police sees more investment in its capability to prevent crime and get crime down, and that Essex County Fire & Rescue is supported to protect people and prevent fires, flood hazards and road traffic collisions.

Over the last eight years as your PFCC I have funded the expansion of Essex Police by 905 officers, to 3,755, backed by government's Police Uplift Programme and with your support. Essex Police is now the biggest and strongest it has ever been. As a result, crime is now falling. Last year, total crime was reduced by 6%, and anti-social behaviour (ASB) by 38%. ASB is now 70% lower than it was in 2016, and murder and burglary are both down by over 40%.

My Plan to Make Essex Safer:

- **More local, visible & accessible policing:** Ensure the police are there when you need them. Deliver effective response and follow up all reasonable lines of enquiry.

- **Drive down anti-social behaviour & crime:** More hotspot policing and monitoring known offenders to prevent crime, and protect rural areas.
- **Beat knife crime and drug gangs & protect young people:** Take drugs and weapons off our streets and help young people get out of gangs.
- **Protect women and girls from violence and domestic abuse:** Invest in safer streets and bring more perpetrators to justice.
- **Ensure vulnerable people are protected:** More safe and well visits, and community safety officers to identify risks and help people stay safe.
- **Improve road safety and reduce road death in Essex to Zero:** Tackle speeding and drink and drug driving. Better tech, better education, and better enforcement.
- **Fire & Rescue Service Reform:** Modernising the Fire & Rescue Service to reduce risk and keep more people safe.

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Robin Charles William Tilbrook

English Democrats



Election statement:

Vote – Robin Charles William Tilbrook; English Democrats – “More Police – catching criminals!”

Robin Tilbrook is a local solicitor and is the former President of the Mid-Essex Law Society. He is also the Chairman and Leader of the English Democrats.

Vote ENGLISH DEMOCRATS on 2nd May to end politically correct policing in Essex

Vote to stop our police budget being used to fund gay pride events and other political correctness and instead focus on delivering: “More Police – catching criminals!”

Stop the growth of ‘thought crime’ – officers should not be spying on social media posts.

Prioritise catching real criminals like burglars and muggers and focus on protecting us.

Ensure budgets are spent on front line policing and addressing the fear and causes of crime.

Scrap 'diversity targets' and ensure that the best qualified candidates get awarded the job.

Police Officers should not be selected on the basis of their ethnicity, religion, gender or sexuality – such “Diversity” targets reduce the ability of the force to carry out proper policing and are turning the force into a ‘political project’.

White, English, male or Christian applicants should not face discrimination. Diversity targets are inherently discriminatory and the result of these targets often involves turning down the best candidate for the job so that a ‘diversity box’ is ticked.

If you want to see our police refocussed on protecting our people from criminals; on traditional English policing; on maintaining Law and Order; and on supporting the rights of victims to defend themselves, then vote English Democrats on the 2nd May!

To see more about us see <https://www.englishdemocrats.party> or us on Twitter: @EnglishDemocrat or @RobinTilbrook

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Essex

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 Essex.

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

- FOX, Adam Daniel – Labour and Co-operative Party
- FRANKS, Kieron Anthony – Liberal Democrat
- HIRST, Roger Charles – The Conservative Party Candidate
- TILBROOK, Robin Charles William – English Democrats

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