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# Candidates for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police Force Area

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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

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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 Hampshire and Isle of Wight 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](http://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](http://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>**.

# Prad Bains

Liberal Democrats



## **Election statement:**

As I talk to people across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, they feel let down on crime and anti-social behaviour. It's time for change.

I have four priorities:

## **Policing not politics**

In 2024/25, Hampshire's 'Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner' will cost taxpayers £3 million. The Liberal Democrats believe in abolishing Police and Crime Commissioners. I will return policing to the professionals and switch money back to the front line.

## **Work with communities**

Since 2019, the number of Police Community Support Officers has fallen by 23% in Hampshire. I want to restore community policing and have stronger action on anti-social behaviour, with officers having time to focus on preventing and solving crime.

I also want to end disproportionate stop and search. In Hampshire & the Isle of Wight, people from black communities are much more likely to be stopped and searched. This damages trust in police and isn't delivering the results that any community wants. I want the police to work better with all Hampshire's communities and rebuild the trust so essential for cutting crime.

### **Fairer police funding**

With most police funding decided nationally, Hampshire does badly – around £41.6 million worse off than it needs. We have fewer police officers than in 2010. I will stand up for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, fight for fairer funding and work to reverse the fall in police numbers.

### **Listening to you**

I want to hear what you think about policing in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Let me know your views today via <https://crimesurvey.pradbains.uk>.

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## Don Jerrard

The Justice & Anti-Corruption Party



### **Election statement:**

I was born and lived for most of my life in Hampshire. I was a partner in a major international law firm where I founded its IP/IT law department and have been a local councillor in Liss and Liphook since 2003.

In 2010 I co-founded the Justice & Anti-Corruption Party an independent party dedicated to obtaining justice for victims of abuse of power and exposing and combatting political and other corruption.

I stood in the 2012 and 2016 PCC elections because of my concern about the continued collapse of our criminal justice system. I campaigned against the closing of our courts, police stations and post offices. We need these vital local services paid for through our taxes.

It is fundamental to the criminal justice system that the judiciary and the police must be entirely independent of parliament and local councils who pass the laws and make up the rules.



I believe it was totally wrong that the PCCs could effectively be chosen by a political party. That was a route to providing unnecessary well paid jobs to retired policemen and clapped-out councillors, and would inevitably lead to cronyism and corruption. That is exactly what has happened in police forces across the country.

There was nothing wrong with the old system of local police authorities which were democratic, transparent and much cheaper.

So if elected I shall consult with the major political parties on how to disband the present system as soon as possible after the General Election.

I shall not take a salary for doing a job which should never have been created. I sincerely hope that in this way I can contribute to the restoration of a criminal justice system which we can trust and be proud of.

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# Donna Jones

Conservative Candidate –  
More Police, Safer Streets



## **Election statement:**

### **BACKGROUND**

Donna has been the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight since 2021. Her professional background is in banking. From 2014 to 2018 she was the Leader of Portsmouth City Council.

Throughout the last 15 years Donna has combined her experience in the private / public sectors to improve public services. As PCC she represents over 250,000 businesses. To support this, she is on the board of the Hampshire Chamber of Commerce.

### **EXPERIENCE**

Donna served as a Magistrate for 16 years, teaching her about offenders and the criminal justice system. She works with Probation Service, prisons and the CPS. She chairs the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Criminal Justice Board. Since July 2023, Donna has chaired the National Association of PCCs which makes her one of the four national police leaders

working with the Home Office. She sits on the National Policing Board (chaired by the Home Secretary) and co-chairs the National Policing Strategic Partnership Board.

### **As PCC, Donna has delivered:**

- A Local Bobby for every community, with their name, phone number and email address published:  
<https://hampshirealert.co.uk/Content/AllLocalAreas>
- 650 more police officers.
- Funding to re-open 10 new police stations and front counters.
- Fixed the 101 call service, with call waiting times now under four minutes.
- Introduced a new Victims Hub.
- Commissioned £11m+ of victim and perpetrator support programmes, helping to make our communities safer.

### **If re-elected Donna will:**

- Deliver 75 more police officers (next 12 months).
- Open more police stations and front counters.
- Crackdown on shoplifting and retail crime.
- Deliver a Rural Crime Taskforce.
- Invest in making our roads safer.
- Reduce serious violence.
- Ensure people reporting a crime get feedback.

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# Becky Williams

Labour and Co-operative Party



## **Election statement:**

My name is Becky Williams. I am asking for your support to be elected as your Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. I am committed, hardworking, and ready to be your voice in policing and crime matters

Safety, justice, and community welfare are not just political issues; they're about real lives, real families, and the future we all share. And this is where my priorities are rooted.

Our county police force are experts in operational policing. As your elected representative, I will work closely with the Chief Constable. But your voice needs to be heard – I will listen. And I will act. Your priorities inform my plan and are therefore my priorities.

These include addressing and tackling:

- Anti-social behaviour, including street attached drinkers, drugs and retail crime and abuse of staff.
- Violence against women and girls; and responding to domestic violence against all individuals regardless of gender.
- Theft of personal items, vehicles, and rural crime

- Youth crime and tackling low level anti-social behaviour before it escalates, including knife crime.
- Cyber and online crime.
- Hate crime.
- Ensuring victims are heard and treated with dignity and respect, getting the justice they deserve.
- Appropriate ways of responding to mental health crime related issues.
- At the forefront of this plan is increasing the visibility of police officers in your community. It also includes developing and strengthening successful partnerships within our local communities and developing innovative programmes.

During my professional career, all my roles have been centred in providing excellent service; with honesty, compassion, integrity, and excellence being my core values. If elected, this will also be true – a responsibility I will not take for granted.

Thank you for your support.

## **Becky**

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# Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Hampshire and Isle of Wight

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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 Hampshire and Isle of Wight .

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

- BAINS, Prad – Liberal Democrats
- JERRARD, Don – The Justice & Anti-Corruption Party
- JONES, Donna – Conservative Candidate – More Police, Safer Streets
- WILLIAMS, Becky – Labour and Co-operative Party

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