

**CHOOSE
MY PCC**

Candidates for the Leicestershire 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 Leicestershire 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>.

Fizza Askari

One Leicester



ONE LEICESTER



Election statement:

I'm Fizza Askari and I am standing for One Leicester to be your next Police & Crime Commissioner.

For far too long, political priorities have been more important than fighting for resources to effectively keep our communities safe in Leicestershire.

We deserve better.

It's time we send a message to the major political parties.

Enough is enough.

I'm proud to be One Leicester's first candidate and to have a platform that voices the concerns of local people. We know from the events of the last few years that both Labour and the Conservatives do not listen.

I believe the people of Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland should have a say in how their communities are policed and that's why I'm standing.

As your next Police & Crime Commissioner I pledge to:

- 1. Have more police officers on the beat to help make our streets safe again**
- 2. Rebuild community relations with the police based on mutual respect and understanding**
- 3. Fight for more resources for crime prevention and increase Neighbourhood Watch schemes**
- 4. Advocate for diverse representation within our police force**
- 5. Improve transparency and accountability of policing in Leicestershire**

We now have an opportunity to change our communities on Thursday 2nd May and I hope you will join me in taking a stand for local people.

Vote ONE LEICESTER, Vote ASKARI on Thursday 2nd May.

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Aasiya Bora

Green Party



Election statement:

Public Services in the United Kingdom are under-funded and suffering.

The Big Two Parties have run out of energy and ideas on policing and protecting people's security, failing to offer any different solutions.

The Big Two parties are tired and stale, they have abandoned local communities and are only interested with what happens in Westminster. That is why I am putting myself forward as the **Green Party** Candidate for **Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland's** Police & Crime Commissioner.

If elected I will

- Provide resources to keep everyone **safe from harm** — supporting the people who deal with crime on a daily basis.
- **Invest in services for victims of crime**, particularly support for those suffering Domestic Abuse.
- **Help to build strong communities** by providing young people with the services to achieve their full potential and **protect them from crime**.

The **Green Party** believes in **well-funded public services**, not a competition between the Big Two parties to see who can chase headlines while failing to invest in public safety.

When elected at a local, regional or national level, **Greens have a track record of working hard** for their communities and **standing up for the most vulnerable**. I look forward to continuing this tradition if elected at May's Police Commissioner election.

If you want to change the way things are done and stand up for public service policing, please **Vote Green for Police & Crime Commissioner on 2nd May**.

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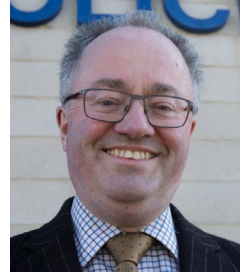
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Rupert Oliver Matthews

The Conservative Party Candidate



Election statement:

People told me that they wanted to see more police officers in their communities, tackling the crimes that mattered most to them. I delivered!

There are now 332 more officers; a dedicated rural crime team; funding to tackle ASB, burglary, violence and substance abuse. Crime has reduced, particularly burglary, serious violence, rural crime, domestic abuse and ASB.

If re-elected I will:

- Strengthen the focus on neighbourhood policing, opening more police offices to the public, to prevent crime and ASB across the force area;
- Prioritise crime prevention to reduce the number of victims and cut demand on public services. I support the robust use of stop and search to drive down criminality;
- Boost targeted policing in hotspot areas to combat burglary, ASB, drug crime and theft;
- Fund more enforcement on our roads, additional work to reduce violence, hate and harassment;

- Ensure the rural crime team remains funded, and resourced, to provide a quality level of service wherever you live;
- Provide victims of crime with better support than ever before, including tailored services for women and girls who have been subjected to violence, harassment or coercion.

I will lobby hard for a fair funding deal for Leicestershire Police, while ensuring that the force, and partners, provide an effective service that delivers real value for money for the taxpayer.

Like most people I want to see criminals caught, charged and given tough sentences for their crimes. I want victims to have a better criminal justice experience.

I want to see trust and confidence in the police restored – and I will do everything in my power to see this happen.

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Rory Palmer

Labour and Co-operative Party



Election statement:

Every day we see crime and anti-social behaviour damaging our communities. People feel worried, unsafe and let down – just look at the newspapers, your community Facebook page or the neighbourhood WhatsApp.

Our police officers work tirelessly and bravely, but there's not enough of them. We need more frontline police: that's what Labour will deliver.

Don't believe Conservative spin about 'record police numbers'. That is not the case here in Leicestershire and Rutland.

The Conservatives are letting us down.

The Conservatives are not funding our police properly, most other police forces get a better funding deal than Leicestershire.

My promise: if you elect me and I fail to get the Government to change police funding in Leicestershire's favour, I will not stand for re-election in four years time. No ifs, no buts.

My plan for safer streets:

Labour will deliver more frontline police.

Strengthened neighbourhood policing tackling local crime like burglary, vehicle crime, shoplifting, anti-social behaviour.

Investment in rural policing to protect farming and countryside communities.

Safer roads: action on speeding and road-racing.

Leadership and partnership addressing the causes of crime and anti-social behaviour.

New long-term plans to combat violent crime, knife crime, drugs and county lines crime.

Action to end violence against women and girls, domestic abuse and hate crime. Stronger support for victims and witnesses.

I will reduce the costs of the Police Commissioner role to invest in the frontline.

We have had years of Conservative chaos. If you are thinking about voting Liberal Democrat or Green, I make this personal appeal: please lend me your vote.

For serious leadership, real change and safer streets, vote Rory Palmer, Labour & Co-operative.

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Ian Robert Sharpe

Liberal Democrats



Election statement:

Liberal Democrats across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland are delighted that Ian Sharpe has agreed to stand in the Police and Crime Commissioner elections.

Ian has lived in Leicestershire for 28 years. He is a retired Accountant. He was the Managing Director of an aerospace business and led an international renewable energy business. He was lead member for finance for Charnwood Borough Council. Since retiring he has undertaken voluntary work in vocational education.

Lib Dems would re-direct resources from the police and crime commissioners office and communications budgets into front-line policing, victim support and crime prevention measures instead.

Ian Sharpe's top priorities will include tackling:

- rural crime
- anti-social behaviour including 'boy-racers'
- shoplifting which is impacting our struggling high streets

- online fraud and scams
- making our streets safer

Leicestershire comes at the bottom of the pile for funding for our police and councils. **Ian Sharpe will be a strong voice standing up to whatever Government comes next to argue for our fair share of funding for our essential services.**

Polling Stations are open 7am – 10pm on Thursday 2nd May. You will need photo ID to vote. **Make sure your vote counts.**

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Leicestershire

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 Leicestershire.

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

- ASKARI, Fizza – One Leicester
- BORA, Aasiya – Green Party
- MATTHEWS, Rupert Oliver – The Conservative Party Candidate
- PALMER, Rory – Labour and Co-operative Party
- SHARPE, Ian Robert – Liberal Democrats

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