

**CHOOSE
MY PCC**

Candidates for the Merseyside 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 Merseyside 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).

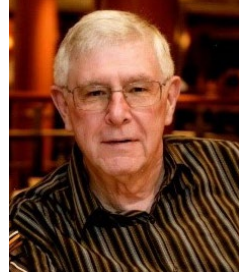
PCCs are elected using the first past the post voting system, where the candidate with the most votes, wins. Voters will vote by choosing a single candidate on the ballot paper. This is the same system as UK Parliamentary elections.

For more information about your vote visit:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections>.

Bob Teesdale

The Conservative Party Candidate



Election statement:

Bob Teesdale. Conservative Candidate for Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner

I served as a Bobby for 30 years retiring as Patrol Inspector, i.e., finishing as I started out – on the streets – working 3 shifts.

I am also a private citizen so I have lots of experience of the other side, looking to the Police for my family's and my own safety and wellbeing.

I believe the professionalism of the Merseyside Police is admired round the country but it comes at a price, a tendency to move away from a direct connection to the communities they serve.

So, I am putting, balancing the “re-connecting” with the people of Merseyside, with applying the Forces innate professionalism at the at the heart of my plans for the Force.

Ensuring that the extra officers gained by the Force from the 20,000 being funded by this Government are spread evenly across the 5 Boroughs.

Ensuring that community groups who work to benefit us all in so many ways are properly supported including victim Support.

Expanding and properly utilising the willingness of our community to help directly, by involving and properly using the Special Constabulary.

My priority will always be to work to make Merseyside safer.

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Amanda Onwuemene

Green Party



Election statement:

Amanda was born and grew up in Toxteth before moving to the Wirral as a child. She worked in Toxteth for many years and currently works in the Sefton Park area as a Psychotherapist.

Amanda is also a current, twice elected Green Party Councillor for Birkenhead and Tranmere, and the Green Party National Spokesperson for Policing and Domestic Violence.

Merseyside police undertook a review last year which showed that it was “Good” at listening to communities and reducing crime which is exactly what we want. There were two areas for improvement identified that Amanda would focus on:

- Policing vulnerable people
- Increasing trained staff and resources to tackle domestic violence and sexual violence against women and girls, and to improve special investigation services.

Success in the PCC election would give Amanda the opportunity to tackle anti- social behaviour, especially amongst our youth. Her background in lecturing in Further and Higher Education, Child Development and Adult Mental Health, provide her with an in-depth knowledge and understanding of how and why youths can move into offending.

As the PCC, Amanda would have responsibility for the police budget and deciding what resources need to be available to support the police service in providing a safe and secure environment for everyone on Merseyside to live, work and thrive.

Amanda would also be responsible for how your area is policed. As a councillor she is very aware of the major issues residents face regarding safety and security.

If voted in to represent you, she will ensure that she regularly meets with you to discuss your perspective on policing.

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Emily Spurrell

Labour and Co-operative Party



Election statement:

I was incredibly proud to be elected PCC and have worked tirelessly to be a strong voice for our region. In the last 3 years I have delivered £14 million additional funding for victims and crime prevention, launched the new Victim Care hub, invested £350,000 in opportunities for young people and developed a partnership strategy to tackle violence against women and girls.

Despite promises of extra police officer numbers from the Tory Government, Merseyside remains 450 officers short of the number we had in 2010. I'll continue to demand better for our residents.

But even against these challenges, we have seen knife crime and serious violence reduce. We continue to make progress to rid our streets of organised criminal gangs and tackle the anti-social behaviour that causes misery in our communities. But, there's still more to do.

If re-elected I'll continue to invest in our communities, creating vital opportunities for thousands of young people, all focused on diverting them away from crime and anti-social behaviour.

I'll put victims at the heart of the work I do and support the incredible work of our community and voluntary sector across Merseyside, who provide vital support for victims of crime.

I will make road safety a key priority to reduce the needless deaths and injuries that occur every year on our roads. I will focus on addressing the underlying causes of crime and work to prevent it from happening in the first place.

And through my scrutiny programme, I will see that Merseyside Police deliver the best service to the people of Merseyside, ensure offenders face justice, and officers and staff uphold the highest standards.

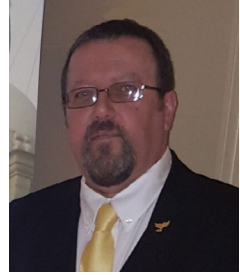
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Christopher David Carubia

Liberal Democrats



Election statement:

Under the banner of 'More Feet On The Street' Wirral councillor and campaigner Chris Carubia is the Liberal Democrat candidate for the Police & Crime Commissioner election in Merseyside.

A substantial candidate with extensive experience working in business at senior management levels, and as a councillor in Wirral for ten years, Chris understands the need for our local police to work within our communities to protect our local neighbourhoods.

“We need first and foremost to restore proper community policing. We need to have police officers visible, trusted, and approachable allowing the wider force to focus on the more serious crimes.”

It is vital that we build a well-rounded approach for local policing to both care for victims and reduce repeat offences. Recognising the pressing issues of violent crime, such as gun and knife crime, violence against women and domestic abuse.

Chris vows to also prioritise these critical areas. Drawing on years of experience and a deep understanding of local dynamics, he will work tirelessly to implement targeted strategies to address these specific challenges head-on. With a focus on prevention, Chris aims to reduce crime at its roots, investing in community initiatives, youth programs, and early intervention strategies.

“We need a multi-agency approach, and by working with social services, health workers and schools, the police can become more proactive in tackling antisocial behaviour at its source. We can also reduce reoffending by working closely with the Prison Service to improve rehabilitation and strengthen supervision of offenders in the community.”

A winning vote for Chris Carubia will give policing in Merseyside the leadership and change our residents deserve.

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Merseyside

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 Merseyside.

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

- CARUBIA, Christopher David – Liberal Democrats
- ONWUEMENE, Amanda – Green Party
- SPURRELL, Emily – Labour and Co-operative Party
- TEESDALE, Bob – The Conservative Party Candidate

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