

**CHOOSE
MY PCC**

Candidates for the Nottinghamshire 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.



Contents

About Police and Crime Commissioners	02
Gary Anthony Godden Labour and Co-operative Party	04
Caroline Elizabeth Henry Conservative Candidate – More Police, Safer Streets	06
David Watts Liberal Democrats	10
Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Nottinghamshire	12

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 Nottinghamshire 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>.

Gary Anthony Godden

Labour and Co-operative Party



Election statement:

On May 2 you have the opportunity to shape the future of our community.

I served as a police officer for 15 years and I am honoured to be your Labour candidate.

Having been proud to call Nottinghamshire home for over 25 years, I have dedicated myself to serving and protecting its residents.

With my experience as a police officer, and now working within the NHS, I understand the complex nature of our communities.

I know first hand how to keep people safe.

Honesty and integrity are paramount to this role and as your PCC, I will uphold these values and ensure transparency in all my actions. Trust is the cornerstone of effective governance, and I am committed to fostering trust through open communication and ethical conduct.

My pledges to you are clear and actionable. I will:

- Rebuild neighbourhood policing by **recruiting more officers** and establishing named officers for every community, alongside the creation of community hubs.
- Take a **zero-tolerance approach to anti-social behaviour**, bolstering neighbourhood policing, enhancing community intelligence, and implementing problem-solving strategies to increase convictions.
- **Tackle violence against women and girls** through partnership working, empowering communities to report crimes, and implementing robust monitoring of violent perpetrators in collaboration with the courts.
- **Combat knife crime** by establishing Young Futures hubs and collaborating with local authorities, integrated care boards, schools, and youth services to provide effective interventions.
- Prioritise road safety by **targeting speeding and reckless driving**, implementing zero-tolerance policies on drink and drug driving, and working tirelessly to reduce car fatalities.

A vote for me is a vote for a safer Nottinghamshire for us all. Together, we can build a safer and more secure community.

Statement prepared by Neil Rayner, election agent,
at 23 Barratt Lane, Attenborough NG9 6AD.

Contact details

Website: <https://www.garygodden.com/>

Email: gg@garygodden.com

Caroline Elizabeth Henry

Conservative Candidate –
More Police, Safer Streets



Election statement:

As your Police and Crime Commissioner, Caroline has a **strong track record** of delivering More Police, Safer Streets for Nottinghamshire.

She has delivered on her promises since being elected three years ago:

- **More Police:** The force now has 10% more officers than before her term.
- **Safer Streets:** Neighbourhood crime has decreased by a third under her watch.

She has ensured wise spending of tax money, with every penny contributing to improved front-line policing in Nottinghamshire. Caroline has also secured record funding from the Government, including £5.2 million for Safer Streets projects, the highest in the country.

Committed to supporting police officers and staff, Caroline isn't afraid to challenge when needed.

She stands up for local communities and common sense, such as saving the Newark police station from closure.

Looking ahead, Caroline's plan includes:

- **Neighbourhood Policing Pledge:** Every ward will have a designated Beat Police Officer to address local concerns.
- **Safety for Women and Girls:** A focus on pursuing and bringing justice to perpetrators.
- **Hotspot Patrols:** Increased visibility to combat antisocial behaviour and drug issues in all districts.
- **Tackling Rural Crime:** Funding to enhance safety in villages and rural areas.
- **Immediate Justice:** Holding those who commit antisocial acts accountable.
- **More Prevention:** Teams dedicated to crime prevention and improving retailer safety.

This election matters.

Your Police and Crime Commissioner is responsible for setting the £290 million budget, has powers to appoint and dismiss the Chief Constable and must ensure residents' views are represented when setting policing priorities.

Caroline has made real progress to deliver for all of Nottinghamshire – let's not put that work at risk now.

To learn more, visit www.carolinehenry.co.uk or find her on Facebook @carolinehenrynotts.

Address prepared by Sylvia Gillespie-Bell, on behalf of Caroline Henry, both at 146 Station Road, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 2AY.

Contact details

Website: <https://www.carolinehenry.co.uk/>

Email: caroline@carolinehenry.co.uk

Facebook: [@carolinehenrynotts](#)

X: [@carolinenotts](#)

Instagram: [@carolinehenrynotts](#)

This page is intentionally left blank

David Watts

Liberal Democrats



Election statement:

Honesty, Integrity, Experience, Ability and Competence:
The key attributes needed to be a successful Police and
Crime Commissioner.

Nottinghamshire Police are in special measures. We need a
Police and Crime Commissioner who can get to grips with this
and raise standards. I believe that I am that person.

I have worked in criminal law, both prosecuting and defending
cases, for over 35 years. I have degrees in Business Law and
in Criminal Justice Studies so I am both a practicing solicitor
advocate and a criminologist. I am a previous leader of
Broxtowe Borough Council and so I also have experience of
running a large organisation.

My vision for the police in Nottinghamshire is that we will have
a force who serve the local community. That means that the
police must be visible and accessible to local people. It's no
good having officers hidden away in offices and police cars.
It also means that crimes must be investigated properly.

When a crime happens people don't just want a crime number, they want the police to investigate it and catch the people responsible.

The job of the Commissioner isn't just to make sure that crimes are investigated, it's to ensure that crime is reduced in the first place. I want to ensure that we take every opportunity to bring crime figures down, and also to make sure that people no longer fear crime.

I hope I can bring honesty, experience and integrity to the role. If elected I will use my experience and training to ensure that the police provide a quality service for local people. I would be honoured if you would place your trust in me.

Thank you.
David

Prepared by Andrew Kingdon, agent for David Watts,
Liberal Democrats, 50 Bankfield Drive, Bramcote,
Nottingham, NG9 3EG.

Contact details

Website: <https://www.broxtowelibdems.org.uk/>

Email: d.k.watts@hotmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/>

DavidKennethWatts

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DavidWatts12>

Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Nottinghamshire

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 Nottinghamshire.

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

- GODDEN, Gary Anthony – Labour and Co-operative Party
- HENRY, Caroline Elizabeth – Conservative Candidate – More Police, Safer Streets
- WATTS, David – Liberal Democrats

I can be contacted at:

Kath Marriott
Rushcliffe Borough Council
Rushcliffe Arena
Rugby Road
West Bridgford
Nottingham
NG2 7YG

kmarriott@rushcliffe.gov.uk

0115 981 9911

<https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk>

This booklet is printed on 100% recycled paper.

When you have finished with this, please recycle it.

*This is published by the Secretary of State for the Department of Levelling Up,
Housing & Communities, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF*