

**CHOOSE
MY PCC**

Candidates for the South Wales 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.



the 1990s, the number of people in the world who are illiterate has increased from 400 million to 600 million.

It is not only the illiterate who are at risk of being left behind in the new global economy. The world's population is growing rapidly, and the number of people who are poor is increasing. In 1990, there were 1.2 billion people living on less than \$2 a day. By 2000, that number had risen to 1.5 billion, and by 2010, it is expected to reach 2 billion. The world's population is also becoming more diverse, with a growing number of people from different cultures and backgrounds living together in the same country.

These challenges are not insurmountable, but they do require a concerted effort from all of us. We need to work together to create a world that is more just, more equitable, and more sustainable. We need to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to learn, to work, and to live a decent life. We need to create a world where everyone has a chance to succeed.

Education is the key to creating a better world. It is the foundation of a strong economy, a healthy society, and a peaceful world. Education gives people the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the 21st century. It also gives people the tools they need to become active citizens and to contribute to their communities. Education is the best way to ensure that everyone has a chance to succeed.

Let us work together to create a world where everyone has the opportunity to learn, to work, and to live a decent life. Let us create a world where everyone has a chance to succeed. Let us create a world where education is the key to a better future.

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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 South Wales 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>.

Sam Bennett

Welsh Liberal Democrats –
Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru



Welsh Lib Dems
Dem Rhydd Cymru



Election statement:

As South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner, I would seek as a top priority to restore community trust, links, and engagements across the South Wales Police area.

We must restore community trust in our police force following riots in both Swansea and Cardiff over the last 5 years. I will seek to reverse cuts to funding for Anti-Social Behaviour interventions and ensure outreach in communities and schools is prioritised to build bridges across our communities, meaning our police are once more visible on our streets.

I will reduce the number of Deputy Commissioners across South Wales Police, reinvest this money in frontline policing, and campaign vigorously for policing to be devolved. These two policies will bring policing closer to the people of Wales. I will immediately launch a programme of community visits to find out what you want the police to do in your area.

It is time to take a more compassionate approach to drug offences, using the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner I will prioritise and push both governments to focus on rehabilitation programmes, an approach which would reduce repeat offending, and reduce pressure on our court system.

As your Police and Crime Commissioner, I would seek to end the use of facial recognition technology because it fundamentally breaches people's rights to privacy and discriminates against Black, Asian and minority ethnic populations. It is more frequently used in areas of high ethnic minority populations and is poor at identifying people from these backgrounds. This technology must be shelved to restore the trust of our communities.

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George Carroll

Conservative Candidate –
More Police, Safer Streets



**Conservatives
Ceidwadwyr**

Election statement:

I've lived in South Wales my whole life. Community is at the heart of everything I believe.

It's why I serve as a local councillor and school governor. It's why I'm so passionate about making our communities safe. And it's why I'm standing to be your Police and Crime Commissioner.

I've been working with residents across South Wales on a plan to protect our communities.

Our Plan will:

- 1. Deliver more police, safer streets** – by ensuring all resources are focused on core policing and frontline services. By taking full advantage of all government police recruitment grants. And by exceeding police recruitment targets.
- 2. Stop violent crime and drug gangs** – by using effective stop and search to make our streets safe.
- 3. Stamp out antisocial behaviour** – by taking a zero tolerance approach.

4. **Combat extremism** – by giving the police all the resources they need to protect us from terrorism. And actively promoting the government’s Prevent programme to stop radicalisation.
5. **Stop shoplifting** – with targeted hotspot patrols. And by investing in more CCTV and surveillance.
6. **Cut rural crime** – by maintaining a dedicated rural crime team to protect our countryside communities and farms.

But I can’t deliver Our Plan alone. We need your help to put it into action.

Our Police and Crime Commissioner sets the strategic priorities of the police.

That’s why I’m asking you, whoever you usually support, to join your neighbours in lending me your vote.

By lending me your vote, you’ll help to deliver Our Plan.

Together, we’ll deliver more police and safer streets. And we’ll make all our communities safe.

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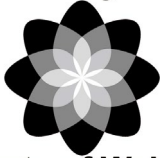
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Dennis Clarke

Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales

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Party of Wales



Election statement:

Dear Friends,

My ambition is for the Police and Crime Commissioner and staff to be your friends, servants and champions, to develop the South Wales Police Force to be the best it can be. You should feel comfortable working with and trusting them. I want every employee of South Wales Police to be proud of their role in helping to look after our communities.

I know what goes wrong in the Criminal Justice System. I know what it should look like. I have been a legal aid solicitor and involved in many justice committees for about 50 years. My commitment to improving the system is well established.

All the time I have spent working to affect change in the law has been preparation for the role of Police and Crime Commissioner.

The understanding I have of how each part of the Criminal Justice System can and should perform is second to none.

My commitment is to you and the Criminal Justice System only.

I will not be a puppet of any of the authorities that might limit my vision. I will not be a political apologist for government decisions. I have always been concerned about ordinary people and taking up their fight for them.

My knowledge of the system and those working in it proved to me that everybody in the system wants to make it the best it can be. That is why we will be able to work well together whilst making use of my skills.

With me, your vote will have an impact. I am ready to take up the role and the challenge.

Come with me to take part in a genuine fight for a better South Wales, better for us all.

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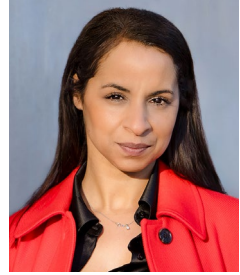
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Emma Wools

Labour and Co-operative Party/
Llafur a'r Blaid Gydweithredol



Election statement:

I was born, raised, live and work in South Wales. My heart and home is here in our vibrant cities, compassionate communities and valleys towns where I have delivered services to prevent crime and protect the public from harm for over 23 years. An award-winning leader, I have skills and knowledge from working in prisons and probation, policing and community safety, and I will make your voice heard in policing and take a stand on the issues that matter to you.

The people of South Wales need a Police and Crime Commissioner who knows first-hand the challenges we face daily in our communities. I have the personal and professional experience in tackling the crime and harm that affects where we live, our families and friends.

I have a proven track record in challenging policing and criminal justice as the current Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales. I have led and managed partnerships across criminal justice: tackling youth violence, violence against women and girls, drugs and exploitation. I am passionate about working to improve the lives of those whose

voice is less often heard, but are often suffering the most, to ensure justice is fair and policing delivers on what matters most.

As your Police and Crime Commissioner I will focus on....

- Community Policing
- Preventing crime
- Protecting the vulnerable, supporting victims and communities, including those online
- Delivering Justice on those who commit crime and reducing reoffending
- Making Policing fit for the future

Vote for me on 2nd May and I will work with you to strengthen and improve the future of policing and criminal justice in South Wales, delivering services to keep you safe, in which all communities can have confidence.

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for South Wales

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 South Wales.

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

- BENNETT, Sam – Welsh Liberal Democrats – Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru
- CARROLL, George – Conservative Candidate – More Police, Safer Streets
- CLARKE, Dennis – Plaid Cymru The Party of Wales
- WOOLS, Emma – Labour and Co-operative Party/Llafur a'r Blaid Gydweithredol

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