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## KATY BOURNE'S PLAN TO ENSURE WE ARE ALL 'SAFER IN SUSSEX'



*Re-elect Katy Bourne as Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner so she can continue to deliver her plan.*

On **Thursday 5th May**, Sussex residents will have the chance to keep Katy Bourne as Police & Crime Commissioner.

Katy has served in the role for the past three and a half years and has a strong track record of action in holding the Police to account, supporting victims of crime, improving public confidence and making savings to reinvest in frontline policing.

This election really matters - the Police & Crime Commissioner

is responsible for setting the £250m budget for policing in Sussex, has the power to appoint and, if necessary, dismiss the Chief Constable and must ensure residents' views are heard when setting policing priorities.

Katy says: "I've travelled the length and breadth of Sussex hearing people's views about what matters in local policing. We've made real progress to deliver on these priorities - let's not put that work at risk now".

**Inside: 100 new police officers, more PCSOs and new crime-fighting technology**

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# KATY'S ACHIEVEMENTS AS SUSSEX POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Katy Bourne is standing for re-election as Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner, having first been elected in November 2012. She is widely recognised as one of the most effective PCCs nationally and has worked tirelessly to listen to residents' concerns and ensure they are reflected in the priorities set for the police.



## Holding the police to account to improve performance and effectiveness

One of Katy's most important responsibilities has been to hold the police to account on behalf of the public and ensure residents' concerns are answered.



Katy has introduced regular 'Accountability Meetings' with the Chief Constable which are webcast online so the public can see for themselves the questions Katy asks and the answers received. These sessions have been recognised as best practice nationally.

As PCC, Katy's effective scrutiny and challenge has seen a marked improvement in the accuracy of crime recording in Sussex - from 82% to 97% and, recently, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary judged Sussex as one of just 5 forces nationally to be 'good' in all areas.

## Supporting victims of crime and protecting the most vulnerable

Katy is determined to ensure that the most vulnerable people in our society are protected and given the help and support they need. She has provided funding for victims' services and supported the use of restorative justice.



Under Katy's leadership, Sussex is at the forefront of tackling domestic violence and abuse with a focus on ensuring perpetrators stop their actions rather than victims feeling they have to leave. She has also attracted significant funding to stamp out child sexual exploitation and abuse. Sussex was recently rated in the top 12 police forces nationally for its response to vulnerable victims.

Katy established a 'Safer in Sussex' fund after the last election which has, so far, provided £550,000 towards 115 different projects promoting community safety, crime reduction and victim support.

## Listening to the public's concerns and ensuring the police tackle local priorities

Katy has attended hundreds of community meetings across the length and breadth of Sussex to hear the public's views and concerns about crime and policing, which she has ensured are reflected in the Policing Plan.



Listening to the public's views, Katy has ensured that business crime is now recorded as a specific category of crime for the first time and piloted Business Wardens to work alongside the police.

Katy has kept up the focus on road safety and backed Community Speedwatch projects. She continues to support Community Wardens schemes, giving rural communities the opportunity to work in conjunction with the police to ensure community safety.

Katy has involved older and younger residents alike, with her Elders Commission and award winning Youth Commission providing real input into how policing should serve the whole community.

Katy has real influence nationally. She has successfully lobbied the Government to develop legislation and technology to enable roadside checks for drug driving as well as securing additional funding for other technology improvements

## Prime Minister praises Katy's work in Sussex

Speaking in the House of Commons on 24th February, Prime Minister David Cameron said:

**"Katy Bourne... does an excellent job as the Police and Crime Commissioner"**



**As Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner, Katy has made real progress to make our county safer but there's much more to do... don't put this work at risk on 5th May.**

# 100 NEW POLICE OFFICERS, MORE PCSOs AND NEW CRIME-FIGHTING TECHNOLOGY

Up to one hundred new police officers are to be recruited, along with more PCSOs, thanks to Katy's last budget in her first term as Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner. The move is possible as a result of savings Katy has made which can be reinvested into frontline policing and the decision of the Conservative Government to provide protection to policing budgets in the spending review.

Katy said: "Effective neighbourhood policing is a top priority which matters greatly to communities across Sussex. The recruitment of these additional officers will help the police in their vital work to cut crime, catch criminals and keep Sussex safe".

Katy has also agreed funding to the police for the introduction of smartphones and body worn cameras (pictured right) for all frontline officers to ensure they can spend more time in communities and less time in police stations. It is estimated that this saves the equivalent of another 100 officers' time a year. Katy has also secured funding enabling 20 police stations to be fitted with 'Live Link' video reducing police officer time spent giving evidence in court and increasing time out on patrol.



## KATY BOURNE'S PLAN TO KEEP DELIVERING FOR SUSSEX

Having served as Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner since November 2012, Katy has the experience and proven track record to continue making a difference to policing and community safety in our county.

To keep us all 'Safer in Sussex', if re-elected she will continue to:

- 1. Deliver effective neighbourhood policing to our rural communities, towns and city**
- 2. Support victims of crime, especially our elderly and young**
- 3. Cut crime, catch criminals and reduce reoffending**
- 4. Protect our most vulnerable against all forms of abuse**
- 5. Improve access to justice for local people and put victims at the heart of the criminal justice system**
- 6. Invest in frontline policing and further improve the performance and efficiency of Sussex Police**

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VOTE FOR KATY BOURNE ON THURSDAY 5TH MAY**

# THE BIG INTERVIEW

*Katy answers  
your questions*

## What responsibilities does a Police & Crime Commissioner have?

Police & Crime Commissioners (PCCs) were introduced to give local people a say in policing priorities. For the first time, residents are able to hold someone to account for cutting crime and making our county safer. A PCC:

- > is responsible for setting the £250 million budget for policing in Sussex
- > has the power to appoint and, if necessary, dismiss the Chief Constable
- > must ensure your views and concerns are heard when setting policing priorities



## What have been your biggest achievements as Sussex's PCC?

One of the most important changes has been working with the police and partners to

significantly improve the treatment of people in mental health crisis by ensuring they receive the help they need rather than being kept in a police cell. In the last two years, there has been a 30% reduction in the use of such detention.

Giving the people of Sussex a real say and direct influence on policing in our county has been crucial as well. I've attended public meetings and residents' associations up and down the county on hundreds of occasions, which have been exceptionally valuable to hear what people think and are concerned about. My job is to ensure their views are reflected in the Police & Crime Plan and to hold the police to account for its delivery.

I've particularly enjoyed establishing and working with the Elders Commission and our award winning Youth Commission, both of which I set up. They've provided invaluable input from a younger and older perspective, have had thousands of conversations with residents about policing and crime issues and even helped shape national policing policy.

## What is your experience for this role?

I have a commercial background which included building, managing and selling my company and subsequently investing in start-up businesses. My public service experience included serving as a school governor and local councillor.

I have always adopted a delivery-focused and financially-disciplined approach and, as a



Conservative, you can be sure that law and order, supporting families and sound public finances will be at the heart of everything I do.

## Why are you standing for re-election?

We've made huge progress over the past three and a half years to improve policing and ensure it is as locally responsive as possible, but there's much more to do.

If re-elected, I will continue to deliver effective neighbourhood policing, cut crime and support victims. I also wish to focus on how we can improve access to the justice system for everyone through the better use of technology. This work has already started with the use of video 'Live Link' for officers giving evidence in court but I want to see this extended to the public over the next four years.

I'd also like to see more done nationally to tackle the abuse of elderly people, which may involve lobbying to change the law and more challenge locally to improve the police response.

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## FIND OUT MORE

Find out more about Katy Bourne and her priorities as Police & Crime Commissioner:

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## How to cast your vote for Katy Bourne on 5th May

In the election for Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner, your ballot paper will contain two columns - for a first and second preference vote.

You must mark a first choice for your vote to be counted. However, you don't have to cast a second vote.

**Vote for Katy Bourne (Conservative) as your first choice by marking one cross X in column one.**

Election of Police & Crime Commissioner for Sussex police area		Column 1 first choice	Column 2 second choice
<b>Katy BOURNE</b>	 Conservatives		