



Policing in Hampshire

Hampshire Police Authority is an independent organisation that ensures the communities of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight receive an effective, efficient and high quality policing service.

Hampshire Constabulary provides day to day policing under the leadership of Chief Constable Alex Marshall. The police authority checks that Hampshire Constabulary delivers the goal of making the two counties safe places to live, work and visit.

This includes setting the budget for policing - and the amount that residents pay in council tax towards the cost. In 2010/11 the budget is £313.7 million and a council tax band D pays £146.25 a year for policing.



“Policing is one of the key services that people rightly expect to be excellent – and there when they need it. As the organisation responsible for ensuring that local people get the best possible policing services, we speak to a wide range of groups, communities and businesses across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to find out what people want from their local police.

We’ve been working closely with the Constabulary to drive up their performance and reduce costs. The drop in the number of overall crimes last year – 16,536 – is more than a 10 per cent reduction, a tremendous achievement and a credit to the Chief Constable and his team. This is more than three times the target we set and means that local residents and visitors can be confident crime

rates are falling and that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight are even safer places.”

Councillor Jacqui Rayment
Chair, Hampshire Police Authority

What are our policing priorities?

The police authority has a statutory duty to engage with the communities of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to find out their community issues, concerns and priorities.

This ensures people's views and opinions are reflected in future plans including the Policing Plan – a three year rolling document that sets the policing priorities for Hampshire Constabulary.

In this year's plan there are six policing priorities:

- providing an excellent service
- catching criminals and managing offenders
- an active presence in every neighbourhood
- protecting our communities
- making the most of our resources
- equipping our team to deliver

Working with local people

During 2009/10 the police authority attended more than 30 community events to find out what people want the police to tackle, as well as a survey of 3,600 local people. Your views helped us to focus on your priorities for the next Policing Plan.



What you wanted

We asked about your priorities and took action to tackle:

- anti-social behaviour
- vehicle crime
- speeding / anti social use of vehicles
- criminal damage

Cuts in crime/increase in residents' satisfaction

From 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010 across Hampshire:

- all crime **down 10.4 per cent** (16,536 fewer crimes)
- criminal damage **down 19.0 per cent** (6,738 fewer crimes)
- vehicle crime **down 19.7 per cent** (2,832 fewer crimes)
- rowdy and nuisance behaviour **down 18.7 per cent** (14,005 fewer incidents)
- vehicle nuisance / inappropriate vehicle use **down 24.7 per cent** (3,243 fewer incidents)
- gun crime **down 12.6 per cent** (15 fewer crimes)
- knife crime **down 8.4 per cent** (60 fewer crimes)
- serious violent crime **down 4.4 per cent** (42 fewer crimes).
- resident satisfaction levels **increased by 3 per cent to 67 per cent.**

Serious acquisitive crime (robbery, household burglaries and vehicle thefts) detection rate **improved** - but not enough to meet its target.



Good value for money and high quality, efficient policing

We make sure the police deliver good value services through:

- the police budget
- use of resources
- recommendations from inspections
- measuring performance

The Constabulary not only made efficiency savings of over £6 million last year but also achieved significant improvements in performance.

The police authority and Hampshire Constabulary are using efficiency savings from the 2009/10 financial year to support the 2010/11 budget, with a contribution from reserves of £2.3 million. Another £1.5 million is being saved by delivering further efficiency savings in police staff working practices.

Efficiency savings are helping to reduce the impact of recent cuts in Government funding for local policing.

Local results

Figures in bold are 2009/10 and in brackets are 2008/09



Central Operational Command Unit

Number of crimes

29,752 (32,473)
Down 8.3 per cent or 2,721 crimes.

Number of house burglaries

1,119 (1,055)
Up 6.0 per cent or 64 burglaries.

Number of vehicle crimes

2,437 (2,709)
Down 10 per cent or 272 crimes.

Number of serious violent crimes

153 (175)
Down 12.5 per cent or 22 crimes.

Residents' satisfaction

69% (65%)
An increase of 4 per cent.

The police authority says:

"It was a tough start for Central OCU with the total number of reported crimes higher compared with the same period last year. However, Karen Manners and her team were able to turn things around quickly with crime falling in each category by the autumn."

Chief Superintendent Karen Manners says:

"We continued to reduce crime last year, with almost 3,300 fewer victims than our target. Anti-social behaviour fell by more than 3,600 incidents and there were 1,300 fewer victims of criminal damage. These improvements have had a significant impact on the quality of life in our communities with public satisfaction at 69% - the second highest level in the force."

North and East Operational Command Unit

Number of crimes

27,304 (30,102)
Down 9.3 per cent or 2,798 crimes.

Number of house burglaries

1,172 (1,349)
Down 13.1 per cent or 177 burglaries.

Number of vehicle crimes

2,231 (2,741)
Down 18.6 per cent or 510 crimes.

Number of serious violent crimes

161 (147)
Up 9.5 per cent or 14 crimes.

Residents' satisfaction with service

67% (63%)
An increase of 4 per cent.

The police authority says:

"The North and East have consistently been the best performing OCU throughout the whole of 2009/10 and have achieved significant reductions in criminal damage, house burglaries and vehicle crime over the year."

Chief Superintendent Mark Chatterton says:

"I am pleased with the progress we made in the last year in terms of reducing crime and disorder. There have continued to be significant reductions in the total number of crimes of almost 10 per cent, and house burglaries fell by over 13 per cent, the second largest reduction across the force area. Reported incidences of anti-social behaviour also fell significantly, which is a priority area for us. Similarly, criminal damage crimes have been greatly reduced this year by over 16 per cent."

Western Operational Command Unit

Number of crimes

24,741 (27,910)
Down 11.3 per cent or 3,169 crimes.

Number of house burglaries

895 (990)
Down 9.6 per cent or 95 burglaries.

Number of vehicle crimes

2,383 (2,800)
Down 14.8 per cent or 417 crimes.

Number of serious violent crimes

138 (152)
Down 9.2 per cent or 14 crimes.

Residents' satisfaction

70% (64%)
An increase of 6 per cent.

The police authority says:

"Western OCU has had a very successful year in tackling and driving down crime across all three districts. Criminal damage, serious acquisitive crime (which is made up of robbery, house burglaries and vehicle crime) and serious violent crime have all reduced significantly."

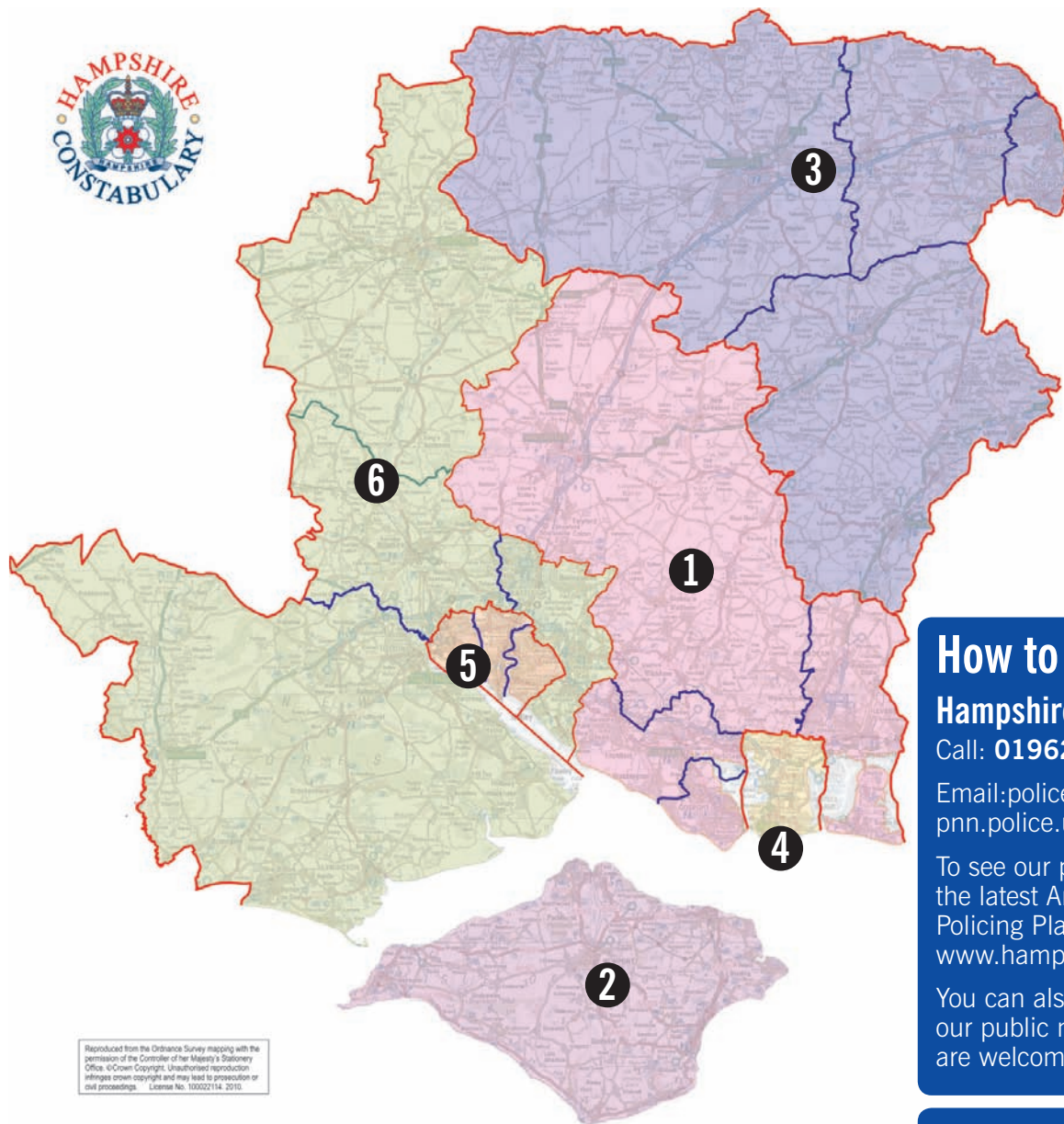
Chief Superintendent Richard Rowland says:

"Over the last year there have been further reductions in crime and anti-social behaviour. Rowdy and nuisance calls fell by over 22 per cent and criminal damage dropped 19.5 per cent. All crime was down by just under 12 per cent, with house burglaries falling by 10 per cent. This means that each day across the whole OCU there are less than three dwelling burglaries on average."



Cutting crime

Hampshire (excluding Portsmouth and Southampton) is divided into three Operational Command Units (OCUs):



- 1 – Central
- 2 – Isle of Wight
- 3 – North and East
- 4 – Portsmouth
- 5 – Southampton
- 6 – Western



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For non-emergencies call 0845 045 4545 or 101
www.hampshire.police.uk

Crimestoppers

0800 555 111
www.crime-stoppers-uk.org

Victim Support Line

0845 30 90 900
www.victimsupport.org.uk

Crime prevention

In 2009/10 the police authority gave £187,893 to projects across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Eight standing grants and 40 discretionary grants were approved to support vulnerable people, those at risk of offending and victims of crime.

Working with partners

The police authority is a statutory member of all 15 community safety partnerships in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, including the County Strategy Group. Members work with community safety teams to make sure local priorities are heard at a strategic level and reflected in the policing priorities for Hampshire Constabulary.

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