

Policing on the Island



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

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.

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 Jacquie Rayment
Chair, Hampshire Police Authority



Local results *Figures in bold are 2009/10 and in brackets are 2008/09*

Number of crimes
9,009 (10,245)
Down 12.0 per cent or 1,236 crimes.

Number of dwelling burglaries
246 (283)
Down 13.0 per cent or 37 burglaries.

Number of vehicle crimes
442 (591)
Down 25.2 per cent or 149 crimes.

Number of serious violent crimes
69 (62)
An increase of 11.2 per cent or 7 crimes.

Resident's satisfaction with service
68% (71%)
Down 3 per cent.

The police authority says:

“The Isle of Wight continues to remain one of the safest places to live and visit. Crime figures have consistently been falling on the island over the past few years. We would, however, like to see further reductions in the number of serious violent crimes on the island, the actual numbers themselves are relatively small, however we know that violent crime is an important area that the public want the constabulary to be tackling.”

Superintendent Norman Mellors says:

“Crime on the island has reduced by 12% last year. Anti-social behaviour, criminal damage,

arson, serious acquisitive crime & violence against the person all fell on the island last year. Strong internal teamwork and effective collaboration with partners had a very significant influence on these outcomes. These successes were achieved within budget and despite issues with Police buildings and estates, that in one case date back over 100 years.”

Working with partners

We 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.

How to contact us

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To see our publications, including the latest Annual Report and Policing Plan, visit:
www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org

You can also find out more about our public meetings, which you are welcome to attend.

Hampshire Constabulary

In an emergency always dial 999.

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

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 help 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.