

Policing Hampshire



Hampshire Constabulary is responsible for policing Hampshire and Isle of Wight, and is accountable to the community it serves. Hampshire Police Authority is an independent organisation responsible for overseeing Hampshire Constabulary on behalf of the community. This is a summary of how the Constabulary has been tackling the priorities and dealing with issues where you live.

■ "In the past year, Police Authorities and Constabularies across the country have faced a number of challenges which we have risen to, but the real test is how crime is tackled at a local level. This information aims to show you how well the Constabulary is dealing with crime in your area and what it will be focusing on next year."
Councillor Jacqui Rayment,
 Chair, Hampshire Police Authority

■ "Hampshire Constabulary is a top performing force in terms of the number of people who think their local police do a good job. The past year has seen the force roll out Safer Neighbourhoods, with every neighbourhood in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight now having its own locally accountable police team. These teams work with communities and partners to develop long term solutions to the issues that communities tell them are important. Our priority remains to be a service which meets the needs of local communities and we cannot do this successfully without the continued support of our partners and the communities we serve."
Paul Kernaghan QPM CBE,
 Chief Constable, Hampshire Constabulary

If you would like to get involved in the consultation we carry out within the community, find out more about the plans for the future, or read a full copy of the policing plan, please visit www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org or call us on 01962 871595.

Policing priorities

By continuing to put resources into neighbourhood policing, we aim to make Hampshire and the Isle of Wight safer places to live and work. By listening to the public and working with our partner organisations, we have targeted a number of issues which we will specifically focus on in the next three years, which can be divided into four key areas:

- Safer Neighbourhoods – working with communities to build and maintain neighbourhoods where people are safe and feel safe;
- Safeguard People – protecting the vulnerable by reducing the number of child abuse, domestic abuse and hate crime victims;
- Protect Our Communities – preventing, and planning for the effects of, terrorism, domestic extremism and major incidents;
- Prevent, Reduce and Detect Crime – targeting criminals and protecting victims.

Did you know?

■ There are now 3890 police officers and 2724 police staff across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, working alongside 334 Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and partners in other agencies to make our communities safer.*

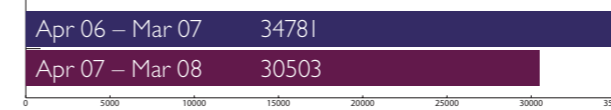
■ Safer Neighbourhood Teams are now in place across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Safer Neighbourhoods is not solely about policing – we believe the best way to achieve neighbourhood improvements for the community, police and partners, such as local authority, health and fire services, is to all work together.

*As at 30 June 2008 .

How are the police performing where you live?

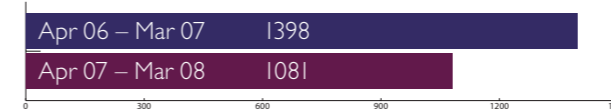
North and East

Number of crimes



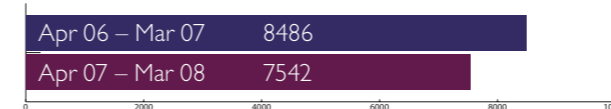
This shows a reduction of 12.3% in the number of crimes reported in North and East Hampshire, compared to a reduction across the Hampshire Constabulary area of 8.8%

Number of house burglaries



This shows a reduction of 8.8% in the number of house burglaries reported in North and East Hampshire, compared to a reduction across the Hampshire Constabulary area of 2.8%.

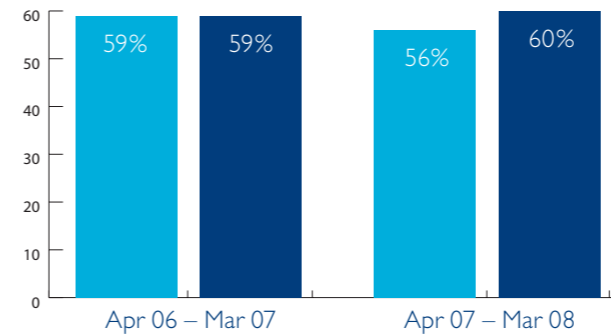
Number of violent crimes



This shows a reduction of 11% in the number of violent crimes reported in North and East Hampshire, compared to a reduction across the Hampshire Constabulary area of 4.5%.

Key: ■ OCUs ■ Force Wide

Citizen's satisfaction with overall service

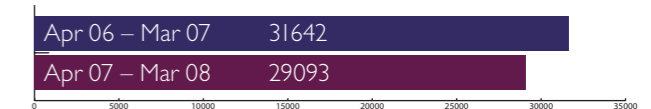


■ "Between April 2007 and April 2008, the North and East OCU experienced a 12.3% reduction in the number of crimes committed within its geographical area. This tangible decrease equates to more than 4000 offences not committed.

Examining specific crimes reveals a 23% reduction in 'house burglaries', achieved through vigorous engagement with active 'burglars'. Further, our streets are safer, especially during the evening-time, having successfully reduced violent crime by 11%. These superb achievements can be directly attributed to both the positive relationship which police and communities continue to nurture, combined with a dedicated and determined delivery of proactive policing. This policing activity will continue to focus on meeting the needs of victims and the communities we serve. Into the future, North and East OCU will continue to improve customer-satisfaction by listening to the voice of our customer's, identifying their needs and delivering a truly customer-focused service."
Chief Superintendent Mark Chatterton,
 Commander of North and East Hampshire Operational Command Unit

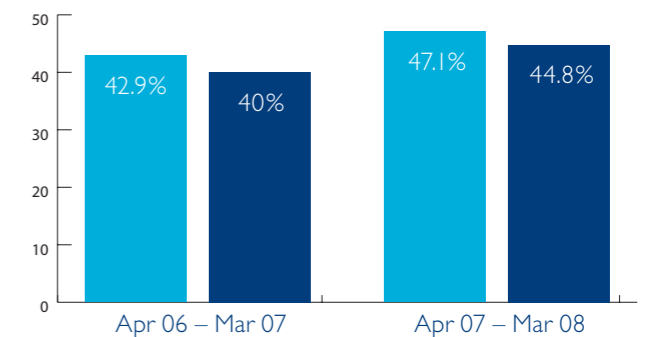
Western

Number of crimes

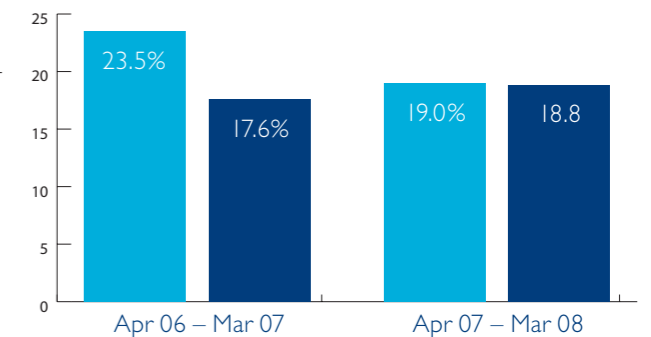


This shows a reduction of 8.1% in the number of crimes reported in Western Hampshire, compared to a reduction across the Hampshire Constabulary area of 8.8%

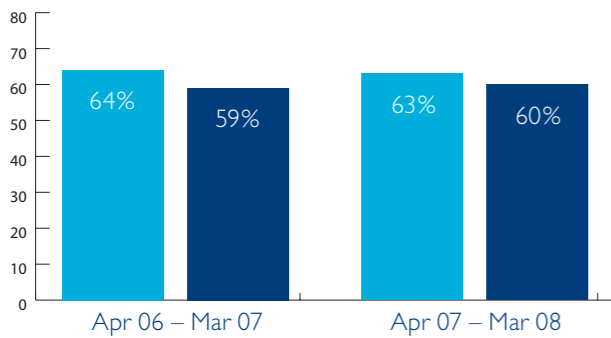
Percentage of violent crimes detected



Percentage of house burglaries detected



■ Citizen's satisfaction with overall service



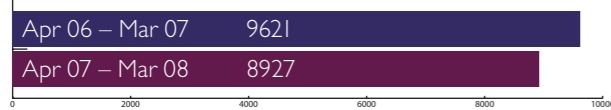
■ "The Safer Neighbourhoods Teams have built strong relationships with the Community Safety Teams of their District and Borough Councils and they have been working closely together to reduce crime in their areas. The teams have put their focus and efforts on crimes which have a greater impact on communities, criminal damage, anti-social behaviour and vehicle crime. We have seen crime overall come down and that means less people becoming victims. However, we are not complacent and we know there is more for us to do.

Every victim of crime is one too many. We have continued to develop our Safer Neighbourhoods Teams and our relationships with our partner organisations to deal with crime and disorder in a more coordinated way. We are committed to see crime reduce further and to enable our communities to be safe and feel safe."

**Chief Superintendent Richard Rowland,
Commander of Western Hampshire
Operational Command Unit**

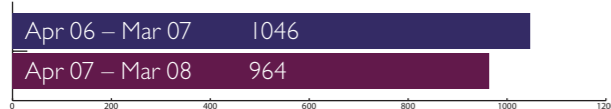
Central

■ Number of violent crimes



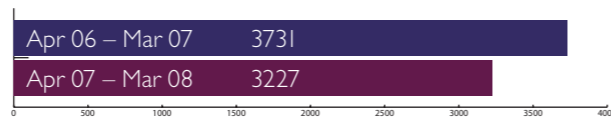
This shows a reduction of 7.2% in the number of violent crimes reported in Central Hampshire, compared to a reduction across the Hampshire Constabulary area of 4.5%.

■ Number of house burglaries



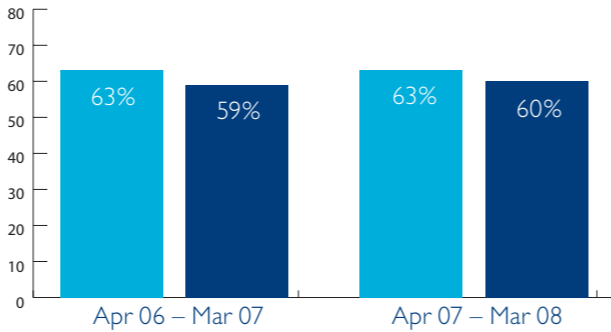
This show a reduction of 5.8% in the number of household burglaries reported in Central Hampshire, compared to a reduction across the Hampshire Constabulary area of 2.8%.

■ Number of vehicle crimes



This shows a reduction of 13.5% in the number of vehicle crimes reported in Central Hampshire, compared to a reduction across the Hampshire Constabulary area of 18.5%.

■ Citizen's satisfaction with overall service



■ "Central OCU is made up of four local authority areas within which there are many diverse communities with their own distinctive local priorities. As an OCU we seek to address the breadth of community issues, focusing on those that communities tell us are their top three concerns. With dedicated neighbourhood policing teams working with our partners and the community, we have seen significant reductions in key crime types. In the months to come, I hope that by continuing to listen to and work with our communities, we will see further improvements in community safety, protecting the vulnerable and building community confidence through improved quality of service directed to the needs of our communities.

I recognise that despite the positive figures, there is real public concern over the level of violent crime and the effects of young people and alcohol, this is reflected both in the local and national media and gives rise to a heightened fear of crime. I genuinely share those concerns and understand the devastating personal impact that being a victim of this type of crime can create. It is a central plank of our activities in the next twelve months to find long term solutions to these problems."

**Chief Superintendent Peter Goodall,
Commander of Central Hampshire
Operational Command Unit.**

Local Contacts

■ If personal safety is under threat, always dial 999. To contact the police for non-emergencies, dial 0845 0454545. For advice and action on safety and anti-social behaviour issues, dial 101.

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Victim Support Line 0845 30 90 900

National Domestic Violence Helpline 0800 2000 247

Hampshire County Council 0800 028 0888



Useful website addresses:

■ www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org – for reports and information on the work of the HPA.

■ www.hampshire.police.uk – for full contact details and opening times of every police station in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

■ www.cjsonline.gov.uk – information on the Criminal Justice System.

■ www.askthe.police.uk – answers to frequently asked questions about the police in England and Wales.



The cost of policing Hampshire and the Isle of Wight:

The expenditure of the Hampshire Police Authority for 2007/8 was £284.3m. The audit opinion will be made available in September and will be published on our website: www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org.

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact Hampshire Police Authority on 01962 871595 for a hard copy. You can find details of how the police use their budget on www.hampshire.police.uk.



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