

Policing Portsmouth



Hampshire
POLICE AUTHORITY
for Hampshire & the Isle of Wight

Hampshire Police Authority is an independent organisation and exists to ensure the communities of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight receive an effective, efficient and high quality policing service. Day-to-day policing is provided by Hampshire Constabulary, under the guidance of Chief Constable Alex Marshall. It is the role of the Authority to ensure Hampshire Constabulary plays its part in making the two counties places which feel safe and are safe.

“People’s confidence in their police service is often based on their experiences, and those of their family, friends and colleagues. However, if they have not needed to be in contact with the police, how do they know their local officers are doing their jobs well? This summary provides people with a snapshot of crime in their local area, and how well the police are tackling it.

“Where crime is going down, the Authority congratulates officers for their hard work, but where crime is going up, our members will work on behalf of the public to scrutinise the reasons why, and to make sure the performance improves in future years.”

Councillor Jacqui Rayment,
Chair, Hampshire Police Authority

What are our policing priorities?

Each year, Hampshire Police Authority and Hampshire Constabulary must together produce a Policing Plan, which sets out how policing is going to be carried out during the following 12 months. Within this year’s Policing Plan, there are six policing priorities:

- Providing an excellent service – improving our response to calls from the public, listening and responding to local concerns, acting on feedback;
- Catching criminals and managing offenders – putting the victim first and protecting vulnerable people;
- An active presence in every neighbourhood – working with communities to build and maintain neighbourhoods where people are safe and feel safe;
- Protecting our communities – protecting from terrorism and domestic extremism and preparing for emergencies and major incidents;
- Making the most of our resources – being efficient and actively controlling our spending to make the most effective use of public money;
- Equipping our team to deliver – putting the right people in the right place at the right time.

A full copy of the Policing Plan can be found at www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org or by calling the Police Authority offices.

How have your police performed?

This summary is designed to provide an honest, balanced snapshot of crime and policing in Hampshire. However, the targets shown in this report are just a brief insight into the performance of the police. People should also want to know:

- Who are the local Safer Neighbourhood officers?
- What are the local policing priorities, and are they being met?
- What Government targets are the police trying to meet?
- Is Hampshire Constabulary signed up to and achieving the targets in the Policing Pledge?

More information can be found on Hampshire Constabulary’s website: www.hampshire.police.uk

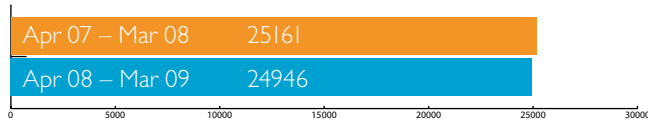


The cost of policing in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight

The expenditure of the Hampshire Police Authority for 2009/10 was £292.0m. 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.

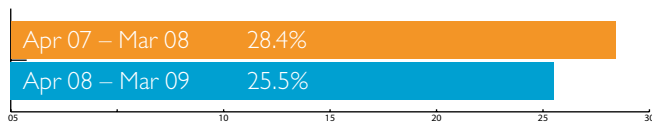
What are the facts?

■ Number of crimes



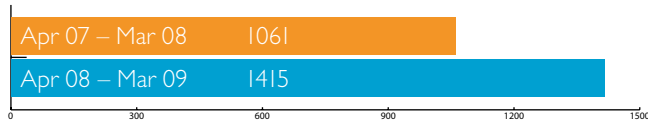
This shows a reduction of 0.85% (or 215 crimes) in the total number of crimes reported in Portsmouth, compared with a reduction across Hampshire Constabulary of 2.89% (or 4749 crimes).

■ Percentage of all crimes detected



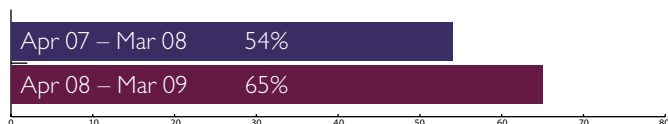
This shows that 25.5% of all crimes in Portsmouth were detected, compared with a detection rate of 25.2% across Hampshire Constabulary.

■ Number of house burglaries



This shows an increase of 33.3% (or 354 crimes) in the total number of house burglaries reported in Portsmouth, compared to an increase across Hampshire Constabulary of 13.7% (or 728 crimes).

■ Resident's satisfaction with service received from the police



Chief Superintendent David Peacock, Commander of Portsmouth Operational Command Unit, says:

“Despite a testing year for Portsmouth OCU, we managed to record the second highest satisfaction rating, based on local public surveys, across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Indeed the success of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams, working closely with the Safer Portsmouth Partnership, contributed to a reduction in recorded levels of anti-social behaviour. Incidents of burglary remained a challenge throughout the year but I am pleased to report that, following a series of dedicated initiatives, we have now managed to reverse this upward trend. I also look to the policing of the FA Cup celebrations, involving over two hundred thousand people attending Southsea seafront, as a notable success. Looking forward we have some exciting plans for the OCU in 2009/10 which I believe, when implemented, will enable us to raise our game and thereby deliver an excellent service to the people of Portsmouth.”

■ The Police Authority says:

“It has been a challenging year in which assaults have risen and serious violent crime has risen, a lot of which can be connected to the night time economy in the city. Friday and Saturday nights are the busiest times of the week for police in Portsmouth, and it is no surprise to find the number of incidents they attend peaking during these periods.

“However, the satisfaction levels are the joint second highest across the Hampshire Constabulary area, an indication that the public have continued faith and confidence in their police service to make sure the city is a safe place for everyone. The value of partnership working cannot be underestimated either – many of the challenges in the city cannot be tackled by just one organisation, and the Safer Portsmouth Partnership is an example of successful partnership working. We will be watching this situation closely.”

Contacts Us

In an emergency, always dial **999**. To contact Hampshire Constabulary for non-emergencies, dial **0845 045 4545**, or **101**. www.hampshire.police.uk

To contact Hampshire Police Authority, dial **01962 871595**. www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org

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023 9283 4092, www.portsmouth.gov.uk

Crimestoppers
0800 555 111, www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Victim Support Line
0845 30 90 900, www.victimsupport.org.uk