

Policing in Southampton

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.

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, 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.

> 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 871 595.

“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, Chief Constable, Hampshire Constabulary.

“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 and what it will be focusing on next year.”

Councillor Jacqui Rayment, Chair, Hampshire Police Authority

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.*

*As at 30 June 2008

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.

How are the police performing where you live?

Number of crimes - down
April 2006–March 2007 37398
April 2007–March 2008 35350

Reduction

5.5%

Southampton

8.8%

Constabulary

Percentage of household burglary detections

April 2006–March 2007 16%
(Constabulary 18.1%)
April 2007–March 2008 33%
(Constabulary 18.9%)

Number of vehicle crimes

April 2006–March 2007 5426
April 2007–March 2008 4005

26.2%

Southampton

Reduction

18.5%

Constabulary

Citizen's satisfaction with overall service

April 2006–March 2007 52%
(Constabulary 59%)
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(Constabulary 60%)

“I am committed to making Southampton the safest of cities, keeping crime down and working hard to make sure people in the city feel safe. Last year, we achieved some outstanding results, but there is more to do. Drugs still blight our city, violent crime is still a problem, especially that related to alcohol, and too many people, including young people, still carry, threaten or use knives. This year, we will carry on working harder on these problems.”

“We're doing much more to understand what matters to people and what communities want. Neighbourhood teams are working with people across the city to identify and tackle problems that affect their lives. What's important is we're listening to what you are telling us, and trying to help you resolve issues in the best way possible.”

“This year, we will do even more to meet the high standards of service we have set ourselves: being more accessible and accountable to the people of Southampton, communicating with people more easily and more clearly, listening more carefully and responding better than ever, giving better overall satisfaction to people who need us, and in particular, improving how well we keep people updated about things we are dealing with.”

“I am very proud to be the Police Commander for the city and I want to make the people of Southampton proud of their police service.”

Chief Superintendent Matthew Greening,
Commander of Southampton 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	023 8023 7348
National Domestic Violence Helpline	0800 2000 247
Southampton City Council	023 8022 3855

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 871 595 for a hard copy. You can find details of how the police use their budget on www.hampshire.police.uk.