



Every day our team of dedicated police officers, police staff and volunteers work hard to keep you safe and protect our communities.

With more police officers serving in Sussex and plans to further strengthen our neighbourhood teams this year, we will be even more visible and accessible. This will enable us to address more of the crime and anti-social behaviour concerns that matter most to you.

We are responding to more calls for help and solving more crime. Call waiting times for our 101, non-emergency number, have fallen to an average of under five minutes and we are answering your 999 emergency calls more quickly. Last year we solved 52% more crime than we did in 2022.

I am proud to serve as your Chief Constable and remain committed to engaging with you, listening to you, and working with you, to keep you safe.

Jo Shiner  
Chief Constable



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If someone you know has experienced a crime, report it to Sussex Police and find support through Safe Space Sussex.



Always call **999** in an emergency



Call **101** for all non-emergency calls



Report online at [sussex.police.uk/contact-us](https://sussex.police.uk/contact-us)

Free, specialist support for victims of crime can be found on the **Safe Space Sussex** website. The directory has over 80 high quality providers available and a 24/7 live-chat feature.



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# HOW YOU SUPPORT SUSSEX POLICE 2025/26



**SUSSEX POLICE PRECEPT**

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This leaflet shows what Sussex Police face every day to keep our county safe.

Home Office figures show Sussex is still one of the safest counties by crimes per head of population and Sussex Police is now one of the best performing forces for 999 and 101 call answering times. However, Sussex Police is one of the lowest government-funded forces with local households paying the 7th lowest precept in England and Wales.

Neighbourhood crime is low but, last year, Sussex Police recorded the highest volume of serious crime since 2016, including an average of six sexual offences a day. The highest-harm crimes are often unseen by the public yet they are complex, requiring a lot of time and police resource and this has to be balanced with the Force wanting to put more officers into local policing. Extra funding from the previous Government and increased council tax payer's precept contributions means that Sussex Police will maintain a headcount of 3,226 officers - a significant amount more than before I came into office.

The public have made it clear that they want to sustain these numbers and the improvements in local policing and the Chief Constable is equally clear that she needs sufficient resources to deal with serious crimes. Unfortunately, this year's grant for policing will not be enough to balance our budget for the year ahead. I now need to ask households to pay a little more so that I can raise the precept by the maximum allowed by Government and maintain our current improved services.

I have therefore decided to implement a £14 increase on a Band D property, which is equivalent to each household paying 27p per week/£1.17 per month. Whilst this still leaves us with £5million of savings to reach, it protects essential policing services and means that we can maintain the huge increase in frontline officers we have already invested in.

Thank you for your continued support to keeping Sussex safe.

  
Katy Bourne OBE



# How Sussex Police is delivering on your priorities in 2024

## Protect our communities



Received **664,753** contacts (including 278,718 999 calls)



Assessed **504,533** incidents



Attended **203,108** incidents



Crime in hotspot areas reduced by **14%**

## Catch criminals in our county



Recorded **141,042** crimes



Made **26,017** arrests and **6,330** stop & searches



Dealt with **27,186** crimes relating to violence against women & girls



Solved more rape offences in 2024 than 2022 & 2023 combined

## Deliver an outstanding service



Will maintain a headcount of **3,226** officers in 2025



Spent the equivalent of **840,581** officer hours responding to incidents



Responded to **8,749** road traffic collisions



**52%** more crimes solved in 2024 (compared to 2022)

## Where can I find out more about the police precept?



[sussex-pcc.gov.uk/about/financials/policing-budget](https://sussex-pcc.gov.uk/about/financials/policing-budget)

[sussex-pcc.gov.uk/about/financials/policing-budget/faq-budget-and-council-tax-202526](https://sussex-pcc.gov.uk/about/financials/policing-budget/faq-budget-and-council-tax-202526)