



# Hampshire

POLICE AUTHORITY

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and the  
Isle of Wight*



## Annual Review 2003 – 2004

Crime Prevention Panel  
Hampshire Police Authority





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April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004  
Crime Prevention Panel  
Hampshire Police Authority

## Terms of Reference

### The Crime Prevention Panel's terms of reference are:

- to consider crime prevention issues in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and promote best practice in crime risk management and its co-ordination;
- to promote the extension of a multi-agency approach to crime prevention involving local crime and disorder reduction partnerships, county agencies and the unitary authorities including education, social services, probation and police services and other interested bodies;
- to make grants in support of crime prevention initiatives, either as approved by the Crime Prevention Panel or previously approved by the Police Authority for annual funding to include monitoring and evaluation of such initiatives; and
- to make recommendations to the Police Authority on the annual funding of other initiatives of a strategic nature or for changes to the level of funding to existing standing Police Authority grants.

Hampshire Police Authority and Hampshire Constabulary are committed to delivering a police service that through fairness meets the needs of the individuals that receive it. We accept that those needs will be diverse; they are likely to differ according to a subject's gender, age, race, ethnic origin, nationality, disability, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, mental status or physical ability.

# Chairman's Foreword

This year has shown once again how grants from Hampshire Police Authority's Crime Prevention Panel have supported a wide range of crime prevention initiatives and projects from across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

You will see elsewhere in this document the extent to which our partner agencies support these diverse and often imaginative projects.

The Authority is delighted and encouraged to see the positive attitude from the community that helps to enhance the quality of life for us all.

During the coming year as part of its statutory responsibility to consult, the Authority will be talking to the business communities of the two counties to ascertain their policing priorities.

This will provide an ideal opportunity to raise the profile of the work of the Crime Prevention Panel with businesses, who are equal partners in local strategic partnerships, and perhaps encourage more of them to support financially some of these worthwhile initiatives and projects.

We look forward to a year where all partners work together more than ever before to prevent crime in a constructive manner.

*Judi Griffin, JP DL*  
*Chairman*  
*Crime Prevention Panel*  
*Hampshire Police Authority*











*Judi Griffin*






# Membership of the Panel

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Membership of the Panel (at March 31, 2004):

-  Mrs Judi Griffin, JP DL (Chairman)
-  Cllr Jacqui Rayment (Vice Chair)
-  Cllr David Gillett
-  Cllr Peter Mason
-  Mr Ray Palmer
-  Mr Bob Purkiss
  
-  Crime Prevention Consultant: Barrie Saunders
-  Panel Administrator: Marion Boyes

Membership of the Panel consists of nominated members of the Police Authority as follows:

-  1 Conservative member
-  1 Labour member
-  1 Liberal Democrat member
-  1 magistrate member
-  2 independent members

## Definitions

Grants awarded or administered by the Panel fall into two categories:

**DISCRETIONARY GRANTS** are generally made on a 'first come, first served' basis to local initiatives in the form of a grant of up to £4,000. These grants are usually made to help start, expand or enhance existing schemes supported by the local police commander and/or the local crime and disorder partnership.

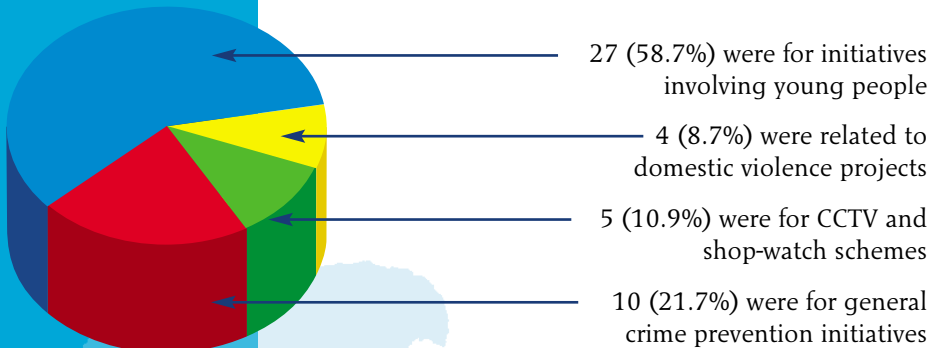
**STANDING GRANTS** are made to initiatives of a strategic nature that usually operate across the two counties. They are supported by the Police Authority for their continued contribution to crime prevention and reduction or the mitigation of the effects of crime on victims. The grants are subject to ongoing monitoring and evaluation.

Hampshire Bobby Trust	<u>£7,500</u>
Global Rock Challenge (Be Your Best Foundation)	<u>£25,000</u>
Hampshire Federation of Victim Support Schemes	<u>£25,000</u>
Isle of Wight Victim Support Scheme	<u>£3,000</u>
Southampton Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service	<u>£2,500</u>
Winchester Area Community Action, Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service	<u>£2,500</u>
Basingstoke Rape and Sexual Abuse Crisis Centre	<u>£2,000</u>
Portsmouth Area Rape Crisis Service	<u>£6,000</u>
Hampton Trust	<u>£25,000</u>

## Facts, Figures and Finance

Between April 2003 and March 2004, Hampshire Police Authority's Crime Prevention Panel considered 47 applications for discretionary grants and nine applications for standing grants from crime prevention initiatives across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Of the 47 discretionary grant applications, 46 were successful. Of the successful applications:



The total amount awarded by the Panel was £255,310:

£157,310 for discretionary grants, plus administrative support; and £98,000 for standing grants

The average discretionary grant made by the Panel was £3,420.

Funding from partners to those receiving discretionary grants amounted to £2,714,090. This represents a contribution by our partners of £18 for every £1 spent by the Panel.

Administrative support cost approximately 4 per cent of the total figure. This has remained static in recent years.

## Partnerships

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Hampshire Police Authority has set itself a strategic priority for 2004/05 of working in partnership to improve safety amongst communities across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

This priority mirrors similar goals set by local and national partner organisations.

The work of the Police Authority's Crime Prevention Panel supports these priorities by providing financial support for local groups and organisations who aim to make the communities in which we live better places.

Many of the initiatives supported by the Panel have been developed by local people who are inevitably best placed to identify the problems facing their community and the options available for tackling those problems.

Consistently over recent years, the Panel has devoted more than 50 per cent of its funds to initiatives designed to help young people involved in or on the edge of crime.

In many cases these initiatives, which involve many partner agencies, such as councils, schools, voluntary and charitable organisations, seek to deal with some of the underlying causes of youth offending, such as truancy, school exclusion, lack of training in employment and offer alternatives and opportunities.

More than 130 partners and organisations were involved in funding the 46 initiatives which were successful in making applications for financial assistance in the last financial year.

Eighty of those partners were from the statutory or government sector, with county, district, town and parish councils playing an increasing role in providing facilities, particularly for young people.

Just as importantly, more than 50 financial partners were from the charitable and voluntary sector, including trusts, charities, local groups and the church. Much of the work carried out by these organisations is delivered by unpaid volunteers who are committed to supporting their local communities.

Local businesses appeared to do little to support financially the local crime prevention and reduction initiatives that applied to the Panel for funding.

Each local police commander works with their local authority and other key agencies in a strategic partnership, as required by the Crime and Disorder Act (1998). Every partnership has a community safety strategy that includes targets for tackling local crime and disorder problems. These strategies are locally published and available from local authorities, police stations or libraries.

Hampshire Police Authority is also a responsible authority within crime and disorder reduction partnerships (CDRPs) across the two counties.



In each of the 14 local authority areas within Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (listed below) a community safety strategy has been developed to include the concerns of local communities.

<u>Basingstoke and Deane</u>	<u>Rushmoor</u>
<u>Isle of Wight</u>	<u>Gosport</u>
<u>East Hampshire</u>	<u>Southampton</u>
<u>New Forest</u>	<u>Hart</u>
<u>Eastleigh</u>	<u>Test Valley</u>
<u>Portsmouth</u>	<u>Havant</u>
<u>Fareham</u>	<u>Winchester</u>

The strategies cover a wide range of social issues (listed below) that lead to crime, nuisance and anti social behaviour on our streets. The work of Hampshire Police Authority's Crime Prevention Panel in making discretionary and standing grants has touched on each and every one of these issues, either at a strategic or local level.

<u>Bullying/exclusion/truancy</u>	<b><u>Motor vehicle crime</u></b>
<u>CCTV</u>	<u>Neighbourhood nuisance/anti social behaviour</u>
<b><u>Domestic violence</u></b>	<u>Public disorder</u>
<b><u>Drink/drug/substance misuse</u></b>	<u>Repeat victimisation</u>
<u>Dwelling burglary</u>	<u>Support to Neighbourhood Watch schemes</u>
<u>Families/parenting</u>	<u>Traffic enforcement</u>
<b><u>Fear of crime</u></b>	<u>Young people as offenders</u>
<u>Fire safety</u>	<u>Young people as victims</u>
<u>High-visibility police patrols</u>	<u>Youth provision training/leisure</u>
<u>Improved information/data</u>	
<u>Juvenile nuisance</u>	

Much of the work of the Panel has therefore been dedicated to addressing common priorities. Some examples follow from the areas given in bold type in the table above, which are common to most community safety strategies.



## Domestic Violence

The Panel provided financial support to Homestart Eastleigh who, as well as providing a support group for victims of domestic violence, run a comprehensive training programme for volunteers who specialise in visiting individual victims and their children at home.

This is an important way of tackling domestic violence with those victims who wish to preserve their confidentiality.

## Fear of Crime/CCTV

Many of the initiatives supported by the Panel deal directly with the underlying causes of crime and nuisance. Where crime and nuisance occur, they can, in some cases, have a disproportionate effect upon the fear felt by the community. This is often true where people are vulnerable, for example the elderly.

The Panel was pleased to support a small scale CCTV project in Petersfield in a sheltered housing complex, which has already removed many of the problems which previously had given the occupants cause for great concern.

## Offending by young people, juvenile nuisance, public disorder, drink, drug and substance misuse

Many of these issues are closely related, especially given that a significant proportion of crime is committed by young people against other young people.

A lack of recreational facilities or opportunities for young people are significant reasons why they often gather in large groups on the streets or near community facilities.

In the last year, the Panel assisted financially many projects throughout the two counties to tackle these issues, including the provision of skate parks, play areas and sports court facilities at Fawley and Hordle in the New Forest and at various locations on the Isle of Wight.

## Drink, Drug and Substance Misuse

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Among the initiatives in this field supported by the Panel is the 'Prison Me No Way' drug awareness programme, which is being delivered in many schools in Hampshire by staff from Winchester Prison.

## Motor Vehicle Crime

The Panel has supported a number of projects dealing with this issue; in particular the 'First Gear' and 'On Two Wheels' projects, which educate young and new drivers or riders not only in road safety but in the social responsibilities of becoming a road user.

These courses are very well received and include a whole range of issues, such as crime prevention and how to avoid becoming the victim of a crime as a road user.

The Panel also provided financial support for the Havant Stoplock Vehicle Crime Initiative, which is designed to reduce the unauthorised taking of motor vehicles by providing free immobilisation devices for owners of vulnerable cars.

The car owners are identified either geographically or by the type of motor vehicle they own. This initiative has already resulted in a significant reduction in the theft of motor vehicles.

## Crime Prevention Award

This award is made by the Police Authority to individuals or organisations who have made an outstanding and continuing contribution to crime prevention across the two counties.

In 2003 the award was presented to Hampshire and Isle of Wight Youth Options.

Youth Options provides support for young people through activities that develop, inform, educate and entertain in an atmosphere of honesty, fair play and a responsible concern for themselves and others.

As well as carrying out its project work in many locations, Youth Options supports many affiliated youth groups and has worked with more than 35,000 young people over the past few years.

A significant proportion of these young people are referred by the courts and are deemed to be in need of intensive help and support.



# About Hampshire Police Authority



**Hampshire**  
POLICE AUTHORITY

*for Hampshire  
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*...for efficient and effective policing*

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE








### ROLE

The members of the Authority represent the voice of the public on policing

### AIM

To secure Hampshire and the Isle of Wight as safe places

### METHODS

-  To safeguard policing by consent
-  To work with integrity, honesty and openness and perform independently of Hampshire Constabulary
-  To support and challenge the Constabulary, aiming for their continuous improvement
-  To develop and maintain effective partnerships with local authorities, public and private agencies, and stakeholders
-  To guard public interest in policing
-  To ensure the demands and needs of the public are reflected in policing policies
-  To maintain ethical standards in policing

If you believe your crime prevention initiative may be eligible for a Police Authority grant, or if you would like further information on any area of our work, please contact us:

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