

Policing the Isle of Wight



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

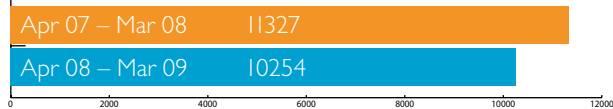
The cost of policing in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight

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.



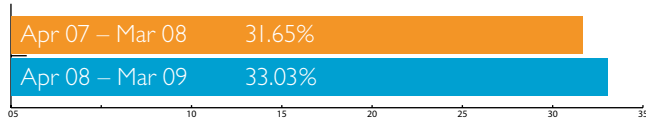
What are the facts?

■ Number of crimes



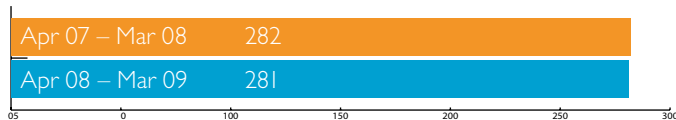
This shows a reduction of 9.47% (or 1,073 crimes) in the total number of crimes reported on the Isle of Wight, compared with a reduction across Hampshire Constabulary of 2.89% (or 4,749 crimes).

■ Percentage of all crimes detected



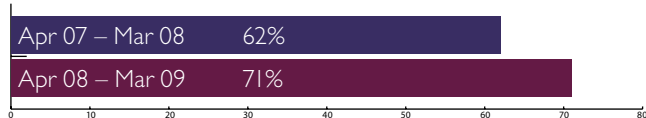
This shows that 33.03% of all crimes on the Isle of Wight were detected, compared with a detection rate of 25.2% across Hampshire Constabulary.

■ Number of house burglaries



This shows a decrease of 0.35% (or 1 crime) in the total number of house burglaries reported on the Isle of Wight, 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 Thomas, Commander of Isle of Wight Operational Command Unit, says:

"This year's results reflect the tremendous effort that has been put into maintaining the Isle of Wight as a safe place in which to live. It is particularly pleasing to see there were over 1,000 fewer victims of crime on the Island than in the previous year. This is a testament to the hard work of not only the Police, but also our partners in the Island Strategic Partnership, and the strong sense of community that exists here.

"The challenge for the forthcoming year will be to reduce these low levels of crime still further, and in particular those crimes that have the greatest impact on people's lives. For these reasons, the public can expect to see us focusing on crimes of violence, and looking to build on the successful initiatives of the last year. The Island remains a safe place and we aim to keep it that way."

■ The Police Authority says:

"By the very nature of it being an island community, the Isle of Wight has the potential to be one of the better performing areas of the force. It has established excellent partnership working and has very good Safer Neighbourhoods officers who are liaising closely with the business community, youth groups and schools.

"As a result, the level of public satisfaction is high, and is at the highest level when compared to other parts of the Hampshire Constabulary area. Being an island, it also has a lesser number of the types of crimes expected in a mainland community, which are often caused by transient criminals who travel greater distances to commit crime. The challenge for police on the Isle of Wight is to maintain the high level of performance, while continuing to keep the public satisfied with the service they receive."

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

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

