

Policing in Southampton



Hampshire
POLICE AUTHORITY
for Hampshire & the Isle of Wight

Hampshire Constabulary is responsible and accountable to the community it serves. Hampshire Police Authority is an independent organisation responsible for overseeing Hampshire Constabulary on your behalf. We have put together this summary of policing to show how we are tackling priorities and dealing with issues where you live.

■ “We work with our partners and consult with the public to find out how we can best deliver the most effective and efficient police service for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The information here aims to show you how crime is being dealt with in your area and how the police will focus on your concerns in the coming year.”

**Mike Attenborough-Cox, Chairman,
Hampshire Police Authority.**

■ “This summary highlights how Hampshire Constabulary is performing and provides policing information for 2007/08. With you and our partners, we have identified our priorities, including the continued implementation of neighbourhood policing, to make sure we deliver a service where it matters most to local communities.”

**Paul Kernaghan QPM CBE, Chief Constable,
Hampshire Constabulary.**

If you would like to get involved in the consultation we carry out within the community, find out more about our plans for the future, or read a full copy of the local policing plan, please visit our website www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org or call us on 01962 871595.

Policing priorities

By continuing to put resources into neighbourhood policing, we aim to make Hampshire and the Isle of Wight safer places to live, work and visit. 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 coming year, and we will work to:

- **Enhance Safer Neighbourhoods**
- **Strengthen Public Protection**, including missing persons, child abuse, domestic abuse, Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements and hate crime.
- **Protect our communities** from terrorism, domestic extremism and major disasters
- **Reduce and detect crime**, including drug and alcohol related crime, violent crime, major, serious and organised crime.

Did you know?

- **There are 516 police officers working in Southampton** and over 67 per cent of their time is spent on the beat (national average is 63 per cent). Intelligence gathering is key to modern policing, and many officers are involved in work which isn't always immediately visible.
- **Hampshire Constabulary currently has 347 Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)** on the beat. There are 62 on the streets of Southampton.
- **PCSOs work within their local community** to support the work of police officers. They are there to deal with incidents of disorder and anti-social behaviour. They have the power to detain people, search bags and vehicles, help victims and witnesses but they do not investigate crime or make arrests.

Hampshire Constabulary's actual expenditure for 2006/07 will be reported to Hampshire Police Authority and available to read via our website in June 2007. The 2006/07 revenue budget for Hampshire Constabulary was £269.7m. If you do not have internet access, please contact Hampshire Police Authority on 01962 871595 for a printed version.

How are the police performing where you live?

Police work is constantly monitored to improve performance. Here are some areas of police work where you can see how the police are doing compared to last year.

Key to figures

↑	an increase of more than 5 per cent
↑	an increase of less than 5 per cent
↔	Static - no change
↓	a decrease of under 5 per cent
↓	a decrease of over 5 per cent

Southampton

Number of crimes solved

↑	Overall crime
↑	Violent crime
↑	Burglary
↑	Vehicle crime

Force-wide

↑	Solving all crimes
↔	Attendance at 999 calls within target time
↑	Reduction of fatal or serious traffic injuries
↔	Solving Class A drug crimes

Of the 43 counties protected by police forces in England and Wales, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is the second safest place for people to live.*

* Statistical information from the British Crime Survey 2007

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	0845 30 90 900
National Domestic Violence Helpline	0800 2000 247
Southampton City Council	023 8022 3855

■ In April 2007, police and staff in Southampton Operational Command Unit (OCU) began implementing a new style of policing called Safer Neighbourhoods. You may have already seen Police Community Support Officers and Safer Neighbourhood teams making a difference to the area you live in. Safer Neighbourhood Teams are dedicated to working with the community and partners on the issues that are important to the neighbourhoods the teams serve. There are lots of ways that communities can get involved with creating Safer Neighbourhoods, for example by attending neighbourhood forums, offering to help in your community as a Special Constable or volunteer.

Find out which Safer Neighbourhood Team is responsible for the area you live in by visiting www.hampshire.police.uk and clicking on the interactive map, or call 0845 045 4545.

The commander of Southampton OCU covering Bitterne, Central Southampton and Shirley is Chief Superintendent Paul Stickler.

Useful website addresses

- www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org – for reports and information on the work of Hampshire Police Authority.
- 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 – police frequently asked questions for England and Wales.

To find out what is happening in your area go to www.hampshire.police.uk or call 0845 045 45 45