

Policing in Portsmouth



Hampshire Police Authority is an independent organisation that ensures communities receive an effective, efficient and high quality policing service.

Policing is one of the key services that people rightly expect to be excellent – and there when they need it. As the organisation responsible for ensuring that local people get the best possible policing services, we speak to a wide range of groups, communities and businesses across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to find out what people want from their local police.

The drop in the number of overall crimes last year – 16,536 – is more than a 10 per cent reduction, a tremendous achievement and a credit to the Chief Constable and his team. This is more than three times the target we set and means that local residents and visitors can be confident crime rates are falling and that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight are even safer places.



Councillor Jacqui Rayment
Chair, Hampshire Police Authority



Local results *Figures in bold are 2009/10 and in brackets are 2008/09*

Number of crimes
22933 (24868)
Down 7.7 per cent or 1,935 crimes.

Number of dwelling burglaries
1025 (1427)
Down 28.1 per cent or 402 burglaries.

Number of vehicle crimes
1817 (2358)
Down 22.9 per cent or 541 crimes.

Number of serious violent crimes
156 (191)
Down 18.3 per cent or 35 crimes.

Resident's satisfaction with service
65% (65%)
Unchanged.

The police authority says:

“Portsmouth has had a successful year in tackling crime across the city. Criminal damage, serious acquisitive crime and serious violent crime have all fallen.

Assaults have fallen across the constabulary area, apart from Portsmouth; this is one area where the Authority would like to see an improvement in performance.”

Chief Superintendent David Peacock says:

“Portsmouth achieved an 8% overall reduction in crimes across the city, which equates to no less than 2,000 fewer victims. Portsmouth has consistently delivered lower levels of recorded crimes, significantly increased the number of offenders brought to justice and based on local survey data, managed to achieve improvements in public confidence.”

Working with partners

We work with community safety teams to make sure local priorities are heard at a strategic level and reflected in the policing priorities for Hampshire Constabulary.

Independent Custody Visitor Scheme

Hampshire Police Authority is looking for people to join the Scheme in your area. Custody Visitors are trained volunteers who visit police custody suites and speak to detainees to ensure they are being fairly treated. If you would like to be involved, contact the Scheme Administrator at the police authority.

How to contact us

Hampshire Police Authority

Call: **01962 871595**

Email: police.authority@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

To see our publications, including the latest Annual Report and Policing Plan, visit: www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org

You can also find out more about our public meetings, which you are welcome to attend.

Hampshire Constabulary

In an emergency always dial 999.

For non-emergencies call 0845 045 4545 or 101 www.hampshire.police.uk

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 www.crime-stoppers-uk.org

Victim Support Line

0845 30 90 900 www.victimsupport.org.uk

What are our policing priorities?

The police authority has a statutory duty to engage with the communities of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to find out their community issues, concerns and priorities.

This ensures people's views and opinions are reflected in future plans including the Policing Plan – a three year rolling document that sets the policing priorities for Hampshire Constabulary.

In this year's plan there are six policing priorities:

- providing an excellent service
- catching criminals and managing offenders
- an active presence in every neighbourhood
- protecting our communities
- making the most of our resources
- equipping our team to deliver

Working with local people

During 2009/10 the police authority attended more than 30 community events to find out what people want the police to tackle, as well as a survey of 3,600 local people. Your views help us to focus on your priorities for the next Policing Plan.



What you wanted

We asked about your priorities and took action to tackle:

- anti-social behaviour
- vehicle crime
- speeding / anti social use of vehicles
- criminal damage

Cuts in crime/increase in residents' satisfaction

From 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010 across Hampshire:

- all crime **down 10.4 per cent** (16,536 fewer crimes)
- criminal damage **down 19.0 per cent** (6,738 fewer crimes)
- vehicle crime **down 19.7 per cent** (2,832 fewer crimes)
- rowdy and nuisance behaviour **down 18.7 per cent** (14,005 fewer incidents)
- vehicle nuisance / inappropriate vehicle use **down 24.7 per cent** (3,243 fewer incidents)
- gun crime **down 12.6 per cent** (15 fewer crimes)
- knife crime **down 8.4 per cent** (60 fewer crimes)
- serious violent crime **down 4.4 per cent** (42 fewer crimes).
- resident satisfaction levels **increased by 3 per cent to 67 per cent.**

Serious acquisitive crime (robbery, household burglaries and vehicle thefts) detection rate **improved** - but not enough to meet its target.



Good value for money and high quality, efficient policing

We make sure the police deliver good value services through:

- the police budget
- use of resources
- recommendations from inspections
- measuring performance

The Constabulary not only made efficiency savings of over £6 million last year but also achieved significant improvements in performance.

The police authority and Hampshire Constabulary are using efficiency savings from the 2009/10 financial year to support the 2010/11 budget, with a contribution from reserves of £2.3 million. Another £1.5 million is being saved by delivering further efficiency savings in police staff working practices.

Efficiency savings are helping to reduce the impact of recent cuts in Government funding for local policing.