

Partnership Matters

Your quarterly update on news and events from
Hampshire Police Authority



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POLICE AUTHORITY
for Hampshire & the Isle of Wight

Bringing you the news and opinions of your Police Authority

The events surrounding the G20 protests in London earlier this year is yet another example of how policing in the 21st century is carried out in the public spotlight. Never before has it been so important for an independent body to oversee the work of our police to ensure they are providing the best possible service to our communities, and upholding the law in a fair but robust manner.

Hampshire Police Authority has been carrying out this scrutiny of Hampshire Constabulary for a number of years. Its members spend many hours



Councillor
Jacqui
Rayment -
Chair of
Hampshire
Police
Authority

looking closely at the performance of the force and holding to account the Chief Constable and his team of senior officers in public meetings.

This update is designed to give you a snapshot of our work throughout the year. We want this information to be as interesting and relevant to you as possible, so if there are any topics you wish to see covered on a regular basis, please contact Communications Officer Richard Andrews

on the details found overleaf.

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Hampshire PA welcomes new Chief Executive

Hampshire Police Authority is delighted to announce the appointment of Jennifer Douglas-Todd as its new Chief Executive.

Mrs Douglas-Todd joined the Authority from the Independent Police Complaints Commission, where she was the Director for Policy and Research. She has also recently completed a secondment with the Home Office where she helped law enforcement agencies in Turkey to set up an effective complaints and misconduct system.

Mrs Douglas-Todd was selected from a shortlist of six candidates after a good response to the call for a replacement for Jeff Pattison, who retired at the end of March. She

took up the post at the beginning of August.

Mrs Douglas-Todd said: "I am extremely delighted to be appointed and look forward to working with the Police Authority and Hampshire Constabulary in meeting the challenges of modern policing and the vision of an ambitious police force.

"During my first few months I will want to meet with as many people as possible to hear the expectations of the Police Authority and Constabulary, and our communities and partners."

Mrs Douglas-Todd is based at the Authority's offices in Winchester.



For more details about the Police Authority, log onto www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org

Making a difference in your communities

With representation on all 15 **Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships** (CDRPs) across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, the Police Authority is well placed to play its part in turning strategic decisions into local results.

Safer communities are not achieved by one organisation alone, and CDRPs are an excellent example of how to bring together the skills and strengths of everyone in the community safety field for the greater good.

Delivering on the community's expectations are vital if confidence in the criminal justice system is to be boosted.



Judy Venables -
Independent
Member and
Chair of Test
Valley CDRP

The Authority's wide-ranging **consultation programme** across the two counties provide a perfect opportunity for concerns to be raised. These are then turned into priorities for everyone in Hampshire Constabulary to aim for.

For many people though, being given a helping hand is all that is needed. The Authority's **Crime Prevention Grants** help to reduce crime and to reduce the impact on victims of crime. Rape crisis centres, youth clubs and village CCTV projects have all benefited in recent years from a fund containing more than £190,000 set aside for community projects.

Preparing for future challenges

Many people will recall the stakeholder conference held in Southampton last September during which the Government Green Paper on Policing was discussed. We are nearly twelve months on, and while the proposal for crime and policing representatives has been held back, the wider debate about police accountability continues.

Part of the Police Authority's argument against crime and policing representatives was that Government was pre-judging the effectiveness of police authorities before they had been formally inspected. That process begins this year, and Hampshire will be one of the first across the country to receive a visit from the Audit Commission and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of

Constabulary. Some of our local authority partners may be approached by inspectors to comment on the Authority during the autumn months. At the same time, we expect a White Paper on Policing from the Government, expanding on former Home Secretary David Blunkett's report into police accountability. No date has been set for its publication, but as with the Green Paper consultation, we shall be working closely with our partners to achieve a considered view on the plans.

We plan to hold another stakeholder conference early in 2010, and details will be circulated when a programme has been finalised. If you want to register early interest in taking part, please contact the office on the details below.

Future consultations

- 5 Sept - Alresford Agricultural Show.
- Sept (TBC) - Portsmouth University.
- All Oct - Basingstoke Neighbourhood Watch.
- 21 Oct - Test Valley Disabled Community.
- Nov - All Test Valley residents.



Consultation event in Aldershot

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