

A message from Gloucestershire's Police and Crime Commissioner:

'Less crime, more peace and good order'

In November 2012, Martin Surl (pictured right) was elected as Gloucestershire's first Police and Crime Commissioner. His role is to tackle crime and to improve community safety in an efficient and effective way. While the Chief Constable is in charge of day to day policing, Martin sets the policing budget and objectives and represents the public. He also has an important role in the wider criminal justice system and, in that, is working with the voluntary, public and private sectors. He supports 'Restorative Justice' where the needs of victims are taken into account and offenders must take responsibility for their actions.

HIS PRIORITIES ARE:

- **Accessibility and accountability** – Getting the right resources to the right situation or problem first time, every time, on time and dealing with it appropriately and effectively.
- **Older but not overlooked** – Older people need to feel and remain an active part of our communities whether they live in their own homes or are in residential care.
- **Young people becoming adults** – We need sensitive, relevant and effective policing to ensure our young people become law-abiding, productive members of society.



- **Safe days and nights for all** – Gloucestershire has a strong night-time economy but it needs to be better managed, with alcohol related crime and disorder being reduced. Everyone should be able to go out to our parks, pubs and streets without fear.
- **Safe & social driving** – People should be able to move around our communities in safety and with as much ease and convenience as possible. The police will enforce the law when necessary, but we will all work to reduce offending and antisocial driving.

"By working together, we can all make Gloucestershire a safer, healthier, more just and more inclusive place"

– Martin Surl,
Police and Crime Commissioner

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In the local community

Superintendent Bridget Woodhall is in charge of policing in the Cheltenham Local Policing area. Inspectors Tim Waterhouse (South) and John Roberts (North) lead the Local Policing Teams.

Local officers have been using technology to find stolen items. Contact with Microsoft revealed that an Xbox stolen in a burglary had been sold to a second hand shop and bought by an innocent member of the public. The offender was arrested in Plymouth and charged.

Town Centre officers ran Operation Kracker in the run up to Christmas, when plain clothed officers targeted shoplifters and pick pockets. Four men and two girls were detained for theft offences, two were arrested and the others were dealt with by community resolutions.

Spending plans

Budget Requirement	2012-13	2013-14
Constabulary		
Police officers	64,826	63,477
PCSOs	4,639	3,981
Police staff	21,067	19,778
Other running costs	22,468	21,492
Capital financing	2,077	2,158
Expenditure	115,077	110,886
Additional Police Officers (GCC)	-2,147	0
Interest and other income	-1,902	-1,720
Specific grants	-10,100	-9,956
Net expenditure	100,928	99,210
Office of PCC	765	675
Commissioning Fund	0	2,321
Total budget	101,693	102,206
Transfer to/ from reserves	1,974	480
Net budget requirement	103,667	102,686
Funded by:		
Government grant	58,409	60,644
Collection fund surplus	291	309
Which leaves council tax payers to fund	44,967	41,733

The level of council tax
The band D council tax you will pay this year for services provided by the Police and Crime Commissioner is £203.68, which is £3.99 more than last year, an increase of 2.0 per cent. The amount we will spend on services will reduce by 0.9 per cent.

Planned savings of £5.6m are included in the budget and the Constabulary is on target to achieve a total of £18m savings over the four years to 2014-15.

There is an ongoing programme of change to minimise any impact on front line services. The majority of funding for the budget, nearly 60 per cent, comes from general government grant.

How our budget compares with last year

Budget Comparison	£000
Original budget 2012-13	103,667
Inflation	1,203
Specific grant changes	376
Additional costs	405
Commissioning fund	2,000
Loss of funding from County Council	2,147
Reduced transfer to reserves	-1,495
Planned savings	-5,617
Budget requirement 2013-14	102,686

Investment in the future
The Commissioner plans to spend £14.2m in 2013-14 on capital schemes to improve operational effectiveness and service delivery. This will be paid for from government grants, proceeds from the sale of properties and revenue contributions. The running expenses of new projects are provided for in the revenue budget.

How many staff we employ
The Commissioner has budgeted to employ the full-time equivalent of 1,880 staff in 2013-14 compared to 1,940 in 2012-13.