



## PCC's budget approved unanimously by councillors

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Tackling antisocial behaviour and patrolling hotspot areas are the focus of the PCC's budget this year.

Unanimously approved by Councillors at this month's Police and Crime Panel, the PCC proposed increasing the police part of the council tax by £13 a year for an average Band D house.

This will maintain Kent and Medway's record number of officers. And alongside the new Neighbourhood Police Officers, additional funds will provide targeted patrols in antisocial behaviour and drug hotspot areas.

Significant savings will still need to be made however, and that is why Matthew Scott has had to increase the precept.

*"I do not ask for this rise lightly, but it is needed to help balance the budget. This precept means Kent Police will maintain its record Officer numbers, protect our excellent call handling performance and reduce the impact of the other savings.*

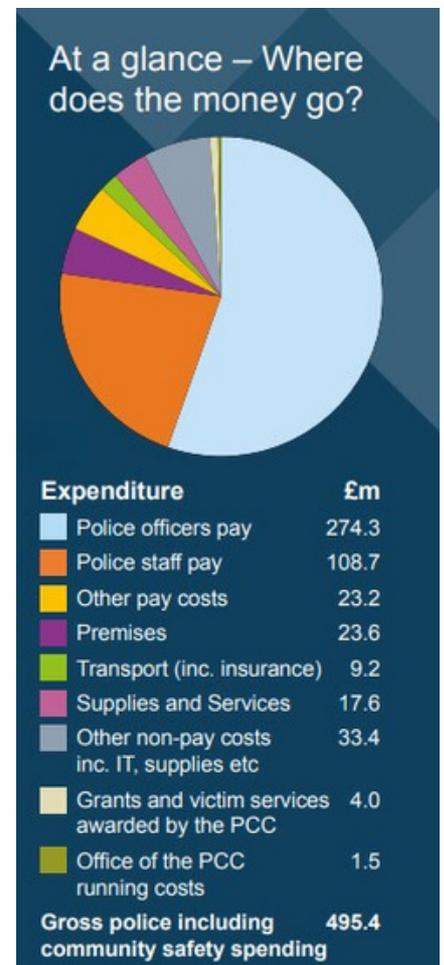
*"In addition, we will see more visible policing to tackle antisocial behaviour and drug use. Every district will benefit from this and the additional patrols will make our neighbourhoods safer."*

- An increase in the precept of £13.00 a year, or 5.34% for an average Band D property, equivalent to £1.08 a month or 3.5p per day.
- The police precept on council tax for an average Band D property will be £256.15.
- The Kent PCC council tax precept remains the eighth lowest in the country.
- Savings of about £7.3m will still need to be found.

# Find out where your money goes

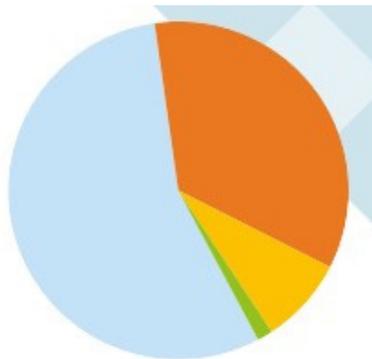
You can find out more details about the budget on our website: [www.kent-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.kent-pcc.gov.uk)

The funding for the antisocial behaviour patrols will be £932,000 for the full financial year, and £500,000 will be used for an "Immediate Justice" initiative, which will begin in October 2024 and will mean those committing asb will be forced to undertake some sort of community payback within 48 hours.



## Funding for the police

	£m
Central government grants	275.2
Council tax precept	172.0
Locally generated income	40.9
Predicted savings	7.3
<b>Total financing</b>	<b>495.4</b>



## Annual Policing Survey Results 2023

The annual policing survey commissioned by Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Scott, shows the majority of people living in the county do trust Kent Police.

The consultation was open over the summer and autumn months and 4538 people took part. Questions included how well residents thought Kent Police perform; whether people had been victims of crime over the last year and whether people feel safe where they live.

Residents were asked to rank their level of trust in the force on a score of 1-10, with 10 being "trust completely", 1 being "do not trust at all" and 5 being "neutral". On average people scored the police 6/10.

"Thank you to all those who took part in this survey. It provides me with valuable information, which I will use to hold the Chief Constable to account."

The full survey report can be found on the PCC website. [www.kent-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.kent-pcc.gov.uk)

[contactyourpcc@kent.police.uk](mailto:contactyourpcc@kent.police.uk)  
[kent-pcc.gov.uk](http://kent-pcc.gov.uk)

## Recruitment News

The PCC attended the latest passing out parade for new Police officers. In the financial year up to November 2023, 124 new Police officers have completed their training at the dedicated Kent Police College in Maidstone. The force are continuing to recruit to maintain its record establishment of 4223 officers.



## Drink , Drug , Drive Campaign

This year's Kent Police annual drink and drug campaign saw a 13 % increase in arrests compared to previous years. Over 1,000 drivers were stopped and tested by the Roads Policing Unit between 1st December and 1st January as part of a national initiative to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the country's roads.

The PCC funded many of the adverts and awareness campaigns, with help from other members of the Kent & Medway Safer Roads Partnership.



## Call handling success

We know there were problems last year in our Call Centre, with 101 calls often not being answered for a long time and many not being answered at all. This has dramatically improved and in January the wait for 101 was on average 19 seconds. Remember, if a crime is happening NOW or if it's an emergency, please call 999. You can also report online at:  
**[www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk)**



# Visits around Kent and Medway



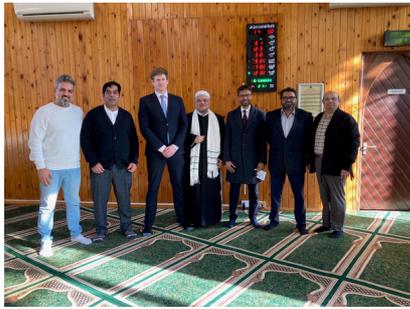
**Meeting the Women's Institute in Staplehurst**



**Street Stall in Kingshill**



**With the Home Secretary James Cleverly at North Kent Police Station**



**Al-Birr Community Centre and Mosque in Margate**

**The PCC has been busy meeting people across Kent and Medway, talking to them about their experiences of policing. He has met with some of the charities he supports, religious groups, held street stalls in shopping centres and supermarkets and much more.**



**Headcorn with Cllr Martin Round**



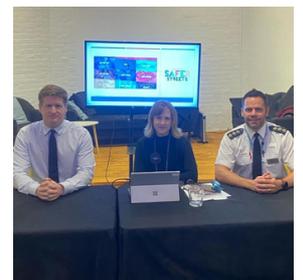
**Meeting the new CEO of the domestic abuse volunteers charity DAVSS**



**Royal Victoria Place in Tunbridge Wells**



**The Amber Foundation Ashford support for homeless young people**



**Canterbury Retail Round Table**



**Visiting Kennington Neighbourhood Watch**



**Meeting with The Chatham Pentagon Manager and Safer Medway Partnership**



**Ramsgate Synagogue**

## Spot signs of domestic abuse – training available

**Would you notice if someone was experiencing domestic abuse? Do you feel confident enough to give safe advice when you spot the signs?**

**Beyond Valentine's Day:  
Get Real About Relationships**

Domestic Abuse is a hugely under reported crime.

A secret that many victims keep for years, sometimes decades.

Would you notice the signs if someone close to you was experiencing violence at home?



Oasis Domestic Abuse Service and East Kent Domestic Abuse Forum want you to feel confident identifying abuse and have the skills to increase people's safety.

**The PCC has funded 5 '7 Minute Snippet' Domestic Abuse training videos through his Crime Reduction Grant to be shared with your friends and family.**

These 5 '7 Minute Snippet' YouTube videos can be watched in the time it takes for a quick cup of tea but could change a life.

**To watch the videos go to YouTube @oasisdomesticabuseservice3397 or find a like to them on our website: [www.kent-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.kent-pcc.gov.uk)**

## Victim Voice

Victim Voice, our one-stop shop guide for victims, has been updated. Check out our website and download a copy.



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