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Marianne Storey

Running For Dorset Police & Crime
Commissioner 2024



**Real Change,
Honest Leadership,
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I am an independent candidate because I believe the Police and Crime Commissioner should be a democratically elected advocate for local people, not governed by a political party. Only by being independent can the PCC hold the police to account.

My priorities have grown from conversations I have had with the public, with police representatives and with organisations who work with victims of crime. People have said they want a police force they can trust; a force that responds, listens, and can be seen to be tackling crime.

On behalf of the people of Dorset, I will lead real change tackling the root causes of crime, through honest dialogue and transparent actions.

I will champion a police force that is visible - enabling us to reclaim our town centres, protect our rural areas and defend our coastal communities, whilst also galvanising the public sector to bolster prevention.

1. I will ensure you have visible Police Officers preventing crime. I want you to hear reassurance coming from the teams tackling violent and serious crime. You also have the right to be taken seriously when you have concerns and complaints. I will ensure this happens by creating a culture of visibility from the top, and a police force you can trust.

2. The safety of women and girls must be improved. By prioritising specialist teams who create safety and justice for vulnerable people, and interventions proven to work, perpetrators of crimes, like domestic abuse, can be stopped in their tracks.

3. Prevention of crime is rooted in supporting our younger people; – as perpetrators, or as victims. My initiatives will support disadvantaged young people to prevent them being involved in crime. In turn, communities will have more of a say about policing in our neighbourhoods.

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Higher Police Visibility

I'm focused on addressing the root causes of youth crime, building positive safeguarding measures, and protecting young people and our communities from crime.

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More Officers Where We Can See Them, When We Need Them

01

Tough On Crime

Antisocial behaviour and shoplifting in our towns is on the rise. Bike crime and theft in BCP are higher than the national average.

With more officers available in town centres being tough on crime and antisocial behaviour, we can return them to places we want to visit. When we know an officer will come when we report a crime in our home, we can be reassured that the police are on our side.

02

Specialist Teams

Dorset has 89 miles of coastline and over 1000 square miles of countryside. That means marine crime, border crime and some very isolated rural communities.

With visible officers keeping our crafts and waters safe we enjoy our coastline in safety even at peak tourist times of the year when marine crime sores. With specialist teams responding fast to rural and farming crime, isolated communities won't have to live in fear.

03

Reduce Violent Crime

Violent crime rose in Dorset last year, while national averages fell. Some of the worse crimes are simply not visible but cause great harm.

With senior officers working harder to visibly give assurance about what they are doing, with other agencies, to tackle organised crime, violent crime and cyber crime, we can all feel safer and that we, and the most vulnerable people in our society, are being protected.

Visible Learning, Visible Improvement

01

Data Led Decisions

In June 2023 police performance data were made more easily available, designed to improve accountability.

With a new culture of honest visibility about performance, and real accountability, we can build a new kind of relationship between the police and the public.

02

Learn and Improve

The Independent Office for Police Conduct want police forces to learn from complaints and use them to improve what they do.

Only with a new culture of openness and willingness to learn from crime, complaints and suggestions, can we be assured that the police are on our side and willing to learn from difficult situations. To get it right, they have to be able to admit to sometimes getting it wrong.

03

Neighbourhood Safety

Research shows that neighbourhood safety initiatives really work – in ways that go beyond just crime prevention.

Only by investing in neighbourhood safety initiatives that are proven to work, and with easy ways to contact neighbourhood policing teams, can we be assured that we, and our loved ones, are safe at home even when officers are not always visible.

Evidence and Outcomes of Intervention

01

Reoffending Strategy

Some behaviour change programmes work and some don't. The Pan-Dorset Reoffending Strategy ended in 2021 and has been under review since 2023.

With an urgent prioritisation of a new and robust re-offending strategy, Community Safety Partnerships can commit to a new culture of rehabilitation that protects us from criminals who might omit multiple offences.

02

Academic Research

Academic research can show whether police and criminal justice systems work.

With Bournemouth University and the police working more closely together, we can know that our police are learning from research carried out right on our doorstep and taking actions to change what they do based on rock solid evidence.

03

Independent Panels

Independent Scrutiny Panels and Independent Advisory Groups are there give the public even greater ability to hold the police to account.

With more robust arrangements in place to prioritise and strengthen these panels, we can have a much stronger voice to ensure our police are listening to us and acting on our behalf.

Safety for Women & Girls

I'm devoted to ending violence against women and girls, ensuring they're safe everywhere and always, by promoting allyship and making public spaces safer.

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Changing the Culture of Violence Against Women & Girls.

01

Zero Tolerance

Over 300 sexual violence crimes are committed in Dorset every year. That's nearly 1 a day. 85% of victims are women.

Only with a new culture of zero-tolerance to any forms of gender and sex-based threats and violence can women and girls as well as our LGBTQI+ residents be safe in Dorset wherever they are. With the police leading culture change from the very top, women can be assured that the root causes are being addressed, however hard.

02

Guaranteed Protection

Women in particularly vulnerable circumstances like hospital, prison, refuges or living with known domestic violence are at much higher risk of harm.

With a new priority focus on scrupulous risk assessment and exemplary safety planning, women can increasingly know that, when they are in those circumstances, they will be guaranteed protection and safety.

03

Specialist Support

Nearly 8,500 domestic abuse crimes were reported in Dorset in 2023. But only 7% resulted in a charge or summons.

With absolute confidence in police responses and total assurance of protection and support, women can feel better able to report abuse and seek safety. With support from specialist workers, women can be more confident that more perpetrators will be prosecuted.

Stopping First Offenders in Their Tracks

01

Behavioural Change

Perpetrators of a first sexual or domestic abuse crime, if not stopped, can go on to offend again causing more and more harm.

By only using programmes that are known to work, and a new culture of prioritising behaviour change programmes after first offences, women can be confident that, in Dorset, they are safe from an escalation of harm.

02

Challenge Bias

Evidence shows that women and girls experience bias and discrimination when they are involved in arrest and prosecution proceedings.

With a better understanding of discrimination, and staff equipped to recognise and challenge bias, everyone can have a fair experience – particularly when proceedings involve sexual violence, domestic abuse and families. So that women report abuse early.

03

Perpetrator Profiling

Most perpetrators of domestic violence are partners or ex-partners and there are places where these crimes take place more than others. In Dorset, we know where they are and likely profiles of offenders.

With better perpetrator profiling, early intervention support, and a culture of risk assessment, research and learning, women can be reassured that everything possible is being done to protect them from the harm of repeated domestic violence and sexual abuse.

Rebuilding Trust in a Force We Can Rely On

01

Designed to Protect

Since the death of Sarah Everard women have lost trust in the police. Distrust makes everyone less safe.

With new relentless scrutiny of officers and the involvement of the public in recruitment and performance reviews, women can start to rebuild trust in a force designed to protect them and their families. When the police get this right for women, everyone is better off.

02

A Fit & Well Force

Two-thirds of police officers experience mental health distress as a result of their work, but 93% will work anyway in order to serve the public.

With investment in supporting the mental health and wellbeing of officers, we can all be confident that our police are fit and well enough to carry out their duties to protect us and our families.

03

Honesty & Consistency

British policing is based on consent. Their functions rest on 'public approval of their existence, actions and behaviour'.

With a solid commitment to be honest, transparent and consistent with reporting of crime, women, other marginalised groups and victims of crime can trust what we are being told and rebuild confidence that we and our communities are safe.

Supporting our Young People

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Supporting Young People as Prevention of Crime

01

Reduce Antisocial Behaviour

Shoplifting crime has increased everywhere over the last year. Antisocial behaviour in BCP is way over the national average.

With a new commitment to tackling the causes of antisocial behaviour, alongside investment to reduce these crimes, we can stop this problem getting worse and return to our town centres without fear.

02

Measure Impact

Education programmes about crime and about emotional regulation and mental health have been shown to reduce crime.

With a new culture of measuring impact and partnership efforts, we can be assured that the police are working hard to prioritise education programmes that work.

03

Support the Disadvantaged

Research shows that severe hardship and adverse childhood experiences increase a young person's likelihood to offend.

With a much stronger emphasis on the importance of partnerships that support very disadvantaged young people, we can be confident that the police are part of a shared commitment to prevent children experiencing harm.

Diverting Young People Away From Crime

01

Commitment to Partnerships

The HM Inspectorate of Probation Report on Dorset Combined Youth Justice Services in 2023 recommended strengthening partnership arrangements for overseeing youth justice.

With Dorset Police making a stronger commitment to the arrangements for partnerships that tackle youth justice, we can be more confident that the right people are making the right decisions about young people involved in the justice system.

02

Different Life Opportunities

The Ministry of Justice introduced the Turnaround Programme in 2022 designed to divert young people away from crime after a first offence.

With a greater emphasis of transparency about the impact of diversion programmes and investment in their evaluation, we can be more confident that young offenders are following different life opportunities away from crime and being supported to do so.

03

Justice and Reform

Dorset has many strong and committed charities and voluntary organisations who support victims and campaign for justice and reform.

With skilled leadership across the voluntary sector, and investment in focused projects, we can be safe in the knowledge that all charitable organisations are working with each other and with the police towards the same aims of keeping young people safe, supporting victims and preventing crime in our county.

Tackling Crimes That Affect Young People the Most

01

Skilled Leadership

Crimes that affect young people and cause high harm are on the rise.

With a new emphasis on skilled leadership from the police within the partnerships that tackle the complex problems of knife crime, drug-related crime, county-lines crime and child sexual abuse, Dorset's young people have a much greater chance of benefiting from their existence.

02

Tackling Cybercrime

Research shows that 1 in 5 children between 10 & 15 have experienced cyberbullying and the numbers increase with age. Cybercrime generally is on the rise.

With strong campaigning against online crime, and much improved ways to report cyberbullying and other forms of cybercrime, it will be easier for the police to take action against those responsible, wherever they are.

03

Ahead of the Game

The Policing Vision for 2025 describes how the police force needs to evolve to meet the needs of the next generation.

With a police force that is 'ahead of the game' because of a culture of innovation, an ability to adapt to the increase of online crime and make the best possible use of technology and digital developments, Dorset can become a beacon of innovation and safety.

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