



## Funding and grants

Throughout my term as Police and Crime Commissioner, it is my responsibility to allocate funding to community initiatives, local interventions and projects that are both outcome-focused and demonstrate value for money for West Mercia. I allocate a total of around £6.2 million to a number of projects. This includes anything from the Victim Advice Line support service, local sports projects, speed reduction measures and programmes aimed at reducing the number of young people from being exploited.

All investment is targeted towards supporting victims to cope and recover, as well as reducing offending and reoffending throughout West Mercia.

My Safer West Mercia Plan priorities, for which investment will be targeted towards, include:

- Putting victims and survivors first
- Building a more secure West Mercia
- Reforming West Mercia
- Reassuring West Mercia's communities



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# The role of the PCC



**John Campion**  
Police and Crime Commissioner



**As your Police and Crime Commissioner I work for and with local communities to build a safer West Mercia. It is my role to scrutinise the service that you, as a member of a local community, get from your police force. I ensure your needs are met and that you have a service you can trust and be confident in.**

By holding West Mercia's Chief Constable to account, I ensure you receive an effective, efficient police service. My role gives you and your community a voice at the highest level, ensuring your priorities are understood and acted on.

My role involves more than focusing on policing, I work with hundreds of partners involved with criminal justice, health and community safety, and I have a responsibility to make sure local priorities are joined up, and services work together for the best results.

I work to cut and prevent crime by working with the police and hundreds of local and national partners, all related to building safer, stronger and healthier communities. These include councils, charities, sports clubs, schools, prisons and health services.

### As the PCC, I...

- ✓ Produce a Safer West Mercia plan which outlines my priorities for the next four years
- ✓ Determine the Police Precept each year – this is the police's share of council tax contributions. This is always done in consultation with local communities
- ✓ Am responsible for West Mercia Police's budget of more than £200 million each year. I ensure the force is using this effectively, achieving the best possible value for money
- ✓ Am responsible for hiring or, if necessary, firing West Mercia Police's Chief Constable
- ✓ Engage with local communities. This includes attending local events and community meetings, consultations across Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire and Telford to get the views from the public, as well as engaging online and through social media and via my Deputy and my Community Ambassadors
- ✓ Have a number of national responsibilities as well as local ones. I ensure the police can protect the public from cross-border threats like terrorism and organised crime
- ✓ Am responsible for making sure appropriate services are available for victims of crime



### Get involved

I am committed to supporting active citizenship as part of my aim to build stronger, more united communities.

As well as listening to community issues, priorities and concerns, I am keen to also give more opportunities for communities to create and implement improvements and solutions with the police in a supporting role, where necessary. Grant funding is enabling thousands of volunteering hours this year alone.

I will help ensure resources and support are available for projects that support the objectives within my Safer West Mercia Plan. A huge number of good projects are already going on in communities across the West Mercia area, some of which are listed below:

- **Watch schemes** – Neighbourhood Watch, Pub Watch, Rural Watch, etc
- **West Mercia Police** – Special Constables, volunteers, cadets and academies
- **Volunteering** – such as Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs)
- **Sports** – realising the importance it can play in creating a safer West Mercia
- **Community Speed Watch**

Visit my website for more information on how you can get involved where you live: [www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/in-your-community/get-involved](http://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/in-your-community/get-involved)

