

## PCC DORSET NEWS

Welcome to the latest edition of PCC DORSET NEWS, which follows the work of Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill. In this issue, we explore the Police and Crime Plan, Early Intervention, Regional Collaboration and the work of Special Constables

### New Police and Crime Plan for Dorset, Poole, Bournemouth

PCC Martyn Underhill has unveiled his five year Police and Crime plan to keep Dorset safe.

The plan includes six priorities. They are to reduce the number of victims of crime; reduce the number of people seriously harmed; to protect the public from serious threats; reduce re-offending; increase people's satisfaction in policing and to support Neighbourhood Policing.



Mr Underhill said: "We need to work together to keep Dorset safe. My vision is for a Dorset where people feel safe, both at home and in the community. I want to see a more visible force which operates in the heart of the community.

Chief Constable Debbie Simpson said: "This plan will help to shape how we continue to deliver our policing service in Dorset"

See the full plan online  
[www.dorset.pcc.police.uk](http://www.dorset.pcc.police.uk)

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### Dorset Police Marine Section To Stay

PCC Martyn Underhill has confirmed that Dorset Police Marine Section will not be disbanded. This follows a review by Dorset Police and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, which was borne out of the government cuts.

The new section will be based in the Dorset Police marine office at Poole Harbour, and will come into effect in May.



**DIAL 101**  
TO CONTACT THE POLICE

In an emergency always call 999



## Dorset Putting Victims First

Dorset's Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill is one of five PCC's across the country, chosen to showcase his vision for Dorset at two key Victim Support meetings in London.

Martyn said "I am delighted to have these opportunities to meet with the charity's Board of Trustees to discuss how we can work together to ensure that victims of crime in Dorset have the best possible care.

The needs of victims are central to my Police and Crime Plan ."

A spokesperson from Victim Support says "We chose Martyn Underhill as he's one of the leading independent PCCs and someone who has publicly committed to putting victims first.

"We want to understand better how Martyn intends to bring these commitments to life and how Victim Support and its partners can work with him to do so".



**PCC Martyn Underhill, Chief Executive of Victim Support Javed Khan**

Mr Underhill has also pledged to hold Victim Forums, to represent the views of victims across Dorset.

## PCC Forums and Surgeries

Regular PCC Forums and Surgeries will be taking place across Dorset this year. The first event took place in Shaftesbury on 22 March and was attended by 50 people.

Mr Underhill used the session to speak with representatives of the community who included business owners, charity representatives and public sector workers.

**"I was elected by the people of Dorset and I promised to listen to them once I was in office"**

Martyn Underhill said: "Forums and Surgeries allow me to speak with the public directly about policing and crime in their area.

By working together like this, we can keep Dorset safe."

Reducing speeding and anti-social behaviour emerged as key concerns.

Debate also centred on the Government's Alcohol Strategy and Mental Health Provision.



**Shaftesbury Forum**

## Dorset Specials Go Above And Beyond

Special Constables in Dorset clocked up an incredible 58,532 hours of police service in 2012 - helping to make Dorset even safer.

A number of special constables were thanked for their efforts when they were presented with a certificate of recognition by Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill and chief officers.



Of the 58,532 hours service in 2012 - 30,767 hours were given by 44 special constables.

Mr Underhill said: "The Force and I created the awards to recognise the fantastic work that specials do. Their commitment is inspiring."

Chief Constable Debbie Simpson said: "The number of hours service given by special constables in Dorset is incredibly humbling. Every member of the team helps to make a difference to communities in Dorset."

## New Safer Neighbourhood Team Office Opens in Broadstone

A new Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) office has opened in Broadstone – the result of hard work and commitment from police and partners.

The office opened in March 2013, with a formal opening held on Tuesday 16 April 2013.

The office will be used as a base by the Safer Neighbourhood Teams that cover the areas of Broadstone, Merley, Canford Heath, Creekmoor and Waterloo.

Poole North Neighbourhood



Inspector, Ian Roe, said: “The new office provides an excellent facility for the teams that cover the north of Poole. It puts our neighbourhood officers right at the heart of the communities they serve and means they can

get out and about quickly and easily at the start of a shift.

Martyn Underhill, said: “I’m delighted with the new office for Broadstone. I want to see effective policing operating in the heart of communities. This new office will increase officer visibility and will improve accessibility to the public.”

Find out more  
[www.dorset.police.uk](http://www.dorset.police.uk)

## Teenage Abuse - Don't Suffer In Silence

Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill is backing a government campaign to raise awareness of abuse in teenage relationships.

The ‘This is Abuse’ campaign aims to prevent teenagers from becoming victims of abusive relationships. It encourages teenagers to re-think their views of acceptable violence, abuse or controlling behaviour in relationships.

Mr Underhill said: “Many teenagers don’t realise that domestic abuse can include intimidating and controlling behaviour. You don’t have to suffer abuse.

We want teenagers to talk to us or if they can’t talk to us, then talk to someone.”

One Home Office study found that 25% of girls and 18% of boys had been physically abused and 75% of girls and 50% of boys had suffered emotional abuse.

The study also found that sexual violence happened to one in three girls and one in six boys.

**“Every minute in the UK the police receive a call for help with relationship abuse”**

## Keeping Our Children Safe

Work continues in Dorset on giving children the best start in life.

Early Intervention can help provide children with social and emotional support needed to help fulfill their potential and break the cycles of underachievement which blight some of our poorest communities.



PCC Martyn Underhill said: “I am working with the Force and Partners to identify the root cause of social problems rather than spend years afterwards treating the symptoms.

Every child should have the chance to succeed regardless of their background. We need to build a successful approach to tackling troubled families early.”



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## WHAT IS A PCC?

A Police and Crime Commissioner is an independent elected position that is charged with securing efficient and effective policing over a force area.

This office replaces the role of the Police Authority.

Martyn Underhill was elected as Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset in November 2012.

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## South West PCCs and Chief Constables to Work Together

Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) and Chief Constables in the South West are to meet regularly, to discuss ways of co-operating across the region.

The President of the Association of Chief Police Officers, Sir Hugh Orde, was a guest at the latest regional meeting, which took place in Exeter on Wednesday 17th April.

The five South West policing areas have vowed to work closer together in the future.

Martyn Underhill said: "It is important to develop a regional,



Picture shows (left to right) Mike Veale (DCC, Wiltshire), Suzette Davenport (CC, Gloucestershire), Nick Gargan (CC, Avon and Somerset), Debbie Simpson (CC, Dorset), Shaun Sawyer (CC, Devon and Cornwall), Tony Hogg (PCC, Devon and Cornwall), Martyn Underhill (PCC, Dorset), Martin Surl (PCC, Gloucestershire), Sue Mountstevens (PCC, Avon and Somerset), Angus MacPherson (PCC, Wiltshire)

as well as a local voice. I look forward to working with the region's other PCCs and Chief Constables in the months and years ahead. Together, we can ensure policing

in the South West remains efficient and effective."

PCCs and Chief Constables from Dorset, Devon and Cornwall, Avon and Somerset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire have reinforced their determination to develop a powerful group to ensure that the region stays amongst the safest in the country, despite government cutbacks.

It will also be a powerful voice in lobbying for resources.

A new governance model has been agreed for future projects.