

POLICING IN NORTH HERTS

Overall crime has fallen significantly for the second year running, with a substantial reduction in violent crime.

However, home burglary has increased for the first time in a number of years and police are working with partners to target these offences, many of which involve criminals from other areas.

In this past year more criminals have been brought to justice in North Herts, taking them off our streets. Below are some of the other things that are being done to make North Herts a safer district:

- Operation Tarantula is casting its web to reduce theft of and from vehicles in the district. It focuses on raising public awareness and targeting criminals.
- Together with partners, Pubwatch schemes have been set up in each town and a night time economy plan has been drawn up for the main town centres to target alcohol-related crime.
- Unusually, two separate serious offences – a shooting in Letchworth and a series of robberies in Hitchin and Baldock – took place in North Herts last year. They both received a swift partnership response, resulting in very early arrests and reassurance for the public.
- 'No Cold Calling' zones have been established with partners as one of the ways to combat the growing number of distraction burglaries that target elderly victims.

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The Police Authority sets the budget, agrees policing priorities and monitors closely how well the Constabulary performs. We also appoint and hold to account the Chief Constable and his senior officer team.

The local Police Authority Lead member for North Herts is:

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Other useful numbers:

CRIMESTOPPERS: 0800 555 111

Victim Support: 01707 354627

Domestic Violence/abuse helpline: 08088 088 088 (freephone)

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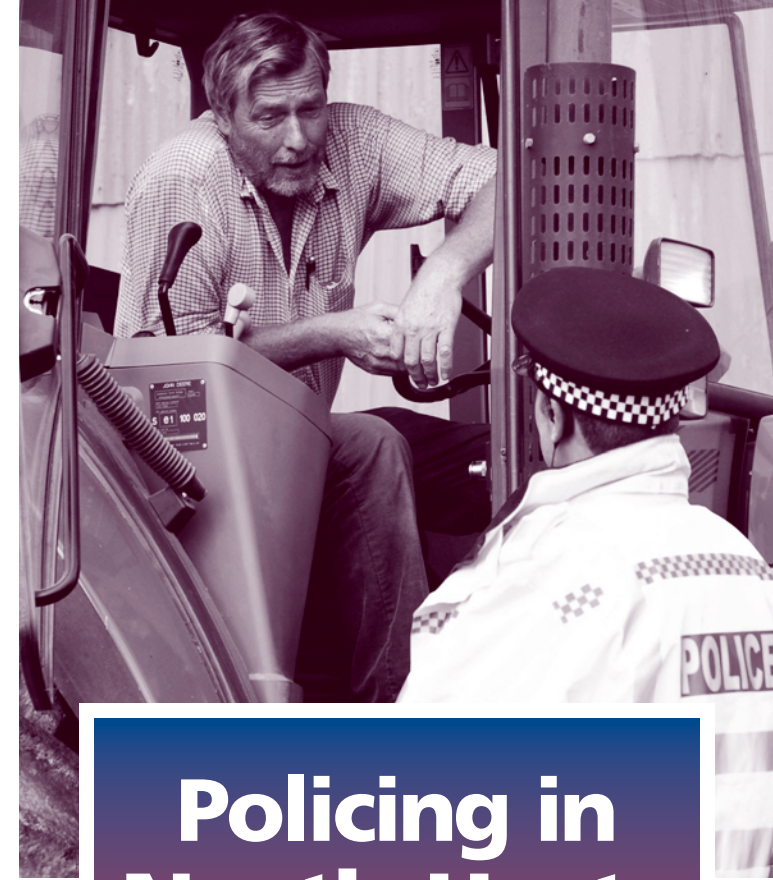
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Policing in North Herts

The services we provide
and the money it costs



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Despite a below inflation grant from the Government, Hertfordshire police staff numbers are now at their highest ever levels totalling 4,107, including 2,148 police officers and 252 Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs).

Unlike many police authorities, we have also managed to keep the level of council tax increase below the expected government capping level, which means someone living in a Band D* property will pay £136.67 a year for policing, a 4.99% increase.

Next year, the Police Authority will spend £178.2m, an increase of £6.8m. National pay increases account for two-thirds of this amount and an extra £2.2m is being invested in our priority areas. To balance the budget, this year we will make over £3.2m of efficiency savings and will use a further £1.3m from our reserves.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

	2007/08 £m	2008/09 £m
Central Government Funding	114.4	117.7
Council Tax	56.6	60.2
Collection Fund	0.4	0.3
Net Budget	171.4	178.2
Fees and Charges	2.5	2.9
Other Government Grants	12.8	13.0
Partner Funding for PCSOs	2.2	2.2
Use of Reserves	1.3	1.3
Gross Budget	190.2	197.6

HOW IT IS SPENT

	2007/08 £m	2008/09 £m
Police officers and police staff	161.9	166.4
Supplies, services, premises, vehicles and capital financing	27.2	30.1
Police Authority	1.1	1.1
TOTAL	190.2	197.6

Policing Priorities for 2008-2011

Hertfordshire is one of the safest counties in England. Over the last year crime has gone down in Hertfordshire and the percentage of crimes detected has gone up.

The Police Authority has now produced a plan under four main headings that sets out what we expect the police to do in the next three years to make Hertfordshire even safer.

The full Policing Plan is available on our website - www.herts-police-authority.org.uk or from our Police Authority office (see back for contact details).

Reduce Crime

Lower crime rates are our highest priority. We have tasked the Force to continue reducing home burglary, robbery and vehicle crime. We will also invest an extra £0.4m this year so that the police can improve the protection of vulnerable people including victims of sexual offences.

Target Criminals

The police will continue to improve the detection of crime, particularly all serious violent crimes and domestic violence offences. We also expect detection of home burglary to improve significantly. Finally, the police will continue to combat the supply of Class A drugs throughout the county.

Increase Feelings of Safety

People should *feel* safe and confident to lead full lives; just *having* a low crime rate is not enough. We will ensure that Neighbourhood Police Constables and Police Community Support Officers are visible in our communities and work with partners to reduce anti-social behaviour, including alcohol-related disorder. The police will also focus on keeping young people safe and away from crime.

Spend Money Wisely

The Police Authority has been recognised as "Performing Strongly" in ensuring value for money. We aim to maintain that record whilst keeping the quality of services high. For example, although we are reducing resources in call handling we shall maintain the high level of response and satisfaction with this service.

All enquiries about payments, rebates or benefits should be made to your local district or borough council (the telephone number can be found on your council tax bill).

* The amount of money you will pay for policing will be shown as the police precept on your council tax bill.

For Police Authority budget information call 01707 354252 or write to the address on the back of this leaflet.