

On an average day,
Hertfordshire Constabulary...



Data timeframe: 1 July 2022 - 31 December 2022

Where the money comes from

	2022/23 £m	2023/24 £m
Central Government Funding	141.8	142.3
Council Tax	102.2	110.5
Collection Fund	0.3	0.4
Net Budget	244.3	253.2
Fees and Charges	8.3	8.3
Other Government Grants	7.5	9.6
Use of Reserves	1.0	0.5
Gross Budget	261.1	271.6

Council tax precept bandings

Precept Bands	A	B	C	D
2022/23 £	148.67	173.44	198.22	223.00
2023/24 £	158.67	185.11	211.56	238.00
Precept Bands	E	F	G	H
2022/23 £	272.56	322.11	371.67	446.00
2023/24 £	290.89	343.78	396.67	476.00



HERTFORDSHIRE
CONSTABULARY

Prevention First

**How to contact
Hertfordshire Constabulary**

Report Online
www.herts.police.uk

Webchat facility available

999 in an emergency when a life is threatened
or there is imminent danger

101 for all non-emergency calls when you don't
require an urgent response

Alternatively you can call the charity
CrimeStoppers or visit
www.crimestoppers-uk.org

**How to contact the Office
of the Police and Crime
Commissioner**

Email: commissioner@herts-pcc.gov.uk

Phone: 01707 806100

Website: www.hertscommissioner.org

Instagram: [hertsopcc](https://www.instagram.com/hertsopcc). **Twitter:** [@hertsopcc](https://twitter.com/hertsopcc)

Facebook: [facebook.com/hertsopcc](https://www.facebook.com/hertsopcc)



beacon Website: www.hertfordshirebeacon.org

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David Lloyd
**Police & Crime
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FOR HERTFORDSHIRE

Policing Hertfordshire
Your Council Tax 2023 - 2024





Back in 2019 you told me that you wanted more police officers. Thanks to your investment and our prudent financial management we now have Hertfordshire's largest ever police force. The pledge made to you then has now been delivered.

One of my key roles as your Police and Crime Commissioner is to set an annual budget for the constabulary, one which underpins the strategy to deliver an effective and efficient police service. I firmly believe the police need to be properly resourced and equipped, they need to focus on preventing crime as well as catching criminals, and they need to work with partners to be open and responsive to the needs of the public and to help to keep them safe.

Before deciding whether to increase the police precept part of your council tax I asked people for their opinions. Thousands responded, with the majority backing my proposal to increase it by an average (as applied to a Band D property) of £15-a-year to £238.

This is not a decision I have taken lightly. We are all facing difficult financial decisions due to increases in the cost of living. Policing is not immune from these pressures, particularly in relation to wage and energy costs. But this below-inflation increase will enable us to maintain and support this record-breaking force. By the end of April 2023, the constabulary are on target to have over 2,350 officers in post, 300 more than we had in 2019.

Running Hertfordshire Constabulary is expected to cost £271.6m in the next financial year. This is funded by a combination of £142.2m from central government, £111m from the council tax and an additional £18.4m in fees, charges and other grants. Together they represent an increase of £11m in the police budget, a rise of four per cent. The precept increase of an average of 28p a week will raise an additional £7m.

Hertfordshire will still have one of the lowest precepts of the 43 police forces in England and Wales.

This budget will enable the constabulary to preserve and strengthen local policing, which remains at the core of my Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan. It helps to create a police force that is embedded in, and supported by, a community working together to cut crime.

Our Safer Neighbourhood Teams in each of the 10 districts and boroughs in the county form the core of this model to provide local people with local officers.

Most crime in the county has come down in recent years. You have also told me that your top two crime concerns are burglary and cybercrime. The constabulary will continue to send officers to every reported residential burglary, as they have done for many years, and I was pleased to see this successful policy being adopted by every force in England and Wales. Nationally fraud and cybercrime has continued to grow significantly and represents half of all estimated crime. Whilst much has been achieved to prevent victimisation through campaigns and technological changes there is still more to do to disrupt and deter this criminal activity.

Tackling violence against women and girls is rightly a national priority, and it will remain a priority for Hertfordshire. I am also strengthening my office's role in scrutinising officer conduct to ensure the legitimacy of policing is upheld.

This is a positive budget for policing in Hertfordshire, one that delivers value for money while also enabling us to reduce crime and to keep you safe.

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