



Police & Crime
Commissioner
FOR HERTFORDSHIRE

How you support Hertfordshire Constabulary

Your Council Tax 2026 - 2027





When I was elected as your Police and Crime Commissioner in 2024, I wanted to modernise how the role of PCC works, with a firm focus on the public's priorities; improving policing, reducing crime and more visible patrols in our town centres.

And over the past 18 months I've been focused on delivering the real change you told me you wanted to see.

I launched my Police and Crime Plan in June, which set out a clear vision for policing in Hertfordshire, based directly on feedback from residents, businesses and local organisations. It provides firm leadership and direction for the police, and it is already seeing results.

Operation Hotspot, which I launched shortly after being elected, will have delivered 50,000 hours of additional high visibility police patrols in our town centres by April this year.

we've seen over 1,300 more crimes solved in 2025 compared to 2024.

Last summer I launched our Safer Town Centre campaign across the county which has resulted in hundreds of arrests, reducing retail crime, anti-social behaviour and violence against women and girls.

This year I'll increase the police precept by £15 as supported by 68% of residents who filled out my survey, but despite this increase, rising inflation and a lack of funding from government mean we still have to find £7m in savings in 2026/27.

Despite these financial challenges, I will continue to make sensible decisions while always making sure that we are delivering value for money.

The work continues at pace. But we are making big improvements and I want to thank all the officers and police staff who are working tirelessly to ensure that Hertfordshire sees the real improvements on the ground that you've told me you expect to see.

Jonathan Ash-Edwards
Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire



Hertfordshire now has a record number of police officers, with visible neighbourhood teams tackling crime where it matters most and



An extra **50,000** hours of patrols in our town centres by April 2026.



1,300 more crimes solved in 2025 compared to 2024.



Crime in our town centres down by **14.5%** last year.



999 calls answered in an average of **4 seconds** in the last 3 months of 2025.



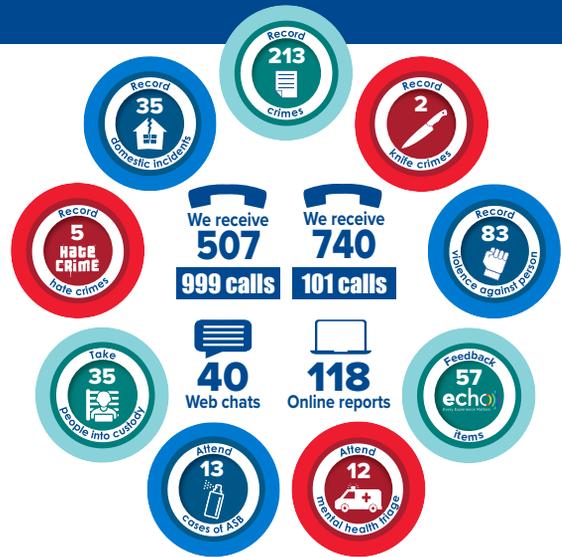
Action speaks louder than words.

In the last year I have..

- Funded more officers in neighbourhood policing teams with residents being able to contact a named office in their local community.
- Brought retailers and the police together to improve reporting, share intelligence and better support independent retailers through the Herts Against Retail Crime team.
- Set up public Accountability Meetings with the Chief Constable so residents can see how your local police are being held to account.
- Established the first Herts Youth Commission to put young people's voice at the heart of policing.
- Restructured my office to reduce its size by 18% making a saving of over £300,000 to be reinvested into the community and in improvements to the force.

On an average day, Hertfordshire Constabulary..

Data timeframe: 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025



Where the money comes from

	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m
Central Government Funding	155.2	159.6
Council Tax	124.4	132.2
Collection Fund	0.3	0.7
Net Budget	279.9	292.5
Fees and Charges	8.3	8.3
Specific Grants	24.8	27.4
Partner Contributions	0.4	0.4
Reserves	0.5	0.0
Gross Budget	313.9	328.6

Council tax precept bandings

Precept Bands	A	B	C	D
2025/26 £	176.67	206.11	235.56	265.00
2026/27 £	186.67	217.78	248.89	280.00
Precept Bands	E	F	G	H
2025/26 £	323.89	382.78	441.67	530.00
2026/27 £	342.22	404.44	466.67	560.00



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In an emergency always call 999

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