

PCC NEWSLETTER

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Together for a **Safe**, **Just** and **Inclusive** South Wales.

I'm Emma Wools, your Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales and this is my inaugural PCC Newsletter.

When you elected me as your PCC, I made a commitment to serve all our communities and work to build a **Safe**, **Just** and **Inclusive** South Wales. I'm committed to achieving that vision and will work each and every day to gain your trust, listen and deliver.

This Newsletter is a chance for you, to hear about my work, where I've been, who I've met and demonstrate how I'm delivering your priorities. It's also an opportunity for you to get in touch and give me your thoughts and views on how we can deliver the safe, just and inclusive vision together.

I hope you find it informative, useful and engaging!

My Vision for South Wales

My Plan, shaped by the voices and input from the public, sets out in detail, how I will deliver on my commitments to the people of South Wales.

Below I've outlined the 5 Priorities within the plan that focuses on delivery, giving clear examples of what the issues are, how we work to resolve them, and which partners we will work with.

Full details of my Plan can be found [here](#)

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Visible, Connected and Community Focused Policing



Build people's trust in local policing through ensuring that policing across South Wales remains visible, accessible, and in touch with the needs of every community

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Crime Prevention and Violence Reduction



Collaborate and target investment to intervene early to reduce crime and violence, particularly amongst young people.

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Protecting Vulnerable People and Communities, including Online



Keep vulnerable people and communities safe from exploitation and harm.

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Delivering Justice for Victims and Reducing Reoffending



Deliver with partners our shared priorities to strengthen support for victims, improve justice outcomes for all and reduce reoffending.

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Policing Fit for the Future



Build public confidence in South Wales Police by ensuring high standards, ethical policing, and a future-ready force.

Delivering Neighbourhood Policing

Thanks to the new Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee, every neighbourhood in South Wales now has a named, contactable officer. Since September, we have also introduced an additional 70 neighbourhood Officers across the force, dedicated towards neighbourhood policing.

- That means you know who to reach out to when something's wrong, delivering on my commitment to our force being visible, accessible, and responsive.
- This summer we rolled out a major boost to patrols under our "**Safer Streets Summer Initiative**". Supported with the **£1.4m Hotspot Action Fund**, this has allowed us to step up our presence across towns, parks, beaches, focusing on tackling persistent anti-social behaviour.
- Due to the positive impact of our Summer Initiative, on December 1st we launched the Winter of Action focused on enhanced policing & partnership activity across key town & city areas in South Wales.

Neighbourhood policing isn't just about reacting to crime. It's about being part of your community, working with local people, groups, businesses, schools and partners to understand what matters most, and fixing issues before they escalate.



'In Your Community' across South Wales

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In line with my commitment to delivering more visible and connected communities, I've focused engagement with local people and community groups across our region. My team and I have developed my **'In Your Community'** visits, allowing me to hear first-hand the issues communities, businesses and charities across our region face.



I've found these visits extremely informative and helpful, really understanding how as your PCC, I can help support and deliver for you. If you or your organisation have a community group or project you'd like me to visit, please get in touch!



OPCC News



The Children & Young Person's Police, Crime and Justice Plan

In September, we launched the **Children & Young Person's Police, Crime and Justice Plan**, the first plan of its kind in South Wales, shaped by the feedback and voices of over **5000 children and young people**, setting out six clear priorities to ensure that young people feel safe, heard, and respected in their communities.

I'm committed to ensuring that their voices help drive policing and community safety decisions.

To read the full plan click [here](#)



The new Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner

Mitch Theaker was announced as the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales.

Mitch is a former Welsh Government Special Advisor, Cabinet Member on Swansea Council and diplomat. Mitch will be supporting the work of the PCC helping to deliver the safe, just and inclusive South Wales we all want to see!



A look back at the Safer Streets Summer Initiative

Back in June, we launched the Safer Streets Summer Initiative – a crime and antisocial behaviour prevention initiative in town centres across South Wales during the summer months.

Between June and September, we visited hotspot areas and town centres across South Wales to meet with partners, speak with residents and businesses and gain an understanding of the impact of this initiative in local communities.

