

2014/15

# WALSALL

## Local Policing & Crime Plan



I am delighted to present to you the 2014/15 local policing and crime plan for Walsall. This year, the local plan will continue to address community concerns that have been highlighted by the public as priorities for us to deal with. My local policing unit will also support the broader West Midlands Police plan across its 10 core aims (listed within this plan), that the Police and Crime Commissioner and my Chief Constable have identified for the year ahead.

Local policing in Walsall will continue to adapt and change during the year ahead to meet the challenges we face. I retain a commitment to sustain neighbourhood policing with teams of named officers and PCSOs embedded in every area across Walsall. There will be an increased emphasis on dealing with public protection and addressing issues of vulnerability, and improvements to the way we investigate crime in the borough. My team will be encouraging the reporting of crime types and incidents such as domestic violence that are often under reported.

I will continue to ensure the resources available to me are effectively deployed in the right places at the right times across the borough to meet demand. We will work with our partners to manage those offenders that cause most harm, and endeavour to prevent

crime and disorder from happening wherever possible.

I will continue to ensure delivery of an efficient policing service that offers value for money for the people of Walsall. Finally, I seek to build on our existing successful partnerships. We will work with colleagues from the council, community groups and other agencies in Walsall, to deliver a truly local and responsive service. I am keen to get greater public involvement and influence at a local level through local area partnerships. My aim is to meet the needs of our communities and improve their feelings of safety and confidence in us.

If you would like more information about the work that my teams are doing in your neighbourhood, then please visit the local police website at [www.walsallpolice.org.uk](http://www.walsallpolice.org.uk). You can also contact us on Facebook at [facebook.com/walsallpolice](https://facebook.com/walsallpolice) and follow us on twitter @walsallpolice



**Chief Superintendent  
David Sturman  
Walsall Police Borough  
Commander**

### Our Values

- We put the public first in everything we do
- We act with integrity, fairness and humanity
- We are one team working together
- We listen, learn and strive to improve
- We do the right thing and deliver a service that our friends and family would be proud of.

### Our Mission

*Serving our communities, protecting them from harm*



**west midlands  
police and crime  
commissioner**

## Community Concerns

As well as working hard to address the objectives of the force, we have asked you, the community, to tell us what matters to you most. You have identified the following issues and we will focus our teams, working with partners to tackle these things that cause you concern.

**Reduce crime, (with a particular focus on burglary), and to increase successful criminal justice outcomes:** We will reduce and detect crime across the Walsall borough by focusing on the areas experiencing the highest levels.

**Work with partners to address issues of youth anti-social behaviour:** We will listen to and work with our young people to identify their needs and understand how partner agencies can provide support for diversionary activities.

**Address drug dealing and the harms associated with drug misuse in Walsall:** We will respond to community concerns, prioritising enforcement, prevention and treatment activity in areas suffering from this.

**Tackle anti-social use of vehicles including speeding and inconsiderate parking in Walsall:** We will conduct regular enforcement and education initiatives, working with partners and our communities on increasing speed watch groups.

**Increase our visibility and engagement in neighbourhoods, particularly in those areas where we recognise that confidence is currently lower:** In doing this we will improve your trust and confidence in us.

**Ensure that the community are satisfied with the service we provide to victims of crime and anti-social behaviour.**



## Our Objectives

To tackle these issues that matter to you, as well as providing the service that you expect from us, there are actions that we will take and lots of activity that we will be doing across Walsall.

### We aim to:

- Continue to reduce crime and offending
- Protect our communities from harm
- Support strong and successful communities
- Ensure people receive a good caring service
- Ensure that policing becomes more productive and effective
- Help build strong partnerships to increase safety
- Increase confidence and satisfaction in the service we provide

### We will do this by:

**Tackling re-offending:** We will identify and target persistent and high risk offenders by working closely with you, the local community, partner agencies and other local groups.

**Reducing repeat victims:** By identifying vulnerable and repeat callers, in particular those suffering from domestic abuse, anti-social behaviour, welfare issues and issues affecting children and young people.

**Safeguarding vulnerable groups:** Where it is appropriate to do so we will ensure we refer vulnerable members of our community to other services for further support.

**Increasing our understanding of Walsall's young people:** We will listen to and work with our young people to identify their needs and understand how partner agencies can provide support for diversionary activities.

**Improving quality of life in key neighbourhoods:** By listening to local residents, working with you on community projects and monitoring issues that cause tension, we will work with our partners to address the issues of greatest concern to you.

**Improving town centre safety:** We will improve safety in our town centres by reducing violence, damage and anti-social behaviour. We will work closely with businesses to reduce thefts and help improve crime prevention within our town centres.



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## Our Vision

### Pride in our Police

Through our hard work and passion for public service we are striving to build your pride in us. You can help us recognise the life changing work so many colleagues do on a daily basis as well as sharing your experiences where we could and should have done better so we can continually improve. You can share your feedback with us and the wider public via [www.rateyourlocalpolice.co.uk](http://www.rateyourlocalpolice.co.uk)



If you wish to let us know what you think about policing locally you can also contact me via Contact Your Commander on our website [www.west-midlands.police.uk/np/walsall/contact/](http://www.west-midlands.police.uk/np/walsall/contact/)

Police and Crime Commissioner Bob Jones will be responsible for improving ownership through these themes:



Improving public confidence in policing

Creating stronger partnerships

Developing greater local identity across the West Midlands

Demonstrating the force's commitment to social responsibility

Delivering better value for money

Chief Constable Chris Sims will be responsible for improved delivery through development of these themes:



Reducing crime and offending

Better protecting people from harm

Improving the service the public receive from police

Supporting stronger communities

Ensuring a more effective contribution to national policing

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