

Northamptonshire Policing Precept 2018/19



Setting the strategic direction for policing in the county and holding the police to account on behalf of the people of Northamptonshire continues to be an honour for me and is not a responsibility that I take lightly.

Working day in, day out to make Northamptonshire safer and to protect people from harm involves tough decisions. One of the most high profile decisions I have made since coming into office is to decide that Northamptonshire

Police will remain at the Wootton Park site. My aim throughout this decision and into the future is to ensure that the police estate offers the public value for money and is fit for 21st century policing.

We are in particularly challenging times with resources that have been cut and cut again in recent times. Therefore its vitally important that your views inform our decision making. Having spoken to people in the county personally and having heard from over a thousand residents as part of our public perceptions survey, where 61% were in agreement that they would pay at least 19 pence a week more for policing, I know that people in Northamptonshire are in support of contributing to help create a first-class policing service and a safer county.

I have therefore taken the decision to ask people to pay, on average, an extra £1 per month towards policing to increase resources, rather than looking at reducing officer numbers. I believe that this is both the right thing to do and something that the overwhelming majority will agree with.

I have been extremely vocal in saying that as a county we do not receive a fair funding settlement from central government when you consider the growing size of our population and our geographical area. Achieving a fair funding award for Northamptonshire is a battle I will continue to fight to ensure that we support our police force with the resources they need to continue to protect people from harm and make Northamptonshire safer.

Stephen Mold, Police and Crime Commissioner

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Get Involved

Making Northamptonshire safer, together

By working in partnership, we can help make Northamptonshire a safer place for ourselves, our families and our friends. You can help do this by:

Signing up to Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert



Northamptonshire
**Neighbourhood
Alert**

Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert is a free messaging service that allows Northamptonshire Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other partner organisations to keep you informed about issues in your area and crime prevention advice that is relevant to you.

Once you've signed up you'll receive information about crime and suspicious activity where you live or work - helping to prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour.

To sign-up, visit: www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk

Running a Community Speed Watch initiative



Speeding kills – and we want to empower communities to help cut speeding in their areas.

Our Community Speed Watch initiative provides you with all you need to be able to catch speeding drivers, allowing you to take control of problem areas in your community.

For more information about how to create a local Speed Watch scheme, email: commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk

Volunteering for our advisory groups



Our independent advisory groups and independent custody visitors help us understand how we can better serve our communities and hold Northamptonshire Police to account.

By participating in these, you'll be giving your community a voice and helping us ensure that we're listening to the needs of the people of the county.

To join any of these groups, or to find out more, visit www.northantspcc.org.uk/get-involved



Your Police and Crime Commissioner

Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) represent the public at local, county levels. It is the role of Stephen Mold, PCC for Northamptonshire, to:

- Set the strategic direction for policing through the Police and Crime Plan;
- Be responsible for the totality of policing in the county;
- Hold the Chief Constable to account and to hire or fire the Chief Constable;
- Decide how a budget of over £120million will be spent;
- Lead support services for victims and witnesses of crime;
- Improve community safety and help evolve the criminal justice system; and
- Contribute to resourcing national and international responses to threats.

Examples of Northamptonshire PCC activity

Keeping the Young Safe

- Launching our Youth Commission to enable young people's voices to be heard and to have a say on policing in the county.
- Supported the partnership early intervention hub pilot in schools in Northampton to support our young people to stay out of the criminal justice system.

Community Partnerships

- Developed with the Force the opportunity for parish and town councils to sponsor a PCSO for their area.
- Took the lead on relaunching Neighbourhood Alert enabling members of the public to receive regular information on crime and safety issues.

Protecting People from Harm

- Undertook the Time2Listen consultation aimed at understanding people's experience of the criminal justice system who have a mental illness, ADHD or Autism.
- Worked with the Local Authority to develop a new contract for drugs and alcohol treatment to help support people away from the criminal justice system.

Victims at the Heart of Justice

- Developing a victim's hub in Northampton to enable partners to work much closer together to support victims and witnesses in the future.
- Worked with NHS England to ensure the provision of a Sexual Assault Referral Centre for the county, supporting the most vulnerable at their time of need.

How much will I pay for policing?

2018/19

What is the Policing Precept?

The policing precept is simply the amount you pay towards policing in the county each year.

It is collected through your council tax and the amount you pay depends on your council tax band.

Your local authority then passes the appropriate amount to the Police and Crime Commissioner, who is responsible for allocating the policing budget to the appropriate areas, including to the Chief Constable to carry out operational policing.

The council tax bands for 2018/19 have been increased by 5.74% from 2017/18.

Who pays Council Tax?

All residential houses in the country, whether owned or rented, are required to pay council tax.

There are discounts or exemptions available for people who meet certain criteria.

To determine if you have to pay, please contact your district or borough council.

How much will I pay?

The following tables set-out how much you will pay for policing across the next 12 months, and what this pays for.

Band	Property Value (1991)	Annual Cost
A	Up to £40,000	147.36
B	£40,001 to £52,000	171.92
C	£52,001 to £68,000	196.48
D	£68,001 to £88,000	221.04
E	£88,001 to £120,000	270.16
F	£120,001 to £160,000	319.28
G	£160,001 to £320,000	368.40
H	over £320,001	442.08

Police Budget	2017/18 (£m)	2018/19 (£m)
Police Grant	73.1	73.1
Council Tax Surplus	1.0	1.0
Council Tax	49.0	53.0
	123.1	127.1

Net Revenue Budget	2017/18 (£m)	2018/19 (£m)
Local Funding allocated to the Chief Constable	107.1	110.7
Collaborations with Other Forces	7.8	8.0
Total Funding allocated to the Chief Constable	114.9	118.7
Capital Financing	1.7	2.8
Office of the PCC	1.8	1.7
Commissioning & Early Intervention	2.4	3.0
Research, Public Involvement, Complaints & Delivery	0.4	0.3
PCC Police and Crime Plan Delivery Fund	-	0.2
Contribution to reserves to meet 2019-20 budget shortfall	1.9	0.4
	123.1	127.1