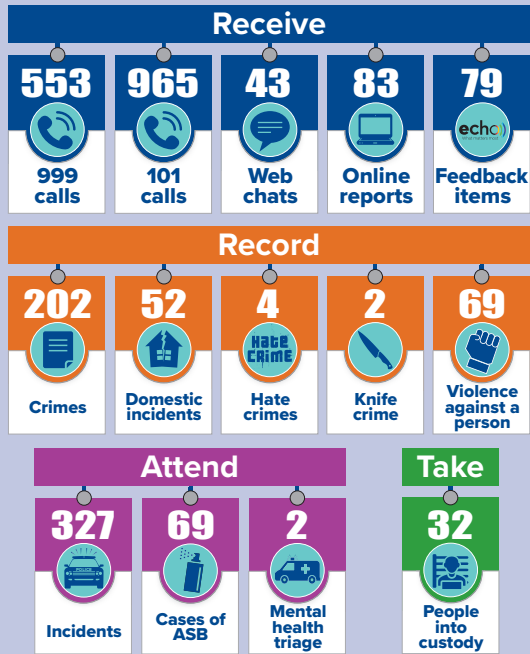


On an average day, Hertfordshire Constabulary...



Data timeframe: 1 July 2023 - 31 December 2023



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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: [@hertspcc](https://twitter.com/hertspcc)

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



beacon Website: www.hertfordshirebeacon.org
beacon Phone: 03000 11 55 55



David Lloyd

Police & Crime Commissioner
FOR HERTFORDSHIRE



Policing Hertfordshire
Your Council Tax 2024 - 2025



I have been fortunate enough to be your Police and Crime Commissioner since November 2012, and I have decided not to seek re-election in May. My ambition has always been to ensure that

Hertfordshire remains one of the safest areas in the country, while maintaining an efficient and effective police service.

I have always striven to keep crime low, and thanks to your support for investment in previous years our county has the fifth lowest level of recorded crime in England and Wales with 63.6 crimes per 1,000 population. When compared to our neighbouring and most similar county forces we have the lowest amount of crime. When I first became your PCC in 2012 on a typical day in Hertfordshire we had around eight home burglaries a day, it has now reduced to five.

Hertfordshire now has record officer numbers. The latest headcount of 2,400 officers, is over 400 more than we had a decade ago. The public has also told me that they want to see visible and local policing. Designed around the ten local authority boundaries, the neighbourhood policing model continues to serve us well. I have ensured that each district has at least one major station so there is visible and accessible policing.

The police budget is also used by my office to fund a wide range of community safety projects across the county. This includes working with local partners to commission activities such as road safety programmes, reoffending reduction services and youth diversionary schemes, as well as drug and alcohol services. In addition, in the past year, my office has brought in over five million pounds of extra government funding to make Hertfordshire's streets and homes safer for women and girls, to reduce serious violence, and to tackle anti-social behaviour. Meanwhile, Beacon, Hertfordshire's Victim Care Centre, is there to offer support to every victim of crime in the county.

Ahead of increasing the forthcoming year's police precept element of Council Tax I consulted with residents and businesses. Thousands responded with almost two thirds backing my proposal to increase it by an average (for a Band D property) of £13-a-year to £251. This is still one of the lowest precepts of the 43 police forces across England and Wales.

I am aware that many of you are facing difficult financial situations due to the increases in the cost of living. Policing is not immune from these pressures either, with wage and energy increases meaning that total standstill costs for the next financial year are estimated to rise by £21m.

Running Hertfordshire Constabulary is expected to cost £293m in the financial year starting April 2024. This is funded by a combination of £150m from central government, £117m from the Council Tax and an additional £26m in fees, charges and other grants. Together they represent an increase of £21m in the police budget, a rise of over seven per cent. The average £13 a year increase is raising an additional £6.1m locally.

The Chief Constable and I are always looking for ways to ensure that every pound spent is spent wisely. Collaboration with our neighbouring forces of Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire has achieved net savings of £32m for Hertfordshire in the past decade. This past year in Hertfordshire we have conducted an extensive joint efficiency and effectiveness review. This has identified cashable savings which will help to contribute towards bridging the budget gap without reducing the number of frontline officers. The use of digital technology and Artificial Intelligence is also being examined to see how extra money can be saved. These savings together with an average £13 a year increase in the precept will ensure the progress we have achieved in making Hertfordshire safe for everyone is maintained.

