

LEAD/OUTSIDE BODY REPORT FOR 16TH DECEMBER 2024 CLLR KIM BLOXHAM

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER COUNCILLOR ADVOCATE

PCC Alison Hernandez has announced the suspension of Acting Chief Constable Jim Colwell. Currently Deputy Chief Constable David Thorne is in place as a temporary measure whilst further temporary arrangements are put in place.

The final draft of the Police and Crime Plan 2025-29 has been prepared for consultation. Please note that road safety has been removed as a priority as Vision Zero has now been effectively established for the last six years. Burglary, Theft and Shoplifting has been added as a priority.

Stats for 2024/25

Band D is £274.50 which was an increase of 12.9%

3,601 Police Officers

145 PCSO Officers

2,209 Police Staff

73 Road Safety Police Staff

2025/26 budget being discussed presently.

Property portfolio:

89 Freehold

39 Leasehold

Currently questioning are the properties in the right location and the right number? Majority in correct places.

Report from ACC Glen Mayhew, Chief Officer lead for local policing which includes neighbourhood, patrol and local investigation teams across the four command areas: Cornwall & Isles of Scilly; Plymouth; South Devon and Torbay; and North and West Devon.

292 Neighbourhood Officers (includes rural crime)

145 PCSO Officers

190 Special Constables - this year that equates to 38,000 hours

351 police cadets

1278 Community Speedwatch volunteers

Hotspot Policing proving successful

15 minutes spent in an area at a given time disrupts potential incidents

Funding was provided by government and OPCC office

Currently looking at 2025 funding

Hotspot Policing assists with tracking of Officers.

Strategic intentions:

Increase Visibility

Provide timely response

Improving Investigation Quality

At this stage I raised concerns about resources for the growth in Cranbrook and generally the West End of the District. Also raised concerns about the quality of investigations, in particular responding to anti social behaviour and residents seeing that there are consequences.

I was assured that the Police authority are currently looking at their plan for the next ten years which is very focused on growth. Cranbrook was specifically being looked at with regard to resources.

CRANBROOK COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP

Both schools participated in Anti Social Behaviour week

Locality budget funding being sought to support a scheme to work with Sustrans and both schools to support active travel and alleviate vehicular traffic to and from the respective schools.

Presentation on the work of the Youth Intervention Team was well received.

Action to look at current youth group provision in Cranbrook. It was felt that provision was available for 13-16 year olds but there is a gap for ages 8-11.

ASB incident log held by CTC is now shared with local policing team and anti social behaviour officers at EDDC. No additional reports on the log since 8.8.2024.

E.ON DISTRICT HEATING LIAISON

Automatic reading of metering (AMR) of all commercial premises operational and supports billing.

Cranbrook customers AMR are working and supporting billing at 65% (ytd).

This improvement mainly due to every engineer ensuring they leave working AMR when they visit. The DAE HIU swap project will improve the performance towards the year end and beyond. AMR provides customers with accurate billing.

Optimisation review is underway at Cranbrook to drive more efficiencies out of the existing plant.

Engineers team consist of 8 direct labour employees, covering the South West.