



## Jo Shiner Announced As Next Chief Constable of Sussex



Jo Shiner has been formally announced as the new Chief Constable of Sussex Police, following a unanimous decision by the county's Police and Crime Panel to approve the appointment by Katy Bourne, Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner. She takes up the post on July 11.

Here she sets out her commitment, ambition and priorities for delivering the best policing service to the people of Sussex.

"I am incredibly proud and privileged to have been given the opportunity to lead Sussex Police over the next five years."

"I have been in Sussex as Deputy Chief Constable for 18 months now, and I have thoroughly enjoyed experiencing the county and meeting and working with its diverse communities.

"I have experienced the hard work and dedication of all my frontline policing colleagues and those supporting them. They are achieving phenomenal results every single day, preventing crime, making arrests and often putting themselves in danger as they go that extra mile to protect your communities.

"Building on this, my key priorities for the force as Chief Constable are to:

- protect your communities
- catch criminals, and to

- deliver an outstanding service to victims and witnesses as well as to the wider public.

“To protect you the people of Sussex and keep them safe, we need to identify, understand and engage with all our communities, whether they are in our cities, our towns or in our villages, in person or online, residents or visitors.

“Catching criminals is absolutely key. By continuing to develop our resources, skills, capacity and capability to catch criminals and bring them to justice, we will ensure that Sussex is an environment in which criminals cannot thrive.

“And we need to deliver an outstanding service to victims and witnesses and you, the wider public, because there is no doubt that it is communities that catch criminals in partnership with the police. Often it is information that you give us that leads to convictions and arrests, so we need to ensure everyone has the confidence to talk to us in the first place, in the knowledge that we will respond appropriately and proportionately.

“Having worked operationally across many areas of policing during my 28-year career, I feel there are very few circumstances or crimes now where policing is the single answer. I have had the privilege of forging some really strong relationships with partner agencies in Sussex, whether it be with councils, mental health or wider partners.

“In particular the last few months have been a test for all of us and have highlighted the importance of these relationships between the police, partners and, you, the public.

“When we look at some of the recent challenges we have seen with some of our young people, we can see that a team approach is needed. It’s really important to me that we don’t unnecessarily criminalise our young people when they have their whole future ahead of them. However, I wouldn’t want that to be taken as us not taking action when we need to. But we do need to help educate young people to make the right choices for themselves. Again, this is not something we can do alone.

“In serving all our communities, it’s been so important to me, with the support of the PCC and investment of the council tax precept, to develop the Rural Crime Team, which I have seen has been getting excellent feedback from farmers and residents on its visibility.

“Precept investment along with other funding, has also enabled us to strengthen our community Prevention Teams and to create the Tactical Enforcement Units which are effectively targeting serious crime and Sussex’s most prolific offenders.

“It is really key to me that this investment is delivering efficiency and effectiveness, converting public pounds into public policing outcomes.

“Having seen how hard, how diligently and how professionally everyone within Sussex Police works, I am absolutely clear and confident that we can deliver an outstanding service to you, the public, in all that we do.”

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