



Barry Coppinger

Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland

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to support victims
and reduce
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“For many the new year represents a time for new beginnings and fresh ideas.

“Following a rigorous interview process, I am delighted to confirm that Mike Veale will be the new Chief Constable of Cleveland Police.



“Mike has extensive policing experience and for the past two years has served as Chief Constable of Wiltshire - a force similar in size to Cleveland also with a mix of urban and rural communities.

“I’m confident Mike is the right person to lead the Force and address the policing priorities of the public in my Police and Crime Plan.

“Some of you may also be looking for a fresh start in 2018. We have a number of exciting secondments and vacancies in tackling domestic abuse. If you’re committed to making a change in this area, I urge you to get in touch.

“Finally, I hope some of you are considering applying to become a special constable when applications open on the 31st January.

“Being a special is a challenging but rewarding experience and we’re looking for individuals who are truly committed to making a genuine difference to our communities.”



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WHAT’S NEW THIS MONTH

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- ⇒ New plan launched to support victims and reduce reoffending
- ⇒ PCC signs up for Dry January
- ⇒ Free cyber event for businesses
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‘YOUR FORCE YOUR VOICE’ MEETING SCHEDULE

Meet Your PCC

Your Force Your Voice represents the Commissioner’s personal pledge to attend at least one community meeting in every Cleveland ward each year. Here is a list of upcoming meetings where you can meet and speak to Barry about local community safety:



- **Berwick Hills Community Council**
Monday 5th February, 18:20, Berwick Hills Primary School
- **Safer Hartlepool Partnership Face the Public Event**
Monday 26th February, 16:00, Hartlepool Civic Centre, Council Chamber



OPCC recognised for excellent transparency

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland has been recognised for its outstanding commitment to transparency for the third year running.

The Transparency Quality Mark was awarded to 25 PCCs from around the country at a ceremony in London on Tuesday 9 January.

The award, developed by independent police monitoring organisation CoPaCC, measures the ability of OPCCs to meet their transparency responsibilities by making information accessible on their websites.

Mr Coppinger said: "I'm delighted that my office has received this award.

"As PCC, I want my work to be as open and transparent as possible, to ensure the residents of Cleveland are informed about the decisions I make on their behalf.

"It's a testament to my team that the office has been recognised for its commitment to transparency for a third year. They work extremely hard to ensure my website,

Facebook and Twitter pages are regularly updated with decisions, information about services and up-to-date contact information."

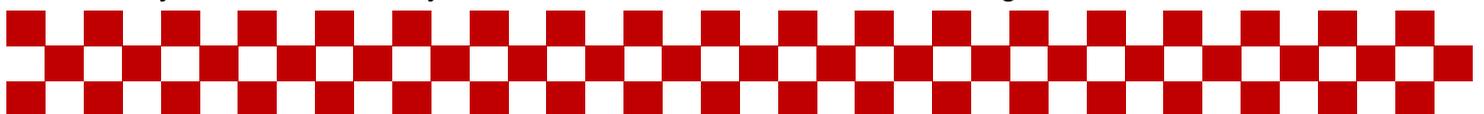
The PCC's Chief Executive Simon Dennis added: "This award is a well-deserved achievement for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

"The public expect openness and transparency and the PCC is committed to ensuring his services and decisions are simple to access via his website.

"The entire team have worked hard to regularly update the PCC website with all of the information that our communities need to know."

CoPaCC Chief Executive, Bernard Rix said: "These OPCCs have all demonstrated that they are transparent in what they do, meeting relevant legal requirements.

"They present key information in an accessible format on their websites and I congratulate them all on their good work."





New Chief Constable appointed at Cleveland Police

Mike Veale, currently Chief Constable at Wiltshire Police, was appointed following confirmation Cleveland Police and Crime Panel.

“I am delighted to announce that, following confirmation by the Police and Crime Panel, the new Chief Constable of Cleveland is to be Mike Veale.

“This follows a rigorous recruitment process in which the shortlisted candidates were considered by an interview panel, a panel of stakeholders and finally the police and crime panel.

“Mike has a vast range of police experience, including as a detective and senior investigator, chief officer and, for the past two years, Chief Constable of Wiltshire - a force similar in size to Cleveland also with a mix of urban and rural communities.

“At Wiltshire Mike has led from the front, never afraid to take the tough decisions required of a leader.

“He has demonstrated a proven commitment to transforming professional standards, supporting community policing, protecting the vulnerable and working with stakeholders to drive forward improvements in service to the public – whilst at

the same time managing a tight and decreasing budget.

“This, together with an impressive performance throughout the interview process, made him a perfect fit for the role of Chief Constable of Cleveland.

“As part of the recruitment process, Mike has taken the opportunity to visit the area on several occasions. He has commented on the similarity in the challenges that Wiltshire and Cleveland have overcome and in the challenges they will face in the future. I know he has been impressed by the transformative work that has gone on in the force over the past two years under the leadership of his predecessor, Iain Spittal.

“I believe Mike is the right person to carry on this work and address the priorities of the public as outlined in the current police and crime plan. At the same time he will provide fresh thinking to ensure the positive momentum is maintained and the resources available deployed to where they can be most effective in protecting the public.”





Cleveland Police are looking for 'Special' people to join the Force

As Cleveland Police opens recruitment for special constables on Wednesday 31 January 2018 members of the public who want to make a difference in local communities are being asked if they have the time and enthusiasm to become a Special Constable.

Time is a vital commodity to us all, but those offering some of their time to take on the commitment of becoming a special constable will be rewarded with a challenging but excellent opportunity to become an integral part of their community, assisting in protecting the public and helping prevent and detect crime.

The Force will close the applications process on Tuesday 28 February 2018. A maximum of 48 applications will be recruited, split between two intakes of up to 24 each.

A Community Click event will be hosted by a Resourcing Specialist between 2pm and 3pm on 30 January where members of the public can ask questions about any elements of the recruitment process.

Temporary Chief Constable, Simon Nickless

said: “We are delighted to be offering people the opportunity to apply for the position of special constable again this year. Last January we welcomed 20 new recruits to the organisation and following training they are now working alongside police officers to keep their communities safe.

“Working in policing is a challenging and rewarding opportunity that provides a wide range of experiences and I would encourage anybody with an interest in making a difference to find out more and become part of a great team.”

Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, Barry Coppinger said: “Becoming a special constable is demanding and will no doubt impact on your home life, but this will be matched by the opportunities it creates. It offers a rewarding role full of interesting and new experiences.

“The ideal candidates will be individuals who are honest, hardworking, enthusiastic and truly committed to making a genuine difference to our communities.”





Ambitious new plan to support victims and reduce reoffending

Criminal justice agencies across the North East will be working together to support victims, tackle reoffending and achieve value for money.

Chairs of the Cleveland and Durham Local Criminal Justice Partnership, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, Barry Coppinger, and the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for Durham, Ron Hogg have signed an innovative new plan.

The Cleveland and Durham Local Criminal Justice Partnership brings together agencies with responsibility for delivering criminal justice, and services for victims and people who have offended. The partners have agreed a clear vision: **'County Durham, Darlington and Cleveland are areas where people have confidence in a local criminal justice system which supports victims, rehabilitates offenders and reduces re-offending, and delivers value for money'**.

The innovative new plan has three core objectives to be delivered by 2021:

1. An end-to-end service for supporting Victims and Witnesses.

2. An end-to-end system for rehabilitating offenders and reducing reoffending.

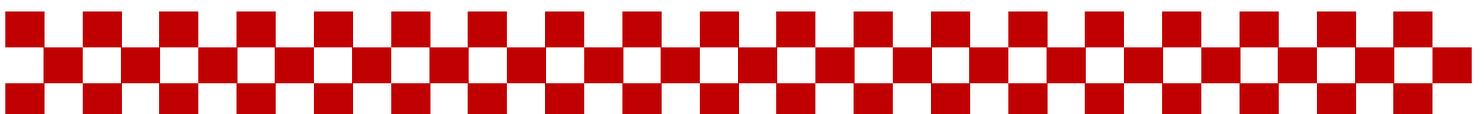
3. The most efficient and integrated local criminal justice system in the country.

The plan aims to create seamless services for victims, as well as working to address the underlying issues of offending, which will help to prevent crime and result in fewer victims.

Barry Coppinger said: "This plan is about better coordinating the work of criminal justice partners in Cleveland Durham to deliver improved services for victims, better rehabilitation of offenders and make the criminal justice system process more efficient and effective.

"We have established a small joint team to work with partners and we look forward to progress over the next 12 months."

[Download your copy of the plan by clicking HERE.](#)



PCC signs up for Dry January

The Commissioner managed to go drink-free for the first three months of 2017 and is hoping to do the same this year.



Police and Crime Commissioner Barry Copping has signed up to take part in Dry January 2018.

Mr Copping is hoping his participation will start a conversation about alcohol harm in Cleveland and the positive impact reducing

alcohol intake can have.

Last year the PCC managed to go alcohol-free for the first three months of 2017 and is hoping to have the same success this year.

Each year, alcohol harm costs the Cleveland economy £241m - the equivalent of £429 per person.

Mr Copping said: "I don't expect everyone in Cleveland to give up alcohol permanently, but Dry January is a good opportunity to assess what impact drinking may be having on your health.

"I look forward to completing Dry January and potentially the months that follow!"

Cyber breakfasts for Cleveland businesses

Four events have been organised for businesses to 'health check' their security and learn more about keeping safe from scammers.

The North East Special Operations Unit (NERSOU) has teamed up with Cleveland Police to deliver a series of cyber breakfasts in the North East. These business breakfasts are completely free for businesses to attend, and tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis.

The purpose of these breakfasts is simple; to show businesses how they can be vulnerable to cyber-attack, by demonstrating a live hack. However it is not all doom and gloom, as officers can give support to defend against these hacks. They are offering a free vulnerability assessment service, which can give you an overview of your ICT weaknesses, so you can fix them before the cyber criminals can find them.

There are four events across the



Cleveland area, please see dates below:

- * Stockton-on-Tees – 08.02.2018
- * Redcar & Cleveland – 20.02.2018
- * Hartlepool – 06.03.2018
- * Middlesbrough - 29.03.2018

[To book a place on an event, please click HERE.](#)



We're hiring!

We have a number of secondment opportunities with the Domestic Abuse Transformation team.

Multi-Agency Tasking & Coordination (MATAC) Coordinator

Multi-Agency Safeguarding & Problem Solving Analyst

Domestic Abuse & Criminal Justice Liaison Worker

Child & Family Court Liaison Worker x 2

Closing date: Monday 5th February 2018

Independent Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Chair

An exciting opportunity has to appoint a newly created Independent Chair role for the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC), for high risk victims of domestic abuse.

Closing date: Monday 12th February 2018

[Please click here to visit the PCC's website for further details and information about how to apply.](#)



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