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**Cleveland Connected** is a new web system which sends messages to email, mobile phone or home telephone on crimes happening in local areas and other useful information. It also allows people to reply back privately with intelligence to police and partners. Everyone who signs up receives information on criminal activity and community safety at a time that suits them or by the method they choose.

**Cleveland Connected is free to join.**

To sign up visit:

[www.clevelandconnected.co.uk](http://www.clevelandconnected.co.uk)

... or call 101 if you don't have access to a computer.



## How Your PCC Serves the People of Cleveland

The Police & Crime Commissioner, Barry Copping:

- Is a directly elected person who is responsible for the totality of policing across Cleveland.
- Ensures that the police force is efficient and effective.
- Appoints, and if necessary dismisses the Chief Constable.
- Holds the Chief Constable to account for the operational delivery of policing.
- Sets the strategic direction and objectives for policing by producing a Police and Crime Plan.
- Sets the annual police budget, including the policing element of the Council Tax bill.
- Produces an annual report setting out progress against the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan.
- Co-operates with other criminal justice agencies across the area.
- Works with partners and funds community safety activity to tackle crime and disorder.
- Contributes to the national and international policing requirement.



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Council Tax Information 2015/16

## TACKLING CRIME AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN OUR COMMUNITIES



As part of my 'Your Force, Your Voice' campaign I have attended over 230 local meetings across Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Stockton, Redcar and Cleveland - listening to, and taking up views and concerns regarding policing and community safety. This work also feeds into my Police and Crime Plan, which is available on my website, or from my office.

I shall continue to make the case to Government for police funding to be protected. However, Cleveland Police has suffered deep funding cutbacks in recent years, leading to a reduction of around 350 policing posts since April 2011. The 2015/16 budget has had to accommodate a reduction of £37 million compared with 2011/12.

Your feedback indicates that you value and support the work of our police. You would like to see more officers and that means being prepared to pay a bit extra, if it is directed into policing.

In view of the hardship many local families face, I have limited the precept rise to 1.99% - a penny a day for most households. This money will be spent wisely. Our general financial planning has been praised by the independent watchdog HMIC as 'outstanding'. Despite cuts in the overall budget, for the first time in five years we are able to recruit up to 80 police officers per year to ensure a strong future. If you, or friends or family, are interested in becoming a police officer please keep in touch via the Cleveland Police website.

Working together and with the police and partners, we can make a real difference to our quality of life. I am encouraged by the commitment of residents and community groups across our area as a whole. Thank you to all for your work.

Elsewhere in this leaflet you will see details of 'Cleveland Connected', the new community messaging system, so you can report or receive information via phone, email or text. Please get involved and help us continue to make our communities safer.

Barry Copping,  
Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland

## PCC's Progress During 2014/15

- A 20-point region-wide strategy to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls is being implemented.
- New Integrated Neighbourhood Police teams were supported, which include plain clothes detectives.
- Work is ongoing with victims' groups, to design and commission new support services.
- A single Integrated Offender Management scheme is being prepared, to maximise efficiency.
- A single information sharing system is being developed for agencies, to best tackle antisocial behaviour.
- The Living Wage continues to operate, for all employees and now external contractors.
- Driving forward collaboration with other police forces, emergency services and public bodies.
- Over 2,000 people accessed our Criminal Justice Volunteer Fairs.
- Over 90 community projects were supported via the Police Property Act Fund which I re-established.
- New Community Safety Hubs are developing in Hemlington and Hartlepool, to accommodate Cleveland Police and other services.
- The Community Safety Awards scheme was repeated to recognise local heroes who help keep us safe.
- A Community Safety Initiatives scheme is now introduced to support local crime prevention activity.

For more information visit – [www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk](http://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk)

### Police Precept Bands for 2015/16

Property Band	Police Council Tax 2015/16	Police Council Tax 2014/15	Annual Increase	Weekly Increase	Percentage of Households (% Total)
A	£137.51	£134.83	£2.68	5p	47.4 (47.4)
B	£160.43	£157.30	£3.13	6p	18.1 (65.5)
C	£183.35	£179.77	£3.58	7p	18.0 (83.5)
D	£206.26	£202.24	£4.02	8p	9.0 (92.5)
E	£252.10	£247.18	£4.92	9p	4.7 (97.2)
F	£297.94	£292.12	£5.81	11p	1.7 (98.9)
G	£343.77	£337.07	£6.71	13p	1.0 (99.9)
H	£412.53	£404.48	£8.05	15p	0.1 (100)

## How Your Money is Invested in Policing

For 2015/16, the total funding available to the PCC will be £129.2m. Over 99% of the money raised is spent on supporting policing and community safety. How this money is distributed is shown in the table below.

Income provided to the PCC:	2015/16 £m	2014/15 £m
Government Grant	85.2	89.8
Council Tax Grants	7.7	7.7
Council Tax – Your Contribution	30.6	28.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>123.4</b>	<b>126.2</b>
Other Income - Specific Grants	5.6	5.6
- Fees, Charges and Partnerships	2.2	2.2
- Victims and Witness Funding	0.6	0.2
Contingency and Reserves	-2.7	-1.0
<b>Total Funding Available</b>	<b>129.2</b>	<b>133.2</b>
The budget is spent on the following:	2015/16 £m	2014/15 £m
Expenditure by the Police Force:		
Officers, PCSOs and Police Staff	81.5	85.4
Major Contracts (Custody & Support Services)	22.1	22.4
Premises	3.5	3.8
Transport	1.7	1.8
Supplies and Services	5.6	5.6
Agency Services (Various National Police Services)	2.7	2.4
<b>Budget allocated to the Police Force</b>	<b>117.2</b>	<b>121.4</b>
Corporate Services (PFI and Capital Financing)	9.0	9.2
PCC Initiatives and Victims and Witnesses Services	2.1	1.8
Office of the PCC	0.9	0.9
<b>Total spending by the PCC</b>	<b>129.2m</b>	<b>133.2m</b>