

Patrick Hamill. Independent Candidate For Police Crime Commissioner has lived in Bedfordshire For 59yrs



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VOTE for Patrick Hamill On May 6th for Police & Crime Commissioner



More Officers to use Tasers?

Given the unacceptable violence happening on our streets and against our officers, we need to increase the numbers who are armed with Tasers, firstly as a deterrent and secondly if necessary to disable any threats of aggression towards an arresting officer. We need our officers on the frontline and not in a hospital bed.

My name is Patrick Hamill, son of the late Luton Councillor Jim Hamill who represented the Leagrave ward in Luton. We moved from London in 1962 to live on the Lewsey Farm Estate, nearby, where I attended Halyard High School, now Chalkhill Academy. In 1972 I married my childhood sweetheart from Houghton Regis and have lived there ever since, working in Luton, Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard and for the last 15yrs as a Driving Instructor owning my own company. I have had many public roles within the community including Town & District Councillor, Mayor, Chairman and Leader of a council, spanning many years of unblemished public service alongside running campaigns, and raising money for various charities.



YOUR Priorities, YOUR Voice, YOUR Police Service

I believe I am right for the role of PCC because of my vast amount of experiences within Bedfordshire, always treating those who need my help with the upmost of respect. In me you have A fighter who will try and do the right thing at the right time so we all benefit. Its about what you, the public want, a Police Force that protects you and your rights against those who commit crime in whatever form. I want To be that missing link that brings the Police closer to your communities, with a service that you can be proud of. That is my commitment to you if elected as your **Police and Crime Commissioner on May 6th 2021**. Make YOUR vote count by Voting for Patrick Hamill, Independent candidate, putting your concerns at the heart of my decision making.

The Call Centre setup requires a rethink!

Many of you are complaining about the **101** service saying that in a lot of cases it takes too long to get through to. How many crimes in this instance are going unrecorded. This has to change and I will do my upmost to make those changes happen.



PCSO Review needs to take place



Many of you have concerns about the powers of PCSO'S and their role within the Police Service. I will promise you that I will enter into discussions with the Chief Constable on your behalf.

Station/Hubs under Discussion

You have told me that Police stations/Hubs or both have time restrictions when they are opened to the public which do not accord with crimes that are committed. Criminals do not always offend between the hours of 9.00am until 5.00pm or other stricter times indicated on the front of doors. Others have said that they also want a presence in their town, a point of contact and my pledge is to bring the Police service closer to the communities they serve.



Recruitment of Officers



Recruiting Officers is an area that takes a lot of professional skill but I will follow in the footsteps Of the last PCC and in her words: We only want those recruits that are fit to be a Police officer, nothing less will do and I will continue to chase funding for more officers to police our Towns, Parishes & Villages. This is commitment to the public and the Police Service.

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Rural Crime to come under the spotlight!

Our countryside and villages are blighted by crime and I know Beds Police are doing their best to tackle Hare Coursing, theft of farm equipment, livestock and damage to crops, along with burglaries. Whilst fly tipping offenders, can have, as of 2016 their vehicles crushed, which should be encouraged. I will continue to liaise with the NFU, farmers & villagers to improve the way we police these areas.

CCTV/Dashcam on our homes and in our vehicles in the fight against crime

I want to identify the best quality, at the lowest price, easy to install Home CCTV system for those residents who are willing to commit to a purchase. End of street/alleyway locations are ideal as we set up a network of email users who will be contacted for footage within the location of any crime committed. This will free up officer time and will go towards solving crimes that otherwise would be left unsolved due to the lack of evidence. The same will apply for Dashcams



Tackling Anti-Social behaviour On & Off Road

On & Off road racing cars and bikes can be a problem particularly late at night and into the summers months. Bikes weaving in and out of pedestrians, on and off pavements with no respect for road users. I would like to discuss a new tactical approach. This form of anti-social behaviour is unacceptable and we must find a solution to this problem.



Illegal Encampments

You are telling me more needs to be done. This nuisance comes with unacceptable Anti-Social Behaviour. I will press for more to be done.



I will be going out on shifts with Officers

I want to experience as an observer what the frontline officers have to confront daily. Listening to their concerns about the job and how their environment can be improved. Officers I have spoken to so far, want to make a difference but they also expect to return to their families when their shift is over. Bodycams have reduced the number of accusations aimed at arresting officers but where a complaint requires investigation for a verbal allegation, the IPCC must resolve the issue. I feel that this takes too long and is unacceptable. Lets have a time limit set that is considered reasonable by both party's to bring any complaint to a final conclusion. Delays affect the health and well being of an officer and can frustrate the accuser. The process must be more streamlined to be affective.

Drug Dealing on our Streets

You have been telling me about the way dealers openly sell their drugs in your streets and you are all fed up with this Happening. You want more to be done.



County line gangs are being targeted and operations are ongoing but Beds Police need Your help: Crimestoppers, anonymously, 0800 555 111

We must protect those most vulnerable



From Care in the community to adults with Mental Health issues, we must look out for them. Drug dealers will take advantage where they can, scammers will convince them to part with their savings, others will rob them and use

violence. For those attempting to take their money I will be looking to put a plan in place that could lead to reducing this crime, hopefully catching the criminals. This will involve the agreement of banks and their family members to what I propose. We have to do something because nothing is not an option.

Dognapping requires a better response



Having a family pet stolen can be so traumatic to owners who treat their dogs like one of the family. The Home secretary has not done enough to deter those criminals who do not care for the wellbeing of animals in general. These victims of crime are left to grieve wondering what their pets are going through. I would personally like to see a custodial sentence of a minimum of one year. I will discuss with the Chief Constable what Beds Police can do and I will lobby local MPs for change on this issue.

Applying the Letter of the Law across the County of Bedfordshire & tackling crime hotspots with force. You would not expect anything Less!