

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire Newsletter



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"Putting people at the heart of policing"

In the News

January 2023

- Bedfordshire PCC consults with residents about police budget for 2023/24
- New safety app launches in Bedfordshire
- Winner crowned in PCC schools debating contest
- Launch of the PCC Youth Conference 2023



Precept/Council Tax Consultation

Police and Crime Commissioner, Festus Akinbusoye, has released the police precept survey for the financial year 2023/24.

The police precept is what Bedfordshire residents pay to help cover the cost of policing, community safety and victim services through their annual council tax bill.

You can have your say by following the QR code here.

The consultation survey closes on 20th January 2023 and further information will be provided shortly after.



Schools Debating Contest

Bedford Modern School has been crowned the best school debating team in Bedfordshire after a powerhouse performance at the Houses of Parliament. The students triumphed in the highly competitive contest.

Mr Akinbusoye said: "The debates provide a fantastic opportunity for our young people to develop their confidence, public speaking skills and broaden their knowledge of contemporary social issues.

"More importantly – it is a fun experience for the pupils and makes for a good sociable event as well.

Key Events

Year 9 students for Bedford Borough, Luton Borough and Central Bedfordshire schools are invited to attend the Police and Crime Commissioner's Youth Conference 2023 from 28th February - 2nd March.

"It was a genuine safe space to learn"
2022 Student Delegate

If you have any questions or require further information, please email pccevents@beds.police.uk

Further information including how to secure tickets can be found on our website.

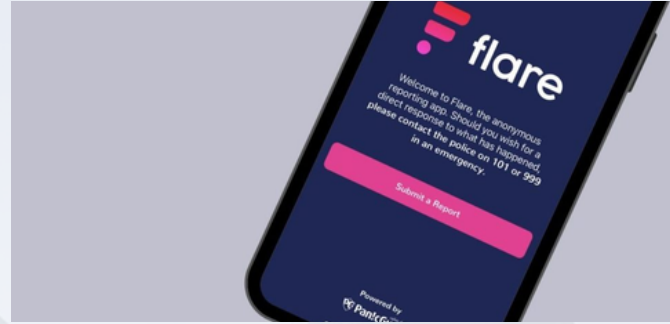


Making public spaces safer in Bedfordshire

A new app for people to report feeling unsafe has been launched across Bedfordshire. Flare is being aimed at women and girls to empower them to anonymously report any incidents or threatening behaviour.

Bedfordshire Police is supporting the launch of the new app, which is available to everyone, and will use the data to target patrols and enforcement action by officers and local authority community safety teams. The app can be downloaded for free via the App store or Google Play and it takes less than a minute to submit a report via the app.

Find out more about the Safer Streets initiative including access to support and information on how to report an incident



PCC out and about

The PCC regularly completes visits and engagements across Bedfordshire. In the previous quarter he has visited partner organisations, churches, schools, new recruits in Bedfordshire Police and much more.



Volunteering and other opportunities

Making a difference

There are a number of volunteering opportunities at the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire.



Independent Custody Visiting

Independent Custody Visitors are members of the local community who, working in pairs, call at Police Custody Suites unannounced at any time. With agreement, the visitors can speak to detainees about their treatment or conditions, and take up any issues of concern with custody staff.

Community Scrutiny Panel - Stop and Search and Use of Force

The Community Scrutiny Panel review Stop and Search and Use of Force data, outcomes and also reviews body worn footage recorded to scrutinise use of the power. Panel members attend quarterly meetings which are usually held online via Microsoft Teams on an evening.

Please view our website under the 'volunteering' section or email PCC@beds.police.uk to find out more.

You can also keep up to date with the PCC and his offices day to day work via Twitter, Facebook and Instagram

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