

POLICING IN WELWYN HATFIELD

Crime levels in Welwyn Hatfield continued to reduce during 2008, while the number of offenders brought to justice increased.

Policing during 2008/09 has seen many challenges, ranging from the investigation of serious crimes through to the continued development of our partnership working to tackle low-level crime and disorder in the area.

- The autumn of 2008 saw the opening of the new Hatfield Police Station. The station sits proudly on the historic De Havilland site and provides much improved local access to police services, in addition to a new 40 cell custody unit, Central Area Headquarters and a Remand Court.
- The Welwyn Hatfield Community Safety Partnership supported a RuralWatch initiative to combat hare coursing, fly-tipping, trespassing and plant theft offences affecting residents in rural areas around Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City. The scheme was developed by PC Dave Wardell, one of three people in Welwyn Hatfield who received awards from the Police Authority in 2008 for contributions to community safety.
- In the streets and parks of Welwyn Hatfield, under-age drinking puts young people at risk and can cause nuisance to others. Police officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), volunteer Special Constables, and the Council's street wardens continue to patrol regularly to keep young people safe and out of trouble.
- A continuously monitored CCTV system has been expanded to cover the whole of Hatfield town centre, and the existing system in Welwyn Garden City town centre is yielding real benefits in partnership with businesses in the CityWatch network.

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Check the Hertfordshire Constabulary website to find the name of your local Neighbourhood Sergeant, Constable or PCSO

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The Police Authority sets the budget, agrees policing priorities and monitors closely how well the Constabulary performs. We also appoint and hold to account the Chief Constable and his senior officer team.

The local Police Authority Lead member for Welwyn Hatfield is:

County Councillor Richard Smith – Tel: 01438 714323

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Other useful numbers:

CRIMESTOPPERS: 0800 555 111

Victim Support: 01707 354626

Domestic violence/abuse helpline: 08088 088 088 (freephone)

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and the money it costs.*

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NATIONAL POLICING PLEDGE

Hertfordshire Constabulary will support law abiding citizens and pursue criminals relentlessly to keep you and your neighbourhoods safe from harm.

Their Pledge is to:

- 1** Always treat you fairly with dignity and respect ensuring you have fair access to our services at a time that is reasonable for you.
- 2** Provide you with information so you know who your dedicated Neighbourhood Policing Team is, where they are based, how to contact them and how to work with them.
- 3** Ensure your Neighbourhood Policing Team and other police patrols are visible and on your patch at times when they will be most effective and when you tell us you most need them. We will ensure your team is not taken away from neighbourhood business more than is absolutely necessary. They will spend at least 80% of their time visibly working in your neighbourhood, tackling your priorities. Staff turnover will be minimised.
- 4** Respond to every message directed to your Neighbourhood Policing Team within 24 hours and, where necessary, provide a more detailed response as soon as we can.
- 5** Aim to answer 999 calls within 10 seconds, deploying to emergencies immediately giving an estimated time of arrival, getting to you safely, and as quickly as possible. We will aim to get to you within 15 minutes.
- 6** Answer all non-emergency calls promptly. If attendance is needed, send a patrol giving you an estimated time of arrival and:
 - If you are vulnerable or upset, aim to be with you within 60 minutes.
- If you are calling about an issue that we have agreed with your community will be a neighbourhood priority and attendance is required, we will aim to be with you within 60 minutes.
- Alternatively, if appropriate, we will make an appointment to see you at a time that fits in with your life and within 48 hours.
- If agreed that attendance is not necessary we will give you advice, answer your questions and/or put you in touch with someone who can help.
- 7** Arrange regular public meetings to agree your priorities, at least once a month, giving you a chance to meet your local team with other members of your community. These will include opportunities such as surgeries, street briefings and mobile police station visits which will be arranged to meet local needs and requirements.
- 8** Provide monthly updates on progress, and on local crime and policing issues. This will include the provision of crime maps, information on specific crimes and what happened to those brought to justice, details of what action we and our partners are taking to make your neighbourhood safer and information on how your force is performing.
- 9** If you have been a victim of crime, agree with you how often you would like to be kept informed of progress in your case and for how long. You have the right to be kept informed at least every month if you wish and for as long as is reasonable.
- 10** Acknowledge any dissatisfaction with the service you have received within 24 hours of reporting it to us. To help us fully resolve the matter, discuss with you how it will be handled, give you an opportunity to talk in person to someone about your concerns and agree with you what will be done about them and how quickly.

THE COST OF POLICING IN HERTFORDSHIRE

The Authority has to balance its commitment to high quality policing with the need to keep the cost to you as low as possible. Much of our funding comes from Government grants, but the formula used to allocate the money has left Hertfordshire with a shortfall of £3.7m.

We have, therefore, increased Council Tax by an extra 12p a week (4.5%), which means someone living in a Band D property will pay £142.82 (£2.75 a week) – well below the national average for shire forces. We will also be making £2.9m efficiency savings and using a further £1.9m from our reserves.

Our total spend will be £184.9m, a rise of £6.7m, with nationally agreed pay increases accounting for two thirds of this amount - we have 4,079 officers and staff and spend more money on frontline policing than many other forces. We will also invest £0.9m in priority areas, such as services to protect vulnerable people, staffing for our new custody facilities and training and support for additional Special Constables.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM	2008/09 (£m)	2009/10 (£m)
Central Government Funding	117.7	121.1
Council Tax	60.2	63.4
Collection Fund	0.3	0.4
NET BUDGET	178.2	184.9
Fees and Charges	2.9	3.1
Other Government Grants	13.0	13.2
Partner Funding for PCSOs	2.2	1.8
Use of Reserves	1.3	1.9
GROSS BUDGET	197.6	204.9
HOW IT IS SPENT	2008/09 (£m)	2009/10 (£m)
Police Officers and Staff	166.4	171.4
Supplies, Contracted Services, Premises and Vehicles	30.1	32.4
Police Authority	1.1	1.1
TOTAL	197.6	204.9