

POLICING IN DACORUM

Following the 4.5% reduction in 2008-2009, crime fell by a further 6% in Dacorum in 2009-2010. In addition, motor vehicle crimes reduced by 11% and criminal damage by 10%. Burglary offences and distraction burglaries against the elderly decreased by 10% and 58% respectively, with a 7% increase in detection rates of these crimes.

- Through work with partners, there was a 6.5% reduction in the number of anti-social behaviour incidents being reported to police last year. Domestic violence reduced by 7% and Dacorum currently has the highest detection rate for this offence in the county. Other violent crime reduced by 3%.
- However, there have been some challenges. Police in Dacorum saw an increase of 18 vehicle crime offences in the Tring area, and they will continue to tackle this. The detection rate for this crime is the second highest across all districts in Hertfordshire.
- The Youth Restorative Disposal project was initiated and piloted in Dacorum during 2009-2010 with the aim of improving victim satisfaction, deterring young people involved in minor crime from entering the criminal justice system, and reducing the time officers spend dealing with young people. Victim satisfaction currently exceeds 90% and, due to its overwhelming success, the scheme will be adopted across other districts in the county during 2010-2011.
- Police in Dacorum, through the Community Safety Partnership, significantly improved partnership working with youth service providers during 2009-2010. Joint working now focuses greatly on information sharing, identifying preventative methods and targeting hard to reach groups, to deter youths from entering into criminal activity.
- Property marking system, Smart Water, was piloted in Dacorum last year. Property is permanently marked and traceable, providing a strong deterrent for burglars.
- During 2010-2011, focus will be placed on improving the management of Persistent & Priority Offenders (PPOs) in the Borough. These individuals are visited on a weekly basis to encourage them from committing further crimes.
- Neighbourhood Action Groups, led by Councillors, are working in various areas across the Borough, including Grovehill, Adayfield and Great Gaddesden. The groups work in partnership with residents to identify local issues and resolve them. To find out more about Neighbourhood Action, telephone 01442 228305 or e-mail neighbourhood.action@dacorum.gov.uk

CONTACTS IN DACORUM

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Berkhamsted Rural

Hemel Central

Hemel East

Hemel North Rural

Hemel West

Kings Langley

Tring

Call 0845 33 00 222 to be directed to your local Neighbourhood Inspector, Constable or Police Community Support Officer (PCSO). To find out the names of the people in your local Neighbourhood Policing Team, visit www.herts.police.uk or call the telephone number above. Email: contactus@herts.pnn.police.uk

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All enquiries about payments, rebates or benefits should be made to your local district or borough council (the telephone number can be found on your council tax bill). The amount of money you will pay for policing will be shown as the police precept on your council tax bill.

For Police Authority budget information call 01707 354252 or write to the address above.

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2010 – 2011



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THE COST OF POLICING HERTFORDSHIRE

Hertfordshire Constabulary is one of the top performing forces in the country and consistently delivers results - a 20% drop in crime in the last five years and detections at an all-time high.

The Authority gets about 60% of its funding from Government grants but Hertfordshire has missed out in recent years. The formula used to allocate the money shows we should receive more but, this coming year alone, Government is withholding £4.1m of the grants due. This leaves a shortfall against the amount we need to maintain our high standard of policing.

To fill this gap, and to minimise Council Tax increases, we have previously used money from our reserves. However, these are now at a lower level and the amount we can draw from them is limited. We now face unprecedented financial pressures. The public have told us they want us to maintain and improve police services but this could only be achieved by a substantial increase in Council Tax – not something the Authority felt was reasonable, given the wider financial climate.

We have, therefore, increased Council Tax by 3.5% (just under 10p a week), which means someone living in a Band D property will pay £147.82 (£2.84 a week). This is well below the national average for shire forces. Our Net Budget will be £190.8m, a rise of £5.9m, with nationally agreed pay increases accounting for more than two-thirds of that. We will have 3,951 officers and staff - about 100 fewer than currently. The highest ever level of savings will be made to balance the budget and enable £0.9m investment in priority areas such as neighbourhood policing and responding to anti-social behaviour and serious and organised crime.

| WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM | 2009/10 (£m) | 2010/11 (£m) |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Central Government Funding | 121.1 | 124.8 |
| Council Tax | 63.4 | 65.9 |
| Collection Fund | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| NET BUDGET | 184.9 | 190.8 |
| Fees and Charges | 3.1 | 3.5 |
| Other Government Grants | 13.2 | 13.3 |
| Partner Funding for PCSOs | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Use of Reserves | 1.9 | 1.3 |
| GROSS BUDGET | 204.9 | 210.7 |
| HOW IT IS SPENT | 2009/10 (£m) | 2010/11 (£m) |
| Police Officers and Staff | 171.4 | 174.2 |
| Supplies, Contracted Services, Premises and Vehicles | 32.4 | 35.4 |
| Police Authority | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| TOTAL | 204.9 | 210.7 |

Giving you value for money

We pride ourselves on providing good value for money – something recognised nationally in recent independent inspections.

To do that the Authority sets demanding efficiency targets that either deliver the same or higher levels of service for less money or more or better services for the same cost. Those targets are consistently exceeded, with an estimated £14.5m savings achieved over the two years up to 31 March 2010, including £8.7m in 2008/09. This is the equivalent to £33 per Band D property (national average £54).

We are now well on course to achieving our 2008/11 target of over £20m, which is in line with the same high level of savings achieved in the previous three years.

You said, we listened, we did...

The largest single concern you have raised with us over the past year has been rowdy and anti-social behaviour – it's what most calls to the police are about and one of the most common concerns brought up at public meetings and in surveys.

In response, the Authority has tasked the Constabulary to place an even greater emphasis on tackling the local concerns that affect your everyday lives, in particular, anti-social behaviour and anti-social, and often dangerous, motoring.

To deliver this, we have pledged our on-going support for more visible and accessible policing and, despite significant funding reductions, have committed substantial resources to ensure our Neighbourhood Policing Teams remain at the heart of policing in the county.

At the same time, we recognise the need to maintain our covert capability to tackle serious and organised crime. These crimes can take extensive resources and time to bring offenders to justice. You may not be aware of them at a local level but crimes such as drug trafficking can impact on burglary, theft and robbery, as criminals try to fund their illegal drug habits.

You can find details in our Policing Plan 2010/13 about all our priorities and the targets that we will use to measure success on our website, or ring our office for a copy - see back page for details.

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