

POLICING IN STEVENAGE

Crime and anti-social behaviour continued to fall in Stevenage during 2009-2010, including house burglary which reduced by 31%. Police in Stevenage have been working with partners to tackle a number of priority crimes such as burglary and vehicle crime whilst identifying and managing other issues which affect the quality of life of people living, working and visiting the Borough.

- > In September 2009, in response to occupants being persistently involved in crime and disorder, a successful application led to the closure of premises under anti-social behaviour 'Rowdy House' legislation.
- > Organisations in Stevenage continue to work together to meet the demands of the town's night-time economy. In partnership with Stevenage Leisure Park, a number of licensed tenants have enrolled in Hertfordshire's 'Safer Pubs, Clubs and Bars' initiative.
- > Neighbourhood Watch continued to thrive in the Borough during 2009-2010, and there are now a total of 755 Watches - an increase of over 400 compared to 2008-2009. This success has been supported by the continued achievements of DogWatch and the introduction of other similar schemes.
- > Anti-social behaviour continues to be a concern for many residents in Stevenage and a range of special operations have been organised to respond to this, such as Environmental Action Days and the closure of houses believed to be associated with the use or production of drugs. Great emphasis was also placed on tackling anti-social behaviour during Halloween and Bonfire night celebrations.
- > In 2010-2011, police in Stevenage will continue to build on their successes in reducing crime levels and improving engagement with Stevenage residents. Community messaging technology will be introduced to send crime prevention and community information direct to residents' mobile phones or email accounts.
- > If you have concerns about community safety or would like to help to set the local policing priorities, please come along to one of our 'Street Meets' to discuss any issues with your local Neighbourhood Policing Team. Visit www.herts.police.uk for more details about how to contact your local team.

CONTACTS IN STEVENAGE

Hertfordshire Constabulary

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Neighbourhood Policing Teams in Stevenage:
Bedwell
Broadwater
Chells
Old Stevenage
Shephall
St Nicholas
Town Centre

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.
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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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The services we provide and the money it costs.

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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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