

POLICING IN WELWYN HATFIELD

Crime in Welwyn Hatfield continued to fall during 2009-2010 by a further 5% compared with the previous year. This means there were more than 400 fewer victims of crime.

- > Priority crimes, identified as most important to residents of Welwyn Hatfield, have also fallen. Based on the trends over the first 10 months of the year, both residential burglary and motor vehicle crime decreased by more than 10%, serious violent crime by more than 30% and robbery by more than 20%.
- > The proportion of offences solved and brought to justice in Welwyn Hatfield is at the highest level ever in the Borough, currently standing at 38.8%, compared to 32.5% in 2009-2010, and is the highest in Hertfordshire.
- > People in the Borough are becoming more confident to seek help against domestic violence, now that specialist courts and more independent advisers have been introduced. This has led to more incidents being recorded in Welwyn Hatfield. Housing providers and voluntary organisations will continue to work alongside police and other public bodies to help people enduring or escaping from domestic violence.
- > The introduction of the National Policing Pledge has helped Neighbourhood Policing Teams in Welwyn Hatfield to concentrate their time on the top priorities in their areas. Officers regularly meet local people so that priorities can be identified and tackled effectively. The Welwyn Hatfield Community Safety Partnership brings together the police, councils, justice and health services, and the Partnership's close working has been reflected in increasing levels of confidence amongst local people.
- > Total crime has fallen every year for the past six years, meaning there were 3,000 fewer victims in 2009, compared to 2004 - despite thousands more residents moving into new homes in the Borough.
- > There were fewer reports of anti-social behaviour in 2009-2010, but efforts will be maintained to combat noise nuisance and other disorder. With many successful initiatives supported by the Partnership, such as those at Moneyhole playing fields in Welwyn Garden City, police and partners will continue to engage and influence younger generations.

CONTACTS IN WELWYN HATFIELD

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Neighbourhood Inspector: Ian Grout

Neighbourhood Policing Teams in Welwyn Hatfield:

Brookmans Park & Little Heath and Northaw & Cuffley
Hatfield and Rural (Hatfield South and Welham Green)
Hatfield Town (Central)

Hatfield West and Hatfield East

Hatfield Villages

University of Hertfordshire

Welwyn

Welwyn Garden City (Handside and Sherrards)

Welwyn Garden City (Hollybush and Howlands)

Welwyn Garden City (Panshanger and Haldens)

Welwyn Garden City (Peartree)

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 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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