

Kent Police has recruited 643 additional police officers since 2016, as well as replacing any who have left the force. This will rise to 788 in March 2022

Boosting community policing in 2021/22

The elected Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent, Matthew Scott explains your council tax bill

More police officers are to be recruited this year thanks to investment raised by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Last year a large number of residents got in touch with the PCC Matthew Scott to have their say on policing in Kent. In response, Mr Scott has increased council tax by £15 a year for an average Band D home. Doing so is raising an additional £6.9 million for policing in Kent.

Meanwhile the Government is funding the recruitment of 20,000 more police officers nationally over three years. Kent is to receive 145 of these this year.

The PCC has also secured additional funding from Government to fund:

- Brexit preparations in our county
- Modern slavery initiatives
- A multi-agency Violence Reduction Unit
- Additional Independent Sexual Violence Advisors for students and gangs
- Domestic abuse and Sexual violence commissioned services to alleviate Covid-19 pressures

Where every £1 of the police budget goes:



- Kent Police pay and overtime **78p**
- Premises costs **6p**
- Transport, supplies and other non-pay costs **15p**
- Support for victims and community safety projects **1p**
- The PCC and his office **less than 1/2p**

Kent Police funding explained:

The policing part of your council tax, the part set by the PCC, is only around 10% of your total bill. The rest of what you pay in council tax goes to your local councils and the fire service.

The amount you contribute in council tax to the police is lower than most areas of the country. The majority of Kent Police's budget comes from central Government.

Ways that you can contact the PCC Matthew Scott:

- Write: **OPCC, Kent Police, Sutton Road, Maidstone, ME15 9BZ**
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