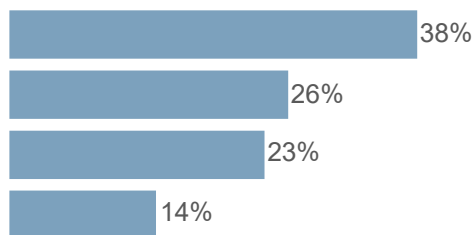


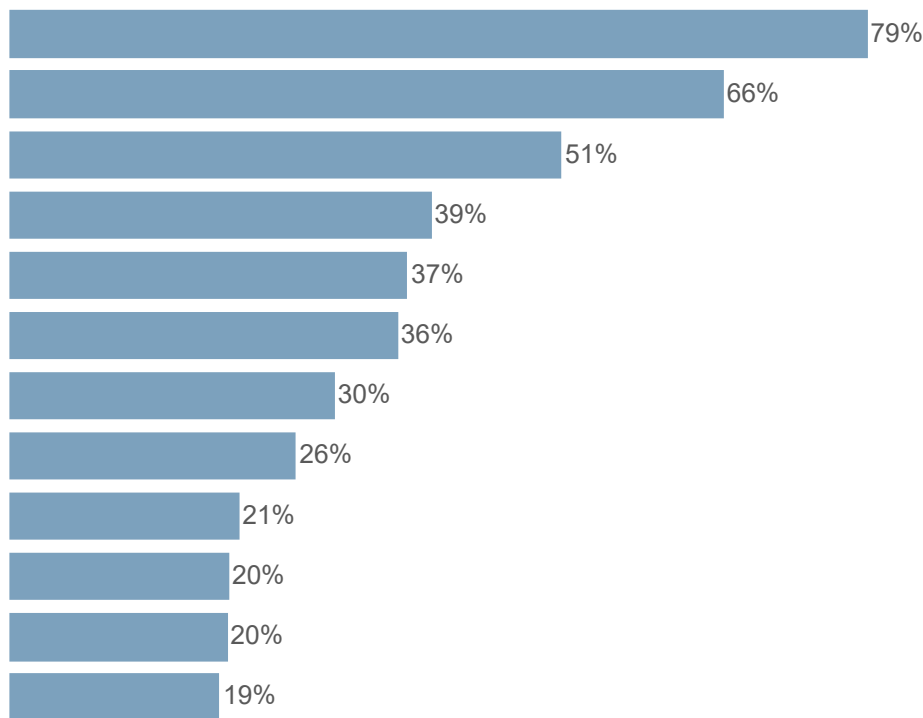
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How much more would you be willing to pay for your local police service?



Which of the following priorities would you like to see investment in? (from the list below choose up to 5)



Other (please use box below)

Road safety. Installing traffic cameras in areas where need is identified. Apart from improving road safety, fines collected could be used to further improve road safety/traffic calming measures in villages.

get in the faces of criminals, i want to see proper police officers not pcsos on foot patrol.

Hunting for hares and deer with dogs.

Other (please use box below)

I'm disappointed that there is no mention of domestic abuse against men , it's hard enough to come forward let alone not be believed

We live in a very rural area - I have never seen a police officer up here or even in local villages during the 5 years I have lived here, despite having a station at Stanhope!

Maybe try actually training your officers to deal with domestic abuse! Off doing photo ops when a victim that your force has horrifically failed can't even get a call back! High five!

stop abusing women by prejudiced attitudes letting perps off easy to buse women

Cyclists with no lights, even reflectors. So many in Darlington & with darker nights & bad weather, preventable accidents waiting to happen, with extra pressure on Police & NHS resources.

999, when you phone 999 you actually get 999 and not be redirected to 101.

Actually bothering about crime victims instead of treating them in a bad and uncaring way.

Prosecuting corrupt police.

Burglary

Groups of migrants hanging round streets talking intimidating passers by ans locals

Nusiance dogs

Mixed raced sexual education. British nationals

Would sound ridiculous if i wrote it

Off road motorcycles using all areas of Shildon, including the main streets as a race track. Install speed monitoring on Queensway.

Just do a proper investigation

To stop police corruption in house and the lack of investigation techniques and not following the law (this is a waste of resources and ends up with further expense when taken to court, which is taken from the budget). Filtering down full investigations and time given for investigational work, instead of a quick turnover and falsifying information so the citizen is blackmailed to keep away from the Police! This will save thousands in the budget by removing the inhouse culture of Police Officers and Heads of Department allowing manipulation of information to suit and agenda and making it a personal vendetta. This is rife in Durham Constabulary. The citizens have lost faith and trust. This must be built back, by taking complaints about officers/heads of departments seriously and removing this inhouse protection culture from all departments. This will save further resources on budgets and provide Durham Police with an effective constabulary by working with the people on the ground and the residents of County Durham.

Locsl b Local police on the beat, Ferryhill is like the wild west, boarded up houses, break ins and anti social behaviour.

Drug driving, speeding

See the police walking area of Cockerton

specialist Champions trained within the police to handle DA, ASB etc etc

We need a more visible police presence particularly on our roads, speed cameras don't catch dangerous drivers

Give better support/training and backup to your serving officers and employ officers that are capable and willing to do the job. Using PCSO's is policing on the cheap and is woefully ineffective.....leading to the public loosing faith and respect for the police.

Investigating crimes affect people. Not property. Like dog theft. Or damaging parked cars at night. Or teenager gangs that just have nothing to do but be a nuisance to honest working people.

Tackling illegal fox hunting and associated trespass onto land where no permissions given and damage caused. They lie when they state that they trail hunt. Their presence where they are not allowed causes me to fear for my own safety. It is intimidating and causes me distress. Police bury their heads when it comes to foxhunting. :(

Other (please use box below)

Fish poaching and associated anti-social behaviour across the River Wear catchment area. Legal river fishermen are often placed in difficult and dangerous situations when dealing with poaching. It is widely accepted that poachers often arrive at the river in vehicles that have no tax or MOT. There has been a noticeable increase in poachers under the influence of drugs (smell of cannabis). There are hotspots for poaching along the river and predominately aimed at illegally taking migratory fish (salmon and sea trout). These fish face many pressures and legal river fishermen and coastal netmen must abide by many regulations to ensure that migratory fish have a sustainable future. Poachers have no such obligation and it is thought that some fish are caught and sold on. It is believed that to reduce poaching will take a team effort from legal fishermen and their respective clubs to the judiciary and in between via Police, Environment Agency Enforcement Teams, MPs, Durham County Council and local councillors. Any assistance with placing this illegal activity as a concern for 2023/2024 would be very much appreciated.

River poaching and antisocial attitudes of rural poachers

Provision for disabled residents to access help when needed.

Please stop wasting money on ventures like the custody suite in Spennymoor. There is already a full purpose police station in Spennymoor. In Aycliffe the police share a fire station. There isn't even a Magistrates court in Spennymoor, which means further resource is required to move prisoners to/from court after arrest. I would not want to see an increase on the police precept for 2023/24. Cut your cloth to suit your pocket.

Seeing more police in local communities

Fly tipping and Littering

Increased community camera surveillance equipment and operators, more PREVENTION less CURE

More admin to ensure crimes reported are always noted; I am still waiting a year for a reply to an email from a PCSO. Police presence at Parish council meetings is also essential, as residents put off reporting crimes if police are not listening.

How about police on the streets instead of behind desks

Harassment initiatives against neighbours who think they are above the law.

Actual police visible on the street, police presence in, responding to house burglaries

east durham antisocial behaviour and arson

Stop politically driving police wasting time on non crimes like people being offended by free speech

CCTV, ANPR, ANPR fitted to all response vehicles, ally gates in area's with terraced housing with high crime area's. Promoting more good news stories.

More enforcement of illegal parking outside schools

Dealing with the inexcusable back log to charging - caused by complete apathy of officers - it is an absolute disgrace that victims of crime are left.. serious crime too.

Uphold your oath and protect the public from the real threats of tyranny and corruption within the government, media and central banks, instead of investigating people who tweet the "wrong opinion".

more openness

Theft and robbery

Note - Drugs are a social issue not a criminal one and so my tick in the serious and organised crime is for everything but drugs. Legalise them, tax them and your budget problems are solved.

Tackling off-road bikes and quad bikes in our public parks in Darlington

Following up on your promises which never happens

Road safety - increase safety for cyclist

DH2

Officers responding to break ins.

Spend less money on the staff in the PCC office and more on warranted officers.

Other (please use box below)

Off road motorbikes Seaham

Getting rid of Joy Allen to save money !!

Police officers, not cut price PCSO's and specials on the street, not safely tucked up in cars and offices. You found/waste money on centralised custody suites which will make more officers TAXI drivers, away from local issues. So do it again and find the money yourself.

Doing your jobs. You allow criminals to run rampant without consequence. If you want more money, stop protecting the red-belt Tories and let them fend for themselves until you get the money you need.

If the burgeoning Police and Crime Commissioner's department was done away with, then Durham Constabulary would have more funds available to improve services, or indeed, put more offices on the beat.

Durham County Council and Police corruption.

More resources to deal with dog fouling and litter

Modern slavery

Foot patrols talk to the public

Drugs and low level dealers

Zero tolerance to Litter/ dog-fouling/ litter-bin arson/ quad and scramble bike nuisance which can blight neighbourhoods.

But you will do what you want anyway so not sure why I'm actually doing this survey

SMART INIFORMS - NO BASEBALL CAPS AND LICRA! SHAVE BEFORE COME ON DUTY

General continuation of every aspect of Policing. Making improvements, revisions etc as needed.

We would like the police to do their job!! Crime is crime, you cannot cherry pick! respond to emergencies rather than log numbers for insurance purposes or at least follow up on calls, crime is distressing for the victim

most of the above but mainly more police on the beat not in cars.

Organized scams like 'door to door sales' from 'ex-offenders' under a scheme which doesn't exist.

More effective management of existing resources

Hard to only choose 5 from the above!!

To actually invest in serving the community. I.e investigating burglary as opposed to responding to shoplifting... Which seems to be more of a priority than residents

Please just have uniforms present in town centres and on the streets.

Feedback on crimes committed and reported. The police refuse to feedback when a crime is reported. Why? We need to know if a crime committed in our area has been dealt with and the details. Thank you.

More police officers not pcso

Zero tolerance of anti social/ littering etc behaviour

Stop woke policing, why are police involved in Climate change or hate crime initiatives. Less panda cars would reduce costs and get police back on the streets tackling crime. No point in increasing police officers unless they police effectively and people feel safe.

Police visibility on the streets

STOP making political statements. By focusing on police numbers back to 2010, you are saying, we want it back to how it was before this evil Tory government came to power. The numbers are not the issue. FOCUS on the right numbers for today, the right responses for today. Co Durham has moved on since 2010. Be the 2023 leader. Forget how things were nearly 15 years ago. Lead for today, police for today. Everyone else has moved ahead. Please live in 2023 not fretting about 2010. We all know, if there is a change of government in 2024, numbers will not go back to 2010, nor should that be the focus.it will be about policing for 2024.

Other (please use box below)

How about go out on a limb and add violence against men and boys - proving more resources to tackle violence and intimidation of men and boys

car crime

Address the serious drug problems in the area

Anti social dogs, dogs that attack other peoples dogs and ignorant dog owners should be fined and jailed for this behaviour. More deterrents put in place to deter kids from taking up a life of crime. Eg if you are caught with a knife you serve 3 years in jail regardless of whether you have used it or not. Get repeat Offenders off the streets and into jail.

Not willing to pay nothing more as police do not protect victims, they rather let criminals off then prosecuted them for their wrong doing

I'd like to see PCC Awarding funding to small locally ran Social Enterprises to support the police with also follow on community based support services

More police on both North and south bailey, market place, north road around 11/11.30pm. I work late and walk in this area to get the last bus at 11.25, in my 60's, female, on my own, and feel uncomfortable. I am also horrified at the number of people - not just males, that urinate in shop doorways, alleyways, quite openly. Would love to see greater policing on a random basis, but more frequently. In the last 15 weeks, I saw police in those areas about maybe at most, 7 occasions.

Better trained officers who know the law!

Working with children and young people to strengthen community understanding and future crime prevention

Reform of our woke, cultural Marxist, incompetent, corrupt police (including the sacking and prosecution of PCC & CC)

Please stop the drug taking and loitering in city, as these people are either aggressive or unwell or both

Tackling irregular vehicle reg plates and unroadworthy cars e.g tinted/orange coloured windscreens

Police presence in areas where it is needed, not same formula for everywhere

Response times

I AM JEWISH AND THE TROUBLES IN ISRAEL AND THE RISE OF ANTI-SEMITISM WORRIES ME

Crime should not be categorised. All crime should be investigated.

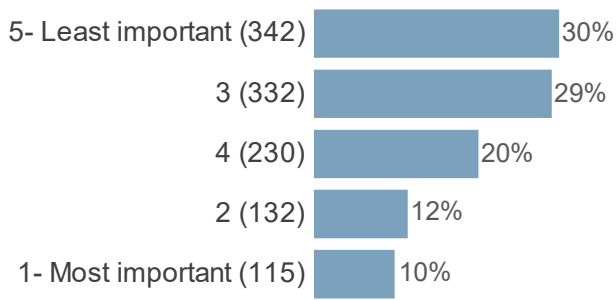
Local issues; speeding especially since there's no enforcement

All are important but prevention should be central priority

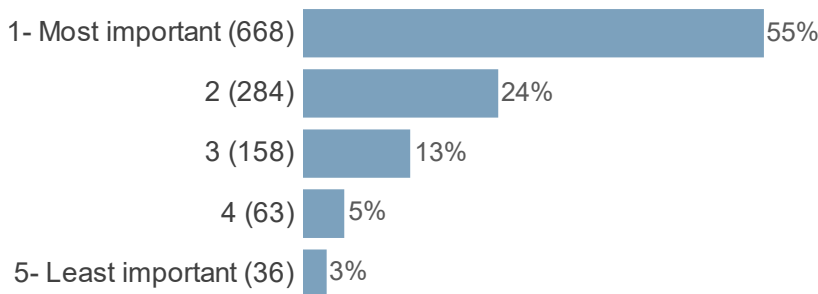
Call handling, routinely takes 20-30 minutes to get an answer by phone to 101 or by live chat, which often times out and doesn't get answered after 6pm

Drug and Alcohol Services in Barnard Castle

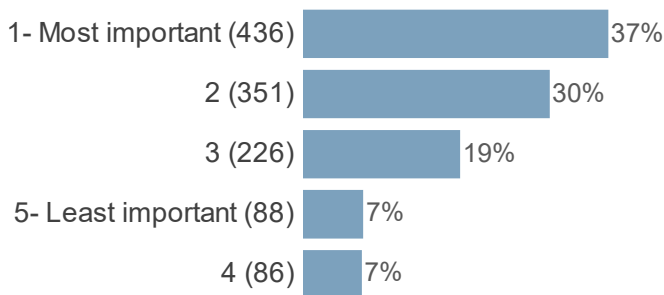
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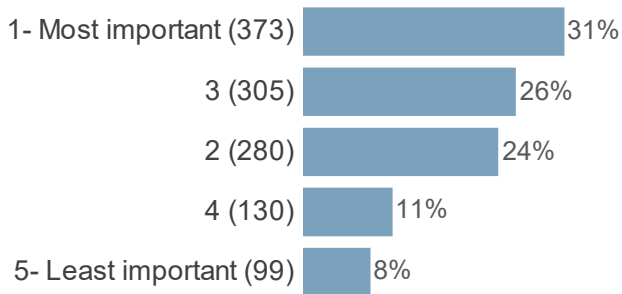
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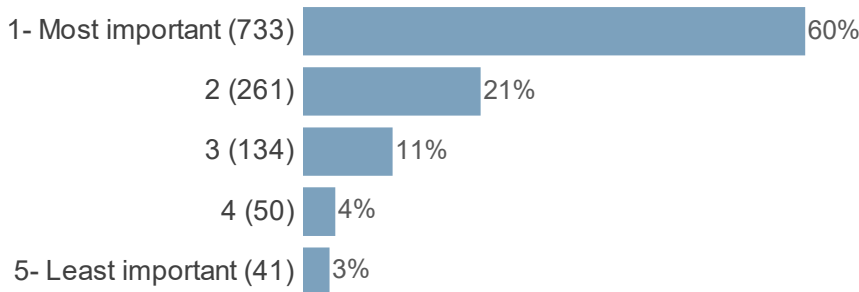
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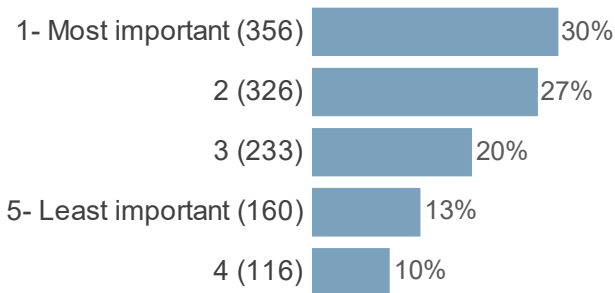
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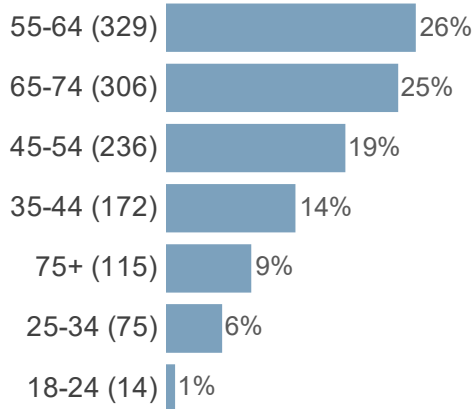
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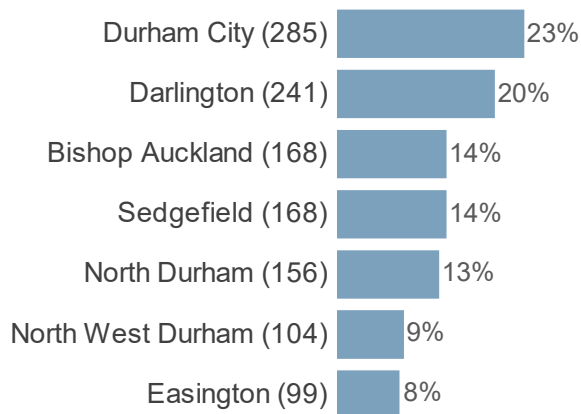
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Age



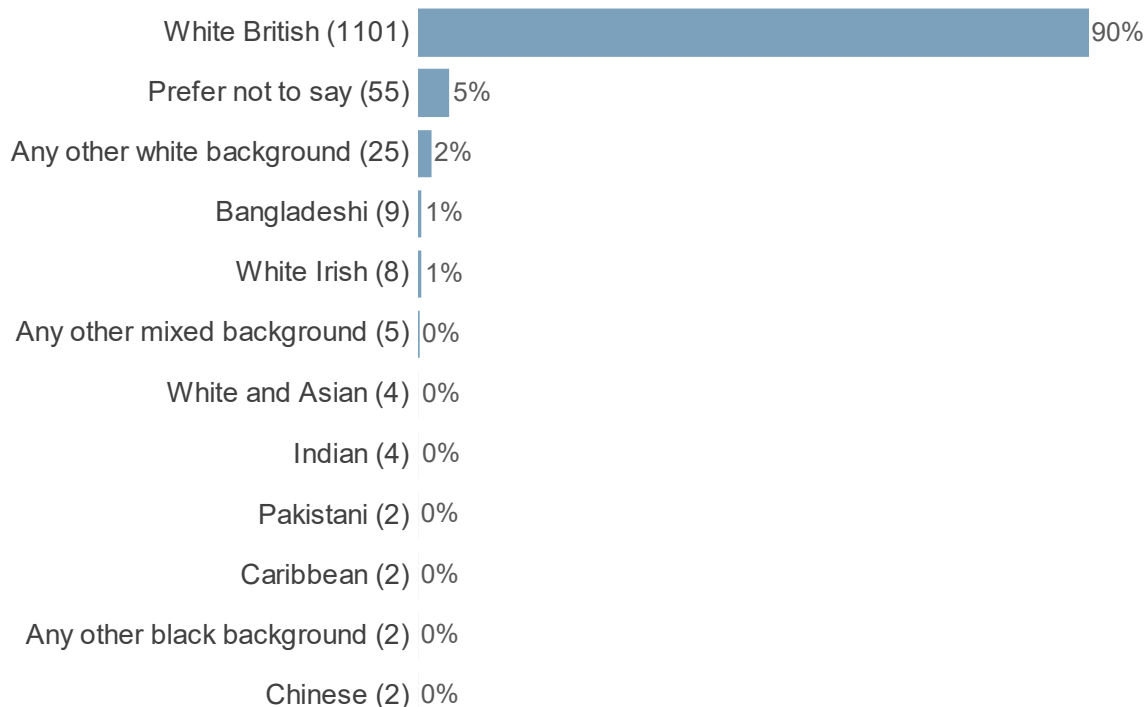
Which constituency do you live in?



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What is your ethnic group?



Any other (please specify below)

White English

Human Race

black or white we are all human, maybe we should stop categorising people by appearance. Its divisive and achieves nothing but time wasting.

Doesn't matter what my ethnicity is... if I'm a victim of crime you should deal with it properly. Stop virtue signalling and trying to be woke and do what you are actually paid to do.

White English

Martian

British born English Bangladeshi

White English

N/A

Just white

White English

White English

Asian

White ENGLISH

Black British

White ENGLISH

Klingon

Sri Lanka

ARAB

White English

Any other (please specify below)

Scottish

White English

White English

White, English

White ENGLISH

Why is this relevant. Another strong political statement and totally irrelevant. Will this influence how my response is take into account. I am a human. I live in CoDurham. I am a property owner. That is what is important. Focus on what is important.

Overall, I feel Durham policing is good.

Do we need a pcc with so many backroom staff answer NO

WHITE BRITISH AND JEWISH

British

Romanian

Would you be willing to be contacted by Durham Police and Crime Commissioners communication and engagement team to take part in future surveys and to received news and opportunity updates?



Please share any other comments you have below:

No mention/research of police efficiency or productivity, just the perpetual request for more money. You are asking, and will receive, further investment from the residents of this county without demonstrating any evidence of outcomes.

Perhaps it's time for DCC a to look at the gold plated pension scheme

Sadly we are in an economic recession, which means very few people have extra resources to plough into policing - however important it is! I believe, therefore, the issue should be funded centrally from Government, a 'levelling up' of resources!

As household budgets are effectively reduced by rising costs and last year the council froze council tax the police and firebrigade should do the same

Our reason for not supporting the increase is due to the lack of support in our village with speeding vehicles. This has been an issue for over 5 years, with absolutely nothing being done so far. Had support been given previously, or any interest shown by the police, then we would have been happy to support an increase.

The Police and Crime Commissioner's is a relatively new, and costly, department supplementing the work formerly achieved by the Chief Constable. The PCC should set an example by striving harder to reduce its costs, thereby setting an example to all the departments.

You need to get a grip of the anti social behaviour in my area such as speeding vehicles on Cobden street, kids riding motor cycles and knowing that the police will never catch them.illegal parking on double yellow lines. Sadly I have witnessed the police ignore cars parked on double yellow lines.

Please share any other comments you have below:

Your communication very carefully avoids any mention of the significant loss of revenue due to thousands of homes being occupied by students who live Council Tax/Precept free. You need to be 100% open about this issue rather than apparently seeking to hide it from sight/discussion. Students may not be prime users of costly County Council services such as primary/secondary education, social services etc, but they certainly are a cost to the local police service. I see no reason why each of these households should not be charged the full annual precept cost, or alternatively the University should be asked to pay it on their customers behalf. There can be no justification for thousands of fully grown adults not paying their way for services that they benefit from to the same extent as anyone else.

I'm not a fan of categorisation of crime, to me its simple - we already get taxed to the hilt. The service should be punishing crimes and responding quickly yo residential crimes such as burglary in an instant.

Getting Snap Op running in Durham was a priority in raising precept last year. No prograss so far?? Cant be difficult, plenty other forces using it for some time now.

County Durham rates are already higher than many other counties. If the core services need more money, it should be found by cutting back other less or not important areas i.e. net zero, equalities, and all the other left wing nonsense.

If every service starts to ask for extra our council tax will soon become even more extortionate for the services provided. Stand up against the government and take action. Enough is enough!

Based on the visibility and effectiveness of the Police in the east Durham area we should be getting a refund! You find money for what we don't want i.e. Central Custody Suite, which will waste officers time travelling along with the environmental detriment of extra vehicle journeys , so put this money to better use.

You do a great job

Unfortunately progress does not always improve life. Old fashioned worked for so long because it was effective throughout the communities. The Government has turned the youth of today into entitled snowflakes. Where has respect gone?

The Police service is all based on the communit . How ever the streets are left very short of experienced officers to form squads. Senior and Politicians see the Policing of the streets as the bottom of their priorities. I am willing to discuss this matter wiith a one willing to meet with me.

Do away with Police and Crime Commissioner & all her entourage leaving more funds for important issues

Police officers more visible at street level on foot , to gain more respect from youth and older public

Unless it becomes possible to contact the police none of what you want will matter to us ie 33 minutes trying to get through to none emergency number

More police officers that know the local area. They can talk with residents and get to know and gain the trust of residents and where the problem areas / people are, to be able to respond more effectively. Police also need to go into the schools in their communities and educate the young ones on what is right and wrong and what the consequences of breaking the law means. This could be done for each year group until they leave school, to reinforce what is right and wrong and would in our opinion make a big difference to the next generation. If we win their hearts and minds from a young age they will play an important part in the safety of our communities, in the future, breaking a cycle of unlawful behavior that some communities are blighted with.

Need more help in getting Drug dealers out of Spennymoor because it smells all over Spennymoor of Cannabis

Rather than make excuses to justify taking more money from residents to provide a very poor and inadequate service, why not simply do the job the police were originally created to do?

Please share any other comments you have below:

I would be happy to pay for an increase in police funding if that resulted in a real change in their ability to prevent antisocial behaviour and to bring serious criminals to justice. I would be much less happy if that money were spent on replacing serviceable police cars and operating speed traps; not that those are not worthwhile, but they should have a much lower priority until issues which have a direct impact on residents of the area have been improved. To convince people that the money being requested would be spent wisely, there should be absolute transparency in and clear publication of the accounting.

Some of my neighbours are disgruntled by the lack of response from the police after their vehicles were deliberately damaged, Unfortunately CCTV regs prohibit scanning beyond the boundaries of the property. If only this constraint was lifted evidence of criminal activity can be recorded. The NHW alert scheme is quite useful and I often use this to to keep my neighbours informed

I wish I could afford to pay a lot more to assist with our valuable police force but I think the £10 proposal for band D properties is fair. Thank you for what you do manage to do. Happy New Year.

Litter is not mentioned in survey but remain be a problem for the town. I guess it will be included in anti-social behaviour.

Investigating crimes is at its lowest levels it is time police were more proactive instead of relying on insurance cover to rectify damage

just get the police back to the levels when we have enough to do the jobs properly on the beat and 2 up in patrol cars not single maned no good.

'Since austerity' what does that mean? Be precise

Anti-social behaviour by 10 - 21 year-olds is a massive and dominant cause for concern and anxiety in my community. There are virtually no deterrents for young people who are increasing their anti-social and criminal behaviour at an alarming rate.

Round Newton Hall area never see any police/cars flying up and down main road

The village in which I live must be typical for the N.E. Youths throwing stones at passing cars, drunks in the streets and noisy, uninsured motorcycles being ridden around the streets. Most people only meet their immediate neighbours because they go everywhere by private vehicle. We need Police presence or much better response times. otherwise it's easier to drive away.

GET RID OF PCC AND STAFF, GET MORE COPPERS ON THE GROUND.

It's time to get back to basics. Actually responding to calls in a timely fashion and taking supposed 'minor crime' more seriously. Nip it in the bud so to speak. Price not willing to pursue anything they don't think will get to court.

Preventive policing is vastly more effective and efficient than reactive policing.

ASB is out of control. We need it.to be tackled. Not sure how. Young people do what they like

For the police to provide feedback and reported incidents and crimes to the person reporting. It's disconcerting to know a crime has been committed near to where you live and yet the police refuse to give any feedback when asked. Why is this a working practise please? We need to know so we can make ourselves safer if needs be.

Incase no one says thank you - I am very grateful to the police. Their efforts are appreciated.

An answer needs to be found to stop unlicensed off road bikes and quad bikes being ridden dangerously on public roads and footpaths, in particular by children without safety equipment ie: helmets. This is an immense danger to the elderly and dog walkers.

The support of the PCC on road safety issues has been particularly welcome - an area where there is clearly insufficient police resource to enforce the 'rules of the road'

Richard Holden MP for north west Durham should be made to pay back council taxpayers the £101k he cost spreading lies about Kier Starmer whilst trying to deflect from Johnson. In Ushaw Moor you never see police walking the beat. We need extra police and they need to be seen by the public.

We need to see a police officer on the beat in Kirk Merrington

Less people working for pcc and all spare money used for beat officers

Please share any other comments you have below:

Police need to look smarter and fitter, be a commanding presence in the community and actually give the public at least the notion that they are capable of solving crime and keeping the public safe. That means not only attending but tackling and solving burglaries and anti social behaviour, as an example. At the moment most people feel that the police are ineffectual.

The police in Newton Aycliffe are a non entity, absolutely a waste of time and money. The town is becoming lawless being taken over by unruly and feral youths. I've seen with my own eyes officers drive straight past a youth tearing up a grassed area on a quad bike and another drive past a gang of youths causing chaos Disgraceful and these should not be wearing a uniform. The youth and criminal element here know they have no chance of being caught as there are no police out there

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Remember your role is policing. FOCUS on making Co Durham a safe place to live, shop, study, visit TODAY.

There are typos on the initial page. It might be helpful to proofread it.

As a family we have experienced years of antisocial behaviour from our neighbours - although the police have dealt with this professionally and kindly staffing shortages have meant that response to non urgent matters makes it difficult to gather evidence at the time of the offences. The police work well with the council and the community officers are doing their best in difficult times . The police are clearly under resourced and we have appreciated their time and support over the past few years .

You do your best. Thank you

From an employment point you really must improve the time it takes for an enhanced DBS check to go through, it is a common knowledge that DBS checks get stuck at stage four, the police, this is an extra paid for service and must be improved, and should be weeks not months.

I would be willing to pay more if it meant more police officers, quicker response times and manned local police stations

we have no control of prisons or streets anymore this century has been too soft on crime get rid of laws from Brussels our Supreme court should cover all our needs

Save money for police services. Police commissioners an unnecessary expense.

Give our police more powers instead of sending them out with their hands tied behind their backs.

The above questions around improvement should be a matter of course. The question to ask is do you consider an increase in the precept is acceptable. My response is no. Year on year same old excuse not enough grant. Never mind the residents will fill the gap. Residents are struggling and it is selfish for agencies to apply increases when people are unable to feed themselves or families. Have you considered that in some cases people will default on council tax payments because they cannot afford it and some will at best have a visit from bailiffs, at worst loose their homes. But never mind as long as the agencies get what they want. Shame on all agencies that take from the needy.

I have marked as low in my list of priority for improvement some areas where I think Durham already excels - this is not to say that I think these are unimportant

From the information provided it must be key to pursue an approach which is tailored to local needs but also ensures National consistency on police funding and standards for capacity and resources

It is difficult to chose 5 priorities as a local Councillor i chise the 5 which impact on our community based on whst people have told me

I have only rarely seen a police officer on the beat in Durham city during the day, the last time was when the first crime commissioner was appointed

Antisocial behaviour around North Road area makes it very intimidating to walk into town or encourage older children to be more independent when you know what they're likely to encounter waking into town

Thank you for all you do do, but a greater visible, obvious, and unexpected police presence is I feel, really important

Please share any other comments you have below:

There is an increased number of motorists on mobile phones, disregard for other motorists, ignorance of the Road Traffic Act and Highway Code, etc.

I have only had to use my local police on a few occasions and as a former police trainer I was very disappointed with the level of legal knowledge they were very poor!

Thank you.

Really useful to have this opportunity to provide feedback - thank you

There needs to be a criminal investigation into the PCC and CC (by another force) into the Stammer/covid/pizza party and the CC's new contract. You need to sack the obese, unfit, incompetent, scruffy, tattooed. You need to recruit & promote solely on merit. You need to get rid of every "diversity" post & policy. I don't want to pay our police service a single penny, they have abandoned the vast majority to pander to tiny, noisy, minorities.

Rural areas and urban areas have different needs. Generally we have been happy with your responses when we have needed policing

I think a quarterly newsletter would be good - I appreciate the cost but I think that it would be hugely beneficial, especially in the financially difficult time when the authority are asking for more money. Highlighting the work, initiatives, successes and partnership working of the police in the area would show that the increase is more than justified. Most people only hear bad things they don't hear the good and they should.

We have 2 drug dealers in our street. They don't seem to move on. One seems protected, the other has been raided but continues to sell drugs. Please reduce this increase in drugs in ferryhill. It remains the root cause of so many crimes, not all of which are reported.

Thank you

The crime from organised gangs connected to drugs is most concerning.

Disappointed to hear the police will no longer provide public access to any community meetings.
Thank you.

Government funded model needs to be challenged and updated, it's become too easy to ask for monies via council tax. OPFCC and commissioner role also needs to demonstrate value for money. They are a lay of red tape, that hold back police forces. Rarely do you hear they have secured government funding to support initiatives to prevent crime.

Just make police visible to those people you know spoil community life. Show off action taken .

Less police on the streets

It's difficult to answer questions about increased numbers without an understanding of how these would be used and what would be the objectives. Likewise sometimes local force initiatives are hard to determine without an understanding of how the regional and national pictures fit together. It simply can't just be a case of getting numbers back to 2010 without clear objectives and measures in place to ensure these are achieved. It is therefore misleading to the public to state an objective of getting back to 2010 numbers is a priority as this takes no account of improvements in technology and other system and service improvements. Clear outcomes should therefore hopefully pave the way for increased staffing in whatever guise. I do accept the disadvantage Durham has in raising money from council tax precept and perhaps with bold innovative policing plans for the future the government may listen rather than simply reject the argument for numbers to be back where they were in 2010

My concern that an increase will take money away from other services, there is a growing number of households that pay either no or very little council tax, therefore any increase will be taken from DCC funding

Impressed with this consultation and survey

Fewer PCC champions more police on beat

with the amount of trouble caused by drinking licenced premises and night entertainment should pay much more towards policing

Please share any other comments you have below:

The PCC role seems unimportant and superfluous but the role and associated staff should be dropped and the money saved should go to on the ground policing

I believe the service would be improved with regards to ASB rather than having the best part of 50k per annum 2 pcsos riding around in police vehicles removing epaulets pretending to be substantive police officer to get out on foot into the community being a high visible uniformed asset in the community. As well as seeing less police vehicles going through fast food and coffee takeaways.

We need to tackle the so called untouchables in all area Where there will be consequences if people speak out against said people

We need to see more police on the streets and not just doing speed checks. It is a rarity to see any police presence including patrol cars

Stop wasting money and asking for more. Do your job without your expensive friends. Get cops out of the stations on foot.

Keep the police stations open and manned. Keep up the good work - we are the best police in the world.

Please sort out the 101 response time - South Bedburn residents aren't using it because they are left hanging on the phone for 45 minutes plus and when they do get through, nothing seems to happen and no-one gets back to them. So they give up on it and put up with all sorts of anti-social behaviour and rural crime issues.

It's ridiculous that someone in Band H pays more than Band A for the same service, it's discrimination.

Given the current economic crisis it is unreasonable to ask the public to decide on policing priorities whilst linking to contribution increase. This may skew responses.

Current police force give absolutely dismal support to the public, and crime prevention has never been worse.

I am amazed at how good Durham police are compared to other forces given the low precept. Keep up the good work

I would pay more but sorry I feel funds can so easily be diverted into paperwork, and less important box ticking courses - on diversity, climate change, endless variations on safe guarding. I suspect serious crime gangs are actually behind a lot of crimes and I commend the brave investigators.

I would prefer to not have a Police and Crime Commissioner and the money spent on front line policing instead.

Would like more action on Drink and Drugs drivers.

Drug and alcohol services are miles away from Barney. Reducing the harm to families and individuals is crucial and would act to reduce criminal behaviours if they were effective. I'd like to see investment in this area. I am happy to be contacted for comment.

More police presence in the streets

More PCSOs working with the community

More joined up working between social services and the police

Other policing priorities: protecting vulnerable people from harm (elderly age group), reducing the impact of alcohol abuse on people and communities leading to domestic violence and nuisance behaviour, reducing the impact of drugs abuse on people leading to burglary and theft, the rise of non-religiousness between males and females are alarming signs. Where will the world end up we don't know.