

# PCC PRECEPT 'YES' RESPONSES

## January 2023

YES Because I believe in the police  
25/01/2023 21:46

YES Policing in Suffolk is diverse, and the vehicle fleet is declining in appearance. The demand is increasing and multiple high profile incidents early this year already. More police officers, better technologies, better fleet. Keeping the community safe and preventing crime is vital.  
25/01/2023 18:05

YES The Police look after the public, so it is only right we, support them. I agree to increase the precept.  
25/01/2023 16:06

YES The volume of crime remains a significant factor in national life. The drag on society from crime impacts wellbeing, individual and corporate costs, and community mood. A small uplift in costs is merited IF it is judged likely to improve the levels of detection and prosecution. If any uplift is diverted to non-front-line policing it is hard to see how it could be justified. Clarity on this point, ie, what is to be spent where would help build confidence and support.  
25/01/2023 10:26

YES Feel we need more police presence in Ipswich There is a increase in migrants causing worries, and I for one am now nervous of walking down town in the evening because of the numbers of males in groups. In fact don't understand how they sit around areas all day, dressed in lovely clothes, whilst the rest of us have to work. Never aware of any police Stabbing in Westgate Street , should not happen in our town Obvious drug increase , seen daily happening in Ipswich in certain areas Burglaries in nice areas of Ipswich,

police not bothered , just issue crime number. Definitely need more police on the beat, and driving around residential areas as a presence This is why I am happy to increase of Policing element of CT, and hopefully not wasted on admin!  
25/01/2023 09:00

YES All the important issues the increase will go towards.  
24/01/2023 19:36

YES Policing is under immense pressure, and the public are beginning to wonder whether there will be a policeman available if needed  
24/01/2023 18:20

YES The population of mid-suffolk will grow considerably due to multiple large new housing developments. This will bring greater volume of crime so graeter resources will be needed.  
24/01/2023 17:55

YES Happy to support additional funding as long as rural policing benefits  
24/01/2023 07:38

YES We need extra policing especially in rural areas  
23/01/2023 16:11

YES I only hope that the proposed 6% increase proves sufficient to at least maintain the current standard. Any reduction in any area of policing is sure to be noticed and commented on in the future.  
23/01/2023 14:55

YES I think I last saw a police officer in my village five or six years ago and rural crime is on the increase. Therefore it's necessary for

more resources to be put in to policing. However, whilst I welcome this increasing cost and should be at the expense of something else rather than a net increase on the already high council tax. Some funds need to be released from elsewhere.

23/01/2023 14:37

YESI am prepared to pay more for a better service. If this mean the response time to a call out is more efficient and more policing in the streets of Suffolk then it will feel a more safer place to live in.

23/01/2023 14:36

YESReduce crime

23/01/2023 14:34

YESI live in a village community and whilst we now have a Community Police Officer, who engages with the community as much as possible, it is disappointing that over the last 2 years we have not seen any prosecutions for crimes committed. Whilst in some cases, this may be due to lack of evidence, nevertheless it appears that some investigations are concluded very quickly. By increasing the precept I would like to see more prosecutions to deter others.

23/01/2023 08:20

YESI think that is a very small increase to help support our police.

22/01/2023 19:23

YESDuring the last recession, the then government reduced the police budget drastically and the force has still not recovered from that 12 years later. What is needed now is investigation into why so many experienced officers are leaving. They also need to give the police a wage rise that matches inflation over the last 10 years. Sadly this won't happen and the least the ratepayers can do is contribute to try and improve the service locally.

22/01/2023 17:11

YESI can appreciate the extra expenses that the force is experiencing. I don't want to see a reduction in service

22/01/2023 16:16

YESI'll support the additional funding but it needs to be spent on what the population want most. Not public sector pensions or unwanted PR and wokery.

22/01/2023 16:05

YESBecause the police are a key resource to keeping our county safe, particularly in isolated rural areas. if we will the ends; we must will the means.

22/01/2023 15:36

YESFair increase

22/01/2023 15:22

YESReasonable increase

22/01/2023 12:27

YESWe hope to at least see a policeman around Hadleigh

22/01/2023 09:47

YESFunds should be used to update buildings and the vehicle fleet (which recently made bad press and is noticeably ageing) both of which, historically, always "take a hit" when budgets are squeezed - this is from my personal knowledge of Force budgets stretching back decades ! Stop wasting any more money on "reviewing the H.Q." site, update it and move on - it was a purpose built facility which, with the necessary investment, could be a prestigious H.Q. for Suffolk and Norfolk - not a "money pit" PFI site as per the current Norfolk H.Q. Also - beware of investing in more "specialist units" - we need more on the ground routine/general policing patrols.

22/01/2023 09:45

YESWe NEED to have a police presence..

22/01/2023 08:49

YESWould like to see more Officers on patrol  
21/01/2023 20:32

YESI understand the indirect costs and direct costs of fuel and energy and whilst I don't particularly want to pay more nor do I want to see operational policing output reduced as a result of these costs  
21/01/2023 19:40

YESThey do a good (& difficult job). This is a very reasonable amount.  
21/01/2023 18:58

YESI support an increase in the precept. I have some years been concerned at the shrinking of the Suffolk Police Service, and worried that the police force's ability to do its job is also shrinking. Therefore I am glad that you have taken the unusual step of asking the public for support; this does highlight the government's inability to reflect the wishes of the public, and you may get some criticism for "speaking out of turn"; but be assured the public is more on your side than the government's in this matter.  
21/01/2023 16:33

YSEverything has gone up this year, so it is reasonable to expect council tax to do so too. I would really appreciate seeing an occasional police person put and about "on patrol". We have not seen anyone in my village since our local support officer was withdrawn around 5 years ago.  
21/01/2023 16:21

YESI've lost faith in the UK police as protectors, because of deep-rooted attitudes that enabled serving officers Wayne Couzens and David Carrick to rape and murder people they are asked to serve. Black people have even more reason not to trust the police, as the deaths of Roger Sylvester, Joy Gardener, Mark Duggan and others testify. The actions of police after the Hillsborough tragedy and during the 1980s miners' strike are not easily forgotten. This makes it hard for their

colleagues who do a difficult job preventing violent crime while being expected to give pastoral and social support. And while widespread, the problems are not universal. Despite the systemic failures in policing, I know that Tim Passmore is a committed and engaged person who genuinely cares about the local community. Given his involvement, I would support the rise in Suffolk.  
21/01/2023 13:55

YESI want to feel safe in my home and on the streets  
21/01/2023 10:45

YESThe way the UK is policed is very much broken and I have very little faith that someone would be available to help me if needed. The police force is very much under pressure to deliver and right now they are stretched beyond ever being repaired. If by extra contribution this can go to sensible effective changes, then I am all for it.  
21/01/2023 10:23

YESI feel we need to help pay for the services we receive so I am happy to increase my contribution to the police service. Thank you for all you do.  
21/01/2023 09:51

YEBUT please don't use my answer of yes as a given without addressing issues that I feel are extremely important . 1. Very very rarely see a police officer in the countryside. I know we are fortunate that there are few reported crimes in a lot of Suffolk villages. This can very quickly change ! 2. The odd occasion I had need to try and call the on a non urgent matter , you ar lucky if you can get anyone to answer the phone. 3. Used to have occasional representation at Parish council meetings , I know this can be quite time consuming however it can be a good point of contact for local grievances.  
20/01/2023 22:23

YES 29pence per week is peanuts. we're retired folk on modest pension income but we can manage Ok, won't notice it at all. you probably have no choice but this is all far too many words to get support for 29p a week!!!! what we would like very, very much is for the "Craddick" problem to disappear pretty damn quick. it undermines support and trust and respect for police. You owe it to the majority of "good guys" to fix it thoroughly and quickly. 50 years ago I watched a bobby pinch an apple from a market stall and felt really let down. this is far worse, you must act !  
20/01/2023 20:26

YES I'm happy to pay extra to keep on top of costs etc  
20/01/2023 19:52

YES Because of the inflationary implications to the existing budget. We must keep on top of policing and try to do our best in Suffolk and our force should be given every opportunity to do its job and to do it well.  
20/01/2023 18:00

YES We need to stamp out rural crime, fly tipping, county lines and other drug related crime, including control of knives and guns. To this end I would gladly pay extra to keep our city streets and countryside safe.  
20/01/2023 17:32

YES Considering recent events, together with the poor standards of driving I see on a daily basis, the need for police patrols and presence on the streets to deter and respond to criminal acts is greater than ever.  
20/01/2023 17:30

YES I cannot see a reason why this should not take place. We all need to support our police and 29p pw is hardly a large sum.  
20/01/2023 16:58

YES I don't want to see any further cuts to policing in Suffolk. I'm fat I'd like to see more visible policing to deter these thugs that go

around intimidating and injuring innocent people going about their business. I've lived in the Ipswich area all my life but rarely go in the town now and certainly not to socialise at night (aside from to attend the theatre). I don't feel safe anymore and the lack of police patrolling at night in the town centre makes it even more uncomfortable. Plenty down Portman Road on a Saturday afternoon for low key games but not on the streets generally. So yes, increase the precept and invest it in putting more police on the streets and less sat behind desks doing paperwork or sat in cars on their phones  
20/01/2023 16:57

YES more Newmarket police on the streets  
20/01/2023 16:55

YES To be spent on Police Officers NOT pcso's  
20/01/2023 16:34

YES Only if the money is used and benefits the general public and we are not paying for serial rapist police.....!!!!  
20/01/2023 16:33

YES Not to be spent on PCSOs  
20/01/2023 16:27

YES economic situation  
20/01/2023 16:18

YES need to show clear evidence of improved police on the street  
20/01/2023 16:06

YES The police are understaffed as it is we need to keep this funding at the correct amount  
20/01/2023 16:05

YES The county is in need of more police officers and the way they are managed. We need to look at how the operations are run to allow more visible policing especially when you look at the recent events around not only Ipswich but the whole county

20/01/2023 15:54

YES Policing is important

20/01/2023 15:54

YES Adequate policing is becoming more important year by year, yet seems to be diminishing. I fully support your proposal, which I think is modest, I would be quite prepared to pay more for this absolutely vital service.

20/01/2023 15:52

YES I consider proper funding to be essential for this priority service in order to keep all residents of Suffolk safe.

20/01/2023 15:49

YES I do not want the police service to be decreased. I do feel that events which require policing should pay quite generously for those services. Living in a rural area, I do feel that most resources are spent in towns and rural problems take a back seat. However, I am willing to pay a bit more to help maintain work of police force

20/01/2023 15:38

YES I think is below the amount needed so I will vote Yes.

20/01/2023 15:25

YES We need more Police on the street Ipswich is unsafe for the public Crime and knife gangs need to be cleared

20/01/2023 15:25

YES We would feel safer that for a small increase in our charge our police will be able to continue to do their very important job to protect us in the community. Thank you for all you have done and will do in the future.

20/01/2023 15:20

YES Maybe a bit more should be taken as we need more police, and have more armed as the crimes are getting worse, and I think every officer should be armed with a Tazer as well.

Young people need to be taught to have respect for the police and the parents of a lot of them need fining or imprisonment for failing to raise their child problem and teach them to have respect. Should have borstal brought back but it run by the military police. That's my opinion.

20/01/2023 15:17

YES maintain services

20/01/2023 15:15

YES We desperately need to improve on policing in Ipswich

20/01/2023 15:10

YES We need more resources for the police. I go trail hunting and would like to feel more supported by the police, whom I'm sure do their best with limited resources

20/01/2023 15:01

YES The reason we are saying yes is that we think that Ipswich and surrounding areas need more policing... and if this helps we are happy to do it... To avoid any further trouble, deaths Etc

20/01/2023 14:58

YES Very much needed in this uncertain world, a group of people think they can do as they like + DRUGS

20/01/2023 14:50

YES The crime in Ipswich and surrounding areas is increasing. Its fast becoming a frightening place to live. Police desperately need extra funds to cope with increase in demand. They do a fantastic job! It's the least we can do.

20/01/2023 14:49

YES It's time we built the Suffolk Police Force back up to its previous strength. That will cost money, but it's worth every penny for the piece of mind that will give us.

20/01/2023 14:45

YES It is important to maintain the level of policing that we currently have. Ideally it would be even better if it could be increased. If an increase to the precept is necessary to achieve this, then the cost for individual households is almost negligible.

20/01/2023 13:26

YES Pay peanuts - you get monkeys. It's the same for everything you need to find a service properly so I am in favour of the full increase.

20/01/2023 13:19

YES I would happily pay 29p a week for the piece of mind of having our Beccles PCSO continue past this trial period.

20/01/2023 11:37

YES As a person living in a rural community, we see little evidence of police presence bar car accidents. But we are fortunate in not having much crime in our community. We appreciate crime is on the increase in areas such as Ipswich and appreciate a well trained, responsive police is needed. I am more than happy to take the advice of Tim Passmore and the Chief constable, to an increase in the police part of the precept.

20/01/2023 10:26

YES I would like to see a special unit set up to deal with mental health issues so we can free up more police to do what they used to do, fighting crime.

19/01/2023 23:58

YES Good policing requires good funding.

19/01/2023 19:46

YES So this is an increase of £15.08 a year on the policing element, god knows what the Council will increase it by as well? Its important that the Police Force can do their jobs properly, have the tech they need & the right people in place to deal with everything they face on a day to day basis. Its a vital service. How can I say NO? I am annoyed

though that the Government doesn't include the interest increases in your funding levels, which has pushed all costs up for everybody. As a person who already pays PAYE on my wages, I already pay taxes to the Government, which will have increased as I am blessed that I do work for a Business that did increase my wages in line with the interest increases. So the Government should be getting more Taxes from me due to my wage increase, and others who have had wage increases, plus more tax revenue from businesses who have hiked up their prices due to the inflation, so I am cross the Government are not passing these revenue increases onto yourselves & those who need it most, leaving you short of what you need to be able to operate efficiently. Its always the hard working man/woman, who are already pushed financially that has to pay for all the short falls. In the general gist of things £15.08 is not a great deal of money, but add that to all the price hikes I have received over the last 6 months, I am not surprised we are just about existing these days, there is not a lot left over once the bills are all paid for, and we are a family where both me & my husband work full-time! God only knows how others less fortunate are coping right now, I am afraid this might result in more localised crime, as people struggle to keep their heads above water!

19/01/2023 18:38

YES The police need more cameras in streets where crime is committed at night. L-s

19/01/2023 18:24

YES I feel our police force is under funded. They do the best they can with what they have but it needs to be more. More government support would be expected but obviously not forthcoming so If I can contribute an extra small amount each month to at least keep the service we have, if not improve it, then I will.

19/01/2023 12:52

YESMore police every time  
19/01/2023 12:31

YESMore resources are required to tackle speeding on rural roads, not just the main roads such as the A14 and more needs to be done to tackle drugs and violence in the county.  
19/01/2023 10:20

YESYes I do if we see a local policemen in all areas who walks the beat and engages especially with the kids on a level where they respect them and rest of the community who would feel safer.  
19/01/2023 10:15

YESRecognise the impact of inflation and, with some reluctance, I agree to the proposal. But I hope that any fall in inflation over the next 12 months will be reflected in the precept increase for 2023/24  
19/01/2023 10:08

YESWe need more of a police presence, the town has become a place many people feel unsafe in. Having lived here for many years I have felt the change over the last few years. Schools and the police should join together in closer partnership to educate our young people in Ipswich as well as focusing on groups or individuals of concern in schools who are showing signs of any gang affiliatin as well as anti social behaviours in and out of school, I feel opportunities are missed in schools to reach some of these children.  
19/01/2023 09:47

YESCutting the service is not an option. Keeping up with developments is something the police must be able to do. Perhaps the stance that Suffolk Police has had to take over the last few years of asking the public to agree funding increases, is something that government should do each year with their 'proposed' increased in the annual tax take!  
18/01/2023 23:27

YESUnfortunately I have to agree. I just wish we all got a 6% increase in our incomes.  
18/01/2023 22:27

YESI'm sure your projections are accurate.  
18/01/2023 19:58

YESYou seem to have no choice. I think you do well under government constraints and know that you lobby for equality with the rest of East Anglia.  
18/01/2023 17:07

YESBecause the police do a brilliant job.  
18/01/2023 16:58

YESAre we still paying for the custody centres PFI contract? At roughly £35000 per week to a private firm called Tascor? Are they correctly charging the Police for items of clothing and food? What is their profit margin on each piece of clothing that needs to be replaced? What is the potential saving in the food provision? Are the Police still having to pay for broken gates at Martlesham PIC and all the other contractors that are skimming off the top of the PFI. Who is paying for the reactive cleans on the cells when someone does a dirty protest? Now your asking for more money which won't be spent wisely! Imagine if the public heard this.  
18/01/2023 11:05

YESWhilst I support your proposal, I would ask that more (or at least some) to support rural communities  
18/01/2023 10:25

YESYou need to sort the firearm licensing out!! It is disgraceful the amount of time some processes take! Raising the licensing fee would help massively! It would reduce the amount of firearms held which would in turn reduce workload. It would also generate more funds to employ extra personnel due get the job done properly. Seems an obvious solution to me.  
18/01/2023 10:01

YESYes, on the assumption we can see a benefit. I had a ride on mower stolen, no police attendance or investigation!

18/01/2023 08:32

There aren't enough coopers now

18/01/2023 02:52

YESWe need more visible police officers on the streets, not just in towns but on the estates and villages too. If this increase will allow this, then I support it.

17/01/2023 21:08

YESI think the majority of people would be happy to pay an extra 29p a week for more funding for the police to make Ipswich a safer place for all to enjoy. We keep hearing people say I don't go into town any more because we don't feel safe if people started to feel safe more people would visit come to Ipswich go this would actually be an investment for the future of Ipswich the more money Ipswich can generate the better quality of life

17/01/2023 20:41

YESIf it means that a call to 999 for police gets answered then I am all for it. Unfortunately the response from the police if anyone even answers the phone is to (a) on a burglary to give you a case number for the insurance company) or (b) where trespassers are climbing over a fence at 3 a.m. on a Saturday morning into school grounds to not answer the phone at all or if they do answer, to show no interest in fixing the problem. Oh, and I forgot when a school student vandalises a one way sign leading to Ipswich Hospital so that cars drive down the road the wrong way, no-one gives a toss. Perhaps they will when there is a head-on out there. I agree with an increase, but we need to go back to some well managed policing methods including stopping the open drug dealing going on in Ipswich Shopping Centre and down by the Marina.

17/01/2023 19:11

YESIt's simple, we need more police on our streets locally. Bury St Edmunds is a rapidly growing town and crime and antisocial behaviour come with this growth. More police are needed to make our residents feel safe and we are not going to get any help from this government. We all have to pay what we can and hopefully we can cover the increased expenditure for safety in other ways if the government finally realises the county and country needs help.

17/01/2023 15:46

YESI have no objection to the increased charge , but an increased charge should result in an improved service which it has not happened in previous years .i

17/01/2023 15:34

YESIf we continue as we are, there will be less petty crime investigated making the residents of Suffolk feel even more undervalued as they may not understand how this may not be on their priority list with less staff to carry out the investigations or recording of the crimes

17/01/2023 14:35

YESRural crime incidences

17/01/2023 14:09

YESBecause I don't think that the government give you sufficient money.

17/01/2023 12:17

Important that the level of policing provides the level of safety we enjoy in Suffolk. With crime generally on the increase and notably rural crime it is important to have resources in place to deal with it.

17/01/2023 11:39

YESIt's a no brainer. Just 29 p per week to help the police to maintain an efficient service.

17/01/2023 10:09



YES We need an effective police force who are able to do their job and have the resources to do so.

17/01/2023 09:48

YES If it helps to improve the Service we are receiving at the moment, it can only be the right thing to do. If it shrinks much more, you might, in some circumstances, not bother to exist.

17/01/2023 09:16

YES We see insufficient number of Police currently as under resourced so don't want to make the situation worse

17/01/2023 08:46

YES I'm a serving officer and an increase is due in my opinion, disperse some of the small proactive teams and pump resourcing back into front line, we have a huge amount of young in service officers who need experience in teams to learn, these new recruits are the future of Suffolk, let's give them suitable peers to learn from by pulling those experienced officers off these teams.

17/01/2023 08:08

YES Costs of essential services are bound to rise along with other prices.

17/01/2023 08:06

YES Protection of the public and processions remains a very important factor.

17/01/2023 02:31

YES Current level of service needs to be maintained and ideally increased which will require additional funds

16/01/2023 22:33

YES We cannot afford to let the police service get any more depleted than it already is.

16/01/2023 20:48

YES We must maintain our service

16/01/2023 20:31

YES Because.... You're worth it....

16/01/2021

YES This seems to be an entirely reasonable amount to me.

16/01/2023 19:05

YES In principle we agree, however this is still not going to improve the service, we are still not going to see anymore presence around towns and villages, we will still get speeding motorists driving through towns and villages, quite simply there is no deterrent. This seriously need sorting so people gain confidence that they are protected and action will take place as and when required, let's get back to the days when everyone in the towns or village knew the local officer and could relate to them and of course the confidence was a lot better. Sounds simple, hopefully it will prove to be.

16/01/2023 18:58

YES Worth every penny to have a fully staffed/ active force to help to give us peace of mind

16/01/2023 18:47

YES Though I shudder at the assumption in your opening statement, I consider the Police Force to be chronically underfunded already and so agree with the proposal that we all have to pay more. What saddens me is that this increase appears to merely keep a leaky boat afloat, whereas I would welcome a complete overhaul of the nation's Policing, a ridding of its politics and factionalism, a top-down modernisation over twenty years and I'd pay for such a thing whatever the cost.

16/01/2023 18:15

YES To much robbery and to much cruelty need more police

16/01/2023 18:09

We need more VISIBLE policing

16/01/2023 18:06

YESI want an efficient police force in the county and more rural police presence  
16/01/2023 17:32

YESIn business if you are improving technology, that would normally allow greater efficiency, therefore are additional personnel required for this rather than getting more officers out on the streets. I am generally happy to support the Police, but the reputation of some forces has been devalued by those who e.g. offer protesters a drink when they block a motorway, rather than enforcing the law by moving them, or wear rainbow badges and dance in the street. I really hope Suffolk does not move to this soft woke policing.  
16/01/2023 17:12

YESI would like more visible policing in the rural area's. Not just the occasional drive through but interaction with people and a far greater effort to solve rural and household crime and stop just handing out crime numbers to assist with insurance claims, that doesn't constitute a solved crime!

YESThe police need resources to tackle crime  
16/01/2023 16:11

YESBut only if there is better access to the police and not just money wasted on technology that ends up not working  
16/01/2023 15:48

YESYes totally agree with this increase but more explanation on where the extra money would be spent and used for as I live in a village outside bury st edmunds and never ever see a police patrol in the village or traffic police catching all the boy racers in the village so would like to see something done there  
16/01/2023 15:46

YESThe Police, like practically every service in the country is suffering from a shortage of funds. Most of the savings have already been made and I am not impressed by politicians

telling me that cutting costs and taking 'efficiency steps' is the answer. Many of our politicians are pandering to the well off 'I'm alright Jacob' part of the electorate who simply want to cut taxes to enhance their own wealth, regardless of the effect on others.  
16/01/2023 15:37

YEEYESI do but I would like to see a greater police presence in the very rural villages such as where I live in Finningham. We have very little street lighting which makes security an issue especially on long winter nights. The rise in fuel stealing crime is escalating as is tool theft from outbuildings. We don't get very much return for what we pay 8n council tax as we have very few facilities.  
16/01/2023 15:23

YESWe live rurally and are concerned that rural policing is continued.  
16/01/2023 13:08

YESQuality of life depends on the ability to feel safe in our homes and neighbourhoods. Technology changes often and the police should be able to understand (training) and to have access to the most modern equipment. We, the public, need to see that the police service is strong, and to be depended on. It is a sad fact that many do not bother to report crimes, saying the police are not going to bother coming anyway. But to attend means there must be sufficient police officers to attend, (salaries). Training, equipment and salaries are costly. Yes, happy to contribute what I can.  
16/01/2023 12:08

The force needs significantly more funding and this is a very small cost to the taxpayer  
16/01/2023 11:54

YESHappy to contribute to the police, as with increases in energy etc, the money has to come from somewhere and I doubt the government will contribute more. I'd prefer to do this than have a degraded service.

16/01/2023 11:25

SMore officers required.

16/01/2023 10:37

YESWhile the money should by rights come from central government in the circumstances it is a small amount per household and will work to maintain policing standards in Suffolk.

16/01/2023 10:27

YESImportant we give our officers the resources to do an adequate job.

16/01/2023 08:57

YESI understand that the cost of living affects all areas and I feel the police are doing a hard enough job dealing with the worst aspects of life, without having to do the job without the tools or the man power required.

16/01/2023 08:09

YESOur policing costs can be expected to rise in step with inflation. If we don't fund that rise, we can expect the quality of our police service to deteriorate. I don't want that reduction.

15/01/2023 22:32

YESThe Police need all the money it can get

15/01/2023 22:16

YESDoesn't seem unreasonable. Despite the cost of living crisis this is important

15/01/2023 21:57

YESWe need to pay for a decent level of policing

15/01/2023 20:52

YESYou need the freedom to bring the Police more into the community.

15/01/2023 19:52

YESI am always happy to pay extra to fund policing. However what difference will it actually make? I live in a rural setting and

never see police patrols. I assume this won't change ?

15/01/2023 18:05

ESSmall percentage increase considering the work the Police have to do these days on limited resources, as long as this money IS used towards fighting crime and making this county/country safe for ALL. I admire everyone who is prepared to put themselves in that front line, in ALL the services, I know I couldn't do it. And it makes me angry they are not supported for the next stage of their hard work by the courts and justice system. Serious consideration needs to be given to support the police with court proceedings, it should not taking so long. What incentive is there to the police or the victims if the courts don't do their bit to make the punishment mean something as a deterrent. We all know the bad ones/repeat offenders won't be corrected but those that are on the line need to see crime does not pay, and it isn't worth it. I used to feel safe walking the streets day or night but these days sadly I don't feel so assured. Please pass on my thanks again for their dedication.

15/01/2023 17:45

YESThis increase is clearly required to make sure we have sufficient policing staff available to give a good( NOT just sufficient), standard of service, wherever and whenever needed.

Fuel and energy prices have increased exponentially, costs of equipment and equipment repair/maintenance/renewal will have done the same. We need to feel our police force is there to help and protect. I am happy for a small increase in funding to ensure this service is maintained at an appropriate level.

15/01/2023 17:06

YESPolicing is an important service and the proposed increase is reasonable compared to recent price increases

15/01/2023 16:46

YES Policing is an essential service that perhaps we don't really appreciate until we need help ourselves.

15/01/2023 16:26

YES I prefer to have police available so am prepared to pay

15/01/2023 16:17

YES Central government is only interested in avoiding taxing the rich at the expense of our public services. Until we get a different government we have to do what we can at a local level. This is a hard ask when so many are struggling, but if we don't increase council tax yet another service will suffer. With cuts to social services crime is likely to increase, so regrettably we can only finance enforcement rather than prevention.

15/01/2023 16:10

YES I very rarely see a police officer in Beccles and I never see one anywhere near my house. Even when I recently reported a noise/nuisance problem in the park beside my property (which is still occurring) I never saw an officer or heard a result. Therefore I am very worried that if this increase is not made the problem will get worse (if that is possible). Whilst I do not welcome an increase in my council tax I accept that unless it is made things can only get worse.

15/01/2023 16:04

YES But also social care needs to be increased as well

15/01/2023 16:00

YES Yes, ONLY if we see more police on the streets. Never see a policeman, only police cars rushing about.

15/01/2023 15:11

YES Although I never see the presence of police in Thurston I occasionally hear their sirens as they race through to somewhere else. It is for those 'somewhere else people'

that I accept your proposal to add £15 to this year's Council Tax.

15/01/2023 15:08

YES If this is what it takes to keep police officers out and about in our communities then it must be done.

YES I am willing to support the police through this increase, but would like to see the budget going towards frontline, visible police presences too. I'd welcome greater clarity on what the 14 additional staff appointed to manage digital communication channels will be doing, with what channels - as in the short description provided it doesn't sway me that the money wouldn't be better invested elsewhere. But ultimately, if it is the best way to enable the police to do their work and keep everyone safe, ok.

15/01/2023 14:23

YES I agree with a 6% increase because the policing service we have at the moment isn't adequate, I am prepared to pay more for a better service

15/01/2023 13:12

YES We need a police presence in our villages, I haven't seen or heard of a visit in 3 years apart from a raid on our local community shop. Hopefully by giving the maximum increase allowed by government this could be rectified or perhaps improved.

15/01/2023 12:31

YES I think it is a fair proposal and policing is extremely important especially in rural areas.

15/01/2023 12:09

YES I want our police to be as effective as possible in carrying out their duties and not to be limited by lack of funds in support of their work.

15/01/2023 12:04

YES Everything is costing more and it is a very diverse county with a large influx of incomers

plus the new Freeport facilities which is going to mean more lorries and more traffic. Watch this space with Elmswell in the next 4 months. Drugs and violence seem to be everywhere. Perhaps someone should go round the schools to point out that knives are not a game and even if you are only stabbed in the leg you can still die and the perpetrator still will serve many years in prison. Our farms are being targeted from all directions with a very cruel type of person. Dont know the solution but it needs to be kept under control.

15/01/2023 11:57

YES Agree more funding for front line policing. However as someone who lives rurally I do not believe we get value for money on rural crime as resources are stretched and have to be distributed in the more dense, populated areas with high level of violent crimes, Gangs and disorder. Agree it is needed but the budget will not affect or support us who live rurally

15/01/2023 11:36

YESI feel that the police force is currently underfunded and overstretched. I would happily pay extra to help those who help us in our hour of need.

15/01/2023 11:26

YESI agree with how you have asked me direct. If the government just did this the press such as the Sun would be plastering the total sum all over their pages giving readers the wrong idea but filling space on the newspapers pages (in among scandals being supposedly committed by filmstars, footballers and others which would not affect me in the least.

15/01/2023 11:21

YESThe cost of living crisis is affecting everyone and most won't want an increase and some simply cannot afford it. However funding for policing has fallen way behind and I am in support of giving more money to the services I may use and would certainly prefer

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15/01/2023 10:53

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15/01/2023 10:53

YESI should like to see an increase in police on the streets and villages

15/01/2023 10:33

YESI agree with the increase on the basis that policing is a important and necessary service, however the increase would not be necessary if the budget was spent more effectively. The burden of "over the top" Health & Safety requirements, HR requirements etc etc not only cost the tax payer more than necessary but ties the Police resources up. The paperwork / administration is unimaginable and makes me wonder why anyone would want to be in the police force, thank fully some still do. Unfortunately this legislation is a place for senior managers to hide, they can blame the system/law, instead of using common sense or get the legislation changed.

Stop pandering to criminals and there so called Human rights, it's madness!  
15/01/2023 10:20

YESo long it's spent on more police and not on your salary.

YESBeing totally honest all services provided to the general public need extra funding to pay for extra people to fill vacancies. Whether it be the Police, Health Care and other services. But I do feel you need more finance which I feel is acceptable to keep pace with general cost of living. So much needs doing and especially in our area unsocial behaviour from the younger generation. You can hear youngsters racing cars late at night in Stowmarket and in the Main Street youngsters parade about having no respect for property of local people. Swearing and chucking rubbish around, a few short sharp shocks and fines could stop a lot of this and the worst offenders should have a period of correctional treatment. Sorry I have gone on but do support extra funding for the police.  
15/01/2023 09:49

YESI feel the Police service is much under funded. I completely agree with the 6% increase and would happily pay 10%  
15/01/2023 09:48

YESCan't see any other way & still be able to provide a decent service  
15/01/2023 09:35

YESI think the police and other public services are underfunded for the job and increasingly wide range of tasks they are expected to do. The right level of remuneration for well trained people; modern, secure and effective technology, vehicles and working support staff and services are essential, in my view,  
15/01/2023 08:56

I don't object to the increase as long as it is used solely to improve/increase front line

policing and not to pay the PCC a higher salary.  
15/01/2023 08:55

YESIt is important that we maintain an effective police force. Whilst a rural county, Suffolk's road and rail links make it a target for County Lines activity and our police need the capacity to confront this.  
15/01/2023 08:07

YESif it costs more to stay safe then we should do it.  
15/01/2023 07:40

YESI don't want crime riding or not being dealt with  
15/01/2023 07:10

YESIt is vitally important to ensure that communication between the public and the police is efficient and effective whilst maintaining and improving public confidence in the service provided. Technology is advancing so rapidly. Sound investment, money spent wisely, is key to keeping abreast of these changes.  
14/01/2023 22:00

YESYes  
14/01/2023

YESThe Police do a fantastic job and need all the support they can get, as do most of the front line emergency/health services, especially after the horrific time they have witnessed through COVID pandemic and beyond. More money should be spent on increasing staff morale and reducing unnecessary workload to enable people to do the job for which they are trained and inspired to do. Best wishes  
14/01/2023 21:07

YESAbsolutely vital service, serving not only the immediate needs most associated with the police service, but all the other functions a

modern service embarks upon. This includes community engagement  
14/01/2023 20:11

YESIt is important for the police to be able to engage with the public at a time which is suitable to them using communication tools that they are happy with.  
14/01/2023 20:07

YESBecause it is important to fund our policing service to ensure we are protected.  
14/01/2023 20:01

YESIt is essential to support our local police in any way we can.  
14/01/2023 19:32

YESTo maintain law and order at the present level  
14/01/2023 18:55

YESI'd like to see a greater police presence, tackling the issues we all recognise as needing additional attention whether that be child abuse, illicit drug supply chains, burglary and others. To start to achieve this, I believe it reasonable to increase the policing element of the council tax.  
14/01/2023 18:22

YESI would like to see more armed police wandering around Suffolk.  
14/01/2023 17:53

YESAs long as it's spent on "boots on the ground" and not wasted on some woke / pc agenda.  
14/01/2023 17:37

YESWe need strong policing  
14/01/2023 17:31

YESpolice response times are very important and a living wage appropriate to there job is only to be expected  
14/01/2023 17:28

YESWe have to allow the Police to operate efficiently so I support the increase.  
14/01/2023 17:25

YESA good service needs to be properly funded.  
14/01/2023 17:05

YESThe police are an essential service and I am happy to pay for them.  
14/01/2023 16:52

YESWe would like to feel safe in the area we live. If we ever needed to contact the police, for whatever reason, we would like to think we could do so without the experience causing more stress. Please do not forget those residents that have problems, or poor access to information technology.  
14/01/2023 16:46

YESThe better the policing the safer we will be.  
14/01/2023 16:41

YESI agree to the proposal because I believe that it could make a positive impact to my community and all who live in it. The police do a wonderful job DISPUTE the lack of resources provided to them. I believe that, because I can, it is my responsibility to dig a little deeper to help those that can help others; I hope many will join me in this opinion.  
14/01/2023 16:26

YESBut it would be useful to know what the total cost is rather than just the £15 cost! However there needs to be spending to ensure safety

YESseems to be the only real option or reduce services further  
14/01/2023 16:01

YESNo alternative but have not had any contact with the Police for 7 yrs.  
14/01/2023 15:50

YESNo alternative if we want to maintain service.

14/01/2023 15:50

YESIt will help everyone

14/01/2023 15:30

ESThe police are a vital part of keeping our community safe and I am more than happy to pay what it takes to keep it that way.

14/01/2023 15:28

YESWe rarely see police patrols in the village but when they are involved with crime investigation they are really good. It would be nice to see more visibility to prevent crime rather than trying to deal with the consequences after a crime has already been committed

14/01/2023 15:12

YESIf it means being safe , getting drugs and drinking out of driving, it would cut a lot of crime, as they are doing crimes for money for these habits.

14/01/2023 15:02

YESpolicing is important.

14/01/2023 15:02

YYESTo keep us safe it cost a lot, People don't see all the work that goes on behind the scenes.

14/01/2023 14:27

YESIts a small price to pay to support the community and policing which is becoming more of a necessity everyday.

14/01/2023 13:55

YESSeems like it's necessary in order to maintain adequate services.

14/01/2023 13:49

YESYes provided this goes into funding more police or intelligence as well as fuel and energy costs.

14/01/2023 13:49

ESPlease take ALL crime seriously and use this new money to make people feel safe. Get more police officers on the ground. This tax goes up each year and I support the police getting extra money but I expect o see results. Ipswich seems awash with drugs; drunks; thieves and scammers so I wont visit the town certainly not at night - what will you do with this money to rectify this situation?

14/01/2023 13:32

YESWe desperately need more resources to keep our communities safe

14/01/2023 12:38

YESTo much petty crime and not enough officers and resources to deal with it. More money given to the police the better

14/01/2023 12:35

YESWe need more police

14/01/2023 12:14

YESYes I agree - but would like to enquire as to what plans you have in place to tackle the constant, evident, male sexual activity taking place in broad day light with the trees and often quite near the main footpath up Dip farm just before you get to the playing field where kids often are or playing football, I have witnessed, disturbed & made you aware on so many occasions it is rife up there & understand this is historic activity up that area but what is being done about it, are you putting cameras up there to catch them as they hop out into their cars? Thin out the trees to make this more difficult? Why is it being ignored? If they were dealing drugs would it be different, there's at least 6 men up on some occasions?

14/01/2023 12:11

The police are doing a great job of keeping the general public safe but I would like to see more out and about so I have no problem with the increase.



14/01/2023 12:07

YESWe need a well-funded police force and clearly central govt have no intention of funding properly

14/01/2023 11:58

YYESThe cost of living has increased for all police officers deserve a pay increase and also crime will probably increase as people struggle to pay for things.

14/01/2023 11:53

YESI would not want the level of support from Suffolk Police to be any less than it is now and it is clear that this increase is entirely necessary. For the morale of the Service it is essential.

14/01/2023 11:53

YESSupporting victims as your main aim is an admission of defeat. Raise the payments by the 15% allowed and do more to prevent crime in the first place.

14/01/2023 11:33

YESBecause as all wages and policing bills increase so should this I really hope my pay increases along with this just so I can afford this And also makes for better policing in all areas

ESIIt is clear that the force needs further investment in order to maintain current levels of service. Even better would be an improvement in services, and therefore the maximum increase in precept is desirable.

14/01/2023 11:25

YESObviously. Happy to pay for this.

14/01/2023 11:17

YESFunding for policing has been cut dramatically in the last decade. A properly funded police provides safety and security. We also save money on insurance policies by living in a safe county.

14/01/2023 11:16

YESI hope this will permit a improvement in policing in the county, which at the moment is only rated 'Good'. Also I would like to believe there could be a refocussing of policing priorities which would see residents' priorities taken into account rather than choosing the low hanging fruit as at present. In the former I would include damage to property, theft, anti-social behaviour; and in the latter minor motoring offences.

14/01/2023 11:08

YYESI want to be able to rely on the local police force (who already do an amazing job) to keep me and my family safe. With huge pressure on other emergency services it seems that more and more will fall to the police so any additional funding is essential. £15 per annum seems like too little though... I'd have been happy to pay more. Thanks for all you do, from a grateful resident.

14/01/2023 11:07

YESAs costs go up across the board we at least need to keep up the current standard of policing. Perhaps even improve it.

14/01/2023 11:05

YESHopefully get more police out on the streets (not in that way).

14/01/2023 11:04

YESAs the Government appears to not realise that extra policing is needed, we don't want this service going the same way as the NHS, which has suffered from years and years of underfunding. At least the police have a means of getting the money needed and if it has to be done this way, then so be it.

14/01/2023 11:02

Lowestoft police do a fabulous job - the town is going to pot and they do their best - I would rather pay more and know we will always have a decent force than the town fall into further decline and crime!

14/01/2023 10:55

YESWe need more police, not less  
14/01/2023 10:54

YESI agree with the proposal, but disappointed this is the minimum that is required. We, as citizens (much my Government edict) have effectively "dumped" so much more on our police force and the continued pressure will build to such an extent "quality" applicants will reduce and some of our existing members will have had enough. The growing disenchantment, across many of our public service sector, will just mean the weakening of both quality and quantity will reduce putting an extra burden on our existing work force. The public sector work force has to be paid for us by, the public, whether through government distributed taxation or local taxes. Yes I agree the minimum. Yes I would support higher precept. No I don't consider the you, Our Police Commissioner, is trying hard enough to persuade that the overall economic philosophy is correct.  
14/01/2023 10:33

YESYou don't have the flexibility from central govt so it makes sense.  
14/01/2023 10:33

YESAs long as I see this money being properly spent on direct operational policing requirements rather than some politically based 'project' or initiative. Policing should be non political ..without bias or favour.....that seems to have been forgotten in many forces in the 21st century. Use the money to ensure proper basic and fundamental policing activity and delivery and you will be fully supported by me and many others I speak to.  
14/01/2023 10:31

YESProvided this money is used to increase police presence on our streets and not used to pay higher up officials  
14/01/2023 10:28

YESWorth every penny.

14/01/2023 10:28

YESPolicing is vital to the community, and if raising the precept allows the Police to do their job effectively then yes i agree.  
14/01/2023 10:24

YESThe current level of service is inadequate. If the only way to correct this is to spend more then I accept an increased charge is necessary. However, if the new money is simply wasted with no improvement in service level and no increase in efficiency that would be wrong. I am sure that the service is currently operating well below optimal efficiency and therefore there is scope for efficiency improvements. The 6% increase should 'prime the pump' with the end result being a greater than 6% increase in service levels, say 10+%. In this country we have a habit of throwing money at problems eg NHS rather than fixing the underlying issues. I hope Suffolk Constabulary will break the mould and do things differently.  
14/01/2023 10:21

Only if it means more visible Police and not non police admin staff  
14/01/2023 10:21

YESDefinitely a need for more visible policing here, though this may not simply require a financial solution - management of resources is probably more important (more officers on the beat and fewer on their backsides in front of screens!). But no doubt increased finance will help.  
14/01/2023 10:04

YESWe need more money going in to vital services, and the police are one of those services.  
14/01/2023 10:03

YESYes I'd it means police are there, and help with crimes more etc.  
14/01/2023 09:55

YES We cannot complain about police performance if we do not fund them adequately. I am in the fortunate position to be able to afford modest additional personal expenditure.

14/01/2023 09:45

YES Although I am in support of the increase, I will be keeping a watchful eye to ensure that my part of the region (Waveney) benefits from this increased contribution from its residents. We have seen significant declines in policing levels in our market towns, with the current PCSO for Beccles & Bungay only being introduced last year on a "probationary" basis. I would like to hope that my council tax contributions (and those from across rural areas in Suffolk) create the capacity for these PCSO roles to be secured and permanent in such regions.

14/01/2023 09:47

YES It is important to maintain high levels of policing particularly in rural areas.

14/01/2023 09:40

YES Support the police.

14/01/2023 09:38

YES Yes, I do agree because I think the local police need additional support. But, will this mean that Suffolk will receive even less from central government? I think to justify the continued maximum rise in this sector of the council tax, and in these very cash-strapped times, the public would like to see evidence of the past increases (on foot in the towns and on the A14), and it not just be used for additional technologies and staff to man it. I understand that Suffolk covers an enormous area but it'd be nice to see more officers out and about, and because of the ageing population of Suffolk, online reporting shouldn't be advertised as the forefront method of police contact. I'll still use the phone, or perhaps not bother to report because I want a response or advice now and

not in a couple of days. Anyway, I thank you for all you do.

14/01/2023 09:29

The Police service is greatly needed due to the significant rise in crime in the community. In particular, theft from both domestic and business premises. Examples of theft are heating oil, cars, motor bikes, tools, garden equipment, money, jewellery valuables, garden ornaments, pets, bicycles, farm equipment and digital equipment. The list is endless. Add to this the growing trend in illegal drug use, gang violence, knife crime, child grooming and domestic abuse. The rise in negative behaviour related to crime indicates a need for an increase in policing resources to counter it all. By paying more towards this increase, the precept has to go up. Choices not to pay more would not produce solutions. Communities are at risk and not enough support for those being violated is available. Being a victim of burglary, threats and abuse show a complete break down in society. We need to stop criminal anarchy and law breaking.

14/01/2023 09:13

YES This must be spent on genuine policing including robust action on climate activist action, they must be removed from roads etc

14/01/2023 09:09

YES Agree with the need to strengthen policing

14/01/2023 09:00

ESSafe policing is vital. The extra money raised needs to be used wisely. Every penny counts at the moment with cost of living especially when living on a single wage. It depends if other areas want to increase the council tax, putting more pressure on families for extra money.

14/01/2023 08:55

YES I do not feel particularly safe with an under-funded police force.

14/01/2023 08:37

YESWe need better policing  
14/01/2023 08:36

YESBUT - we need to see the evidence that our money is being spent well. We need to see more police presence in our towns and less time spent catching speeding motorists. The police station in Woodbridge is a joke. Closed most of the time. Where do you go if you need help in the town.  
14/01/2023 08:12

YESPolicing is insufficient around worlingham and Beccles  
14/01/2023 08:11

YESThere is little doubt that costs will increase over the years. I would rather pay more to keep/improve a good service than suffer the consequences of a 'cheap' police force.  
14/01/2023 07:54

YES we would ne prepared to pay £20 per month for our policing in Suffolk.  
14/01/22 07:39

I would support 50p a week increase as long as it was used locally.  
14/01/2023 06:56

YESIt's important to have our police force fully funded. We need it.  
14/01/2023 06:34

YESWilling to pay for extra policing - but never see a policeman in Woodbridge or Melton. An occasional stopping of those cars which pass so speedily by to actually appear on the street would be a good way to make the police seem part of the community.  
14/01/2023 03:15

YESThe nearest we ever get to see the police is when they are helping to operate speed-checks or roaring through the villages around Halesworth. Pity they rarely if ever do foot-patrols in Halesworth or other local towns

thus seeming quite remote from the public. Suffolk police will also suffer from the ill-reputation of the antics shown by the Met in London. Many of us are also against Suffolk constabulary merging with Norfolk or other forces on the basis it just leads to a more impersonal service without caring for "localism" similar to the mistake of merging district councils like Melton with Waveney, and almost the same with our NHS services.  
13/01/2023 23:51

YESSuffolk still has a low-cost police force but receive a good service despite the criminals targeting the county from other locations.  
13/01/2023 22:48

YESTo make Suffolk a safer place we need to have a well funded Police Force.  
13/01/2023 22:47

YESThere is a greater need for policing in urban areas of the County and I am willing to put more into this, despite living rurally.  
13/01/2023 22:43

YESI would expect to see a more relevant force. The impression I get is that the police really don't care for their communities. I have never seen a policeman in Halesworth. Where are they? The answer would appear to be in their cars.  
13/01/2023 22:20

YESCompletely agree. Policing is very important to me and I am more than happy to pay what I consider to be a very modest amount. I would be more than happy to pay more.  
13/01/2023 21:04

YESIn the face of growing public concern about inflation and other social issues, the Police are likely to be placed under increased pressure to maintain public safety and order over coming years. We must give you the tools you need and that should be at least the budget increases you seek.

13/01/2023 20:56

YESI agree with the increase proposal and hope it means more ability to deal with the cyber criminals as well as the drug dealers many of whom seem to cross county borders and operate in our county, involving young impressionable teenagers.

13/01/2023 20:46

YESIf this is the necessary cost to maintain the current high level of policing and to incorporate new high-tech systems, then this should be done

13/01/2023 20:43

YESIt is inevitable that Police provision costs will increase at the rate of inflation. It is time to realise that, whether it is the health service, the cost of fuel or road repairs, there is no escaping these by imagining some government is going to take care of the costs by giving us more cash or putting a ceiling on costs. In the end the governments, whether local or central do not have money and we have to pay. The only question is how the bill is going to be divided

13/01/2023 20:39

YESOnly agree if you keep Suffolk Headquarters site in Martlesham and don't allow more housing on the site

13/01/2023 20:38

YESProvided that it results in an improvement in the current service levels and an increase police presence on the streets and not spent on woke projects

13/01/2023 20:19

YESAs a retired Metropolitan Police Inspector, I certainly support the increase. I value good Policing in Suffolk and look forward to more obvious Police presence in rural areas, such as my area I live in Botesdale and Rickinghall.

13/01/2023 19:49

YESIf it will increase response times, reduce crime and keep me and the officers safer I'm prepared to pay. I would like to see a police officer on the beat again but don't suppose that the budget stretches to that. I do feel this would reduce crime.

13/01/2023 19:46

YESI support the increase in funding as I am assuming that we will see an increase of a police presence in the community. A visual police presence counts as a deterrent and rural safe keeping. Upgrading systems etc; may well help with internal/external communications and software developments, but policing the rural areas, where everyday we see roads with excess speed from all vehicles including agriculture and HGV's can be helped with the occasional sight of a police car in an area. I was particularly concerned by the recent surveys on vehicles and stops on the A14/A11. These drivers are not exclusively driving on the main routes of East Anglia. Many days we can see driving without due care and attention on our local roads and at excessive speeds.

13/01/2023 19:45

YESI am a victim of burglary recently. Very impressed with the police that reacted at the time and after what was a traumatic event. I am aware of more such crimes in my area and I think being able to respond quickly and investigated hopefully could be a deterrent.

Still seems a reasonable amount.

13/01/2023 19:30

Need more police officers

13/01/2023 19:17

It is obviously important to keep on top of crime and ahead of the criminals, in the current climate this seems to be an economical and efficient investment, however I would very much welcome a more visual awareness of our Police Force.

13/01/2023 19:02

I understand the necessity to do this, and have no objection  
13/01/2023 19:02

Need to keep funding for police  
13/01/2023 18:56

Funding has to come from somewhere, if a small increase per household is required to help, then needs must.  
13/01/2023 18:56

Well here's the thing: we hardly ever see a policeman in Hasketon! This is probably because nothing really happens here, and there's no real need for any more policing. BUT, some traffic calming in Top Road, Manor Road and the B1079 near Mill Lane is necessary. It shouldn't be necessary to explain why, and previous attempts to explain why have failed, but please, before somebody is killed, do something about it!  
13/01/2023 18:54

In these troubled times with people under financial stress there will be those who seek to remedy their situation by lawless means. Our police need all the support they can get to keep law and order and maintain a safe society for us all to enjoy and prosper.  
13/01/2023 18:49

We need to feel safe and know that we can rely on the police if something untoward should happen.  
13/01/2023 18:45

important to allocate all resources to maintain the quality of policing. This needs to be undertaken in an efficient and cost effective way  
13/01/2023 18:40

More police on the beat  
13/01/2023 18:36

Even as a higher band house owner I agree to this increase for this time only as I believe you wouldn't be asking in these austere times unless this was truly necessary. My ask to you Mr Passmore is to stop looking at the front end of the problem (More money) and look at the back end, where and what it's spent on. Get out and walk the floor, talk to your sergeants, pc's and civilian employees (Not the senior officers) they will be the ones to tell you where the money is being wasted, and it is ! They will also help you to see areas where it's better spent which hopefully will give us all better return on our taxes invested in policing. I'd love to walk with you and listen but instead I'll settle for a precept survey findings email. Regards, Ian  
13/01/2023 18:31

What equates to £15.08 a year! I think that would look better than saying 0.29p. Very good value, but we are still short on the number of police we need.  
13/01/2023 18:23

But concentrate on more police and deal drastically with totally top heavy bureaucracy. Why should tax payers finance excessive numbers of grossly overpaid 'managers'?  
13/01/2023 18:13

I value our police force and think its expenses should be supported by a relatively small addition to the Council Tax and thus spread across the population it serves. Various households get support with Council Tax - eg. if you are older, live alone or are in receipt of benefits- so this addition should not create an excess burden.  
13/01/2023 18:11

£6 a year is nothing, you can't get much more than a bag of chips for that. I would be happy to pay another £100 a year if we could have our resident village policeman back, or even see a uniformed police officer in the village from time to time. Even once a year would be an improvement. Years ago there was an

effort to provide police support for villages, and an officer with some local knowledge and interest used to at least turn up at Parish Council meetings and other events, then it was a PCSO, then nobody :-(  
13/01/2023 18:04

Ipswich unsafe for people to visit Over run with gangs  
13/01/2023 18:03

I do not wish the level of policing to drop and with inflation a small increase will be necessary.  
13/01/2023 17:58

Current coverage inadequate  
13/01/2023 17:56

We value the Police help given to our neighbourhood when needed and the proposed increase is a very small price to pay for maintaining this vital service to our communities  
13/01/2023 17:36

We need more Police Officers on the beat. We need more visible Policing. I will always pay to receive that. I have lived in Haverhill for 22yrs and it was much better Policed when I first moved here than it is now. Anti-social behaviour and drunkenness is what is ruining this Town. There are no Policemen around. I never see a Policeman day or night.  
13/01/2023 17:34

Nobody wishes to pay more. However, in the circumstance by voting 'yes' I hope the resources needed can be found. The failure of the Government to adequately fund the Constabulary is a disgrace.  
13/01/2023 17:32

Reasonable given the circumstances of increase in purchasing necessary items and investigation costs.  
13/01/2023 17:27

To support the initiatives the PCC has advised especially improving the technology in the police force.  
13/01/2023 17:22

Additional investment is required for crime prevention as well as maintaining the current level of service.  
13/01/2023 17:18

We have to maintain an efficient police force with enough additional resources to attract new recruits.  
13/01/2023 17:02

If all bands paid the same it would be fair , as quite a difference between the band A to the top And I would assume the top band would have security on their property And A band being flats ... need the police more than others  
13/01/2023 16:59

It is a fair proposal just as long as the money is spent on policing and not on salaries  
13/01/2023 16:46

There seem to be more people sleeping rough than a while ago, and often asking for loose change. I hate walking past these people, but it's always the same ones and I wonder why they don't get a job. Also not nice to see bedding left around. Also many cars now going where they shouldn't, as if the laws don't apply to their owners eg. At the side of M&S. I rarely see police in town these days; they used to provide a useful and reassuring presence, but no more. There have, on occasion, been a policeman round to houses in the area, telling us who they are and then we never see them again, so going around the houses to introduce themselves seems pointless. I'd rather see them lurking in town dealing with many groups of Roma or Eastern European men who seem to have no idea how intimidating they appear when they walk around in groups and shout to each other, or down the phone. I have asked the odd person

why they shout and got a long story that I didn't understand, but I am not intimidated by them, but I do know others who are.  
13/01/2023 16:46

My limited experience of Suffolk police is not good. Failure to turn up to investigate suspicious activity in the early hours of the morning, despite it being reported by more than one resident . A complete lack of interest in attending an RTA despite there being some evidence of drink / drug driving and un roadworthy vehicle. These incidents were some time ago but my only experience.  
13/01/2023 16:41

Any increase in present times is particularly unwelcome, particularly as we are likely to see a 5% increase in our rates. As a pensioner on a fixed income I feel I get very little for the £3:500 per year I pay. Just continually putting up rates needs to be justified by a visible improvement in the service provided  
13/01/2023 16:35

Sadly an efficient and trustworthy police force is needed to enforce law and maintain a just and safe community. Without this the vulnerable are exploited those who lack integrity gain the upper hand. Most members of the community should be willing to forfeit less than the price of a coffee to help maintain such a service.  
13/01/2023 16:29

To help keep the Police from the situation the NHS is now in.  
13/01/2023 16:25

But I sincerely hope it will not be spent on nonsensical 'woke' policing.  
13/01/2023 16:23

It is a pragmatic solution to a difficult problem providing the money is spent wisely.  
13/01/2023 16:23

Price and Wage Inflation will be higher than budgeted for in 2022/2023 so the maximum increase in the policing element of council tax is essential,  
13/01/2023 16:22

However it would be good to have some visibility of police on the streets rather than just traffic police!  
13/01/2023 16:21

I do agree to the increase but I would like to see some police presence in our village Elmsett sometimes and generally out in the countryside villages and roads. The rate goes up extra every year but we never see any presence in our village. It seems as there is always a presence on A14 but I don't see it on A12 or A140 unless an incident occurs  
13/01/2023 16:02

To maintain the Suffolk Police Force at its current level is the minimum that is required considering all the challenges ahead, amongst which, is the amount of building going on and hence the inevitable increase in population with its knock on effect on policing requirements.  
13/01/2023 15:52

Although Suffolk is pretty law abiding safety in towns needs extra effort.  
13/01/2023 15:50

I don't want the current service to deteriorate  
13/01/2023 15:49

YESWe recognise that the police suffer the same level of cost increases as everyone else, so reluctantly agreed. We would, however, appreciate seeing a more obvious police presence in our village (Eyke) as it is the most obvious visible deterrent against crime.  
13/01/2023 15:45

YESurely 29p a week is not likely to be an issue for Band D home owners!. I would



support an increase of say £1.00 per week for Band D if it meant that crimes such as Burglary and Antisocial behaviour were to be better policed. David Green

13/01/2023 15:37

YES We are happy to pay extra if it means better policing through the county. Good Luck for the future.

13/01/2023 15:35

We need much much better police coverage in Suffolk by all means I am happy to pay more band d tax. Lets do it asap !!

13/01/2023 15:31

We need to enable a sufficiently large number of officers to cover the county 24/7.

13/01/2023 15:27

BUT I trust this extra funding will be directed to real crime fighting with an increased policing profile in our villages. Some police forces are directing their efforts to addressing the "woke agenda" but this leaves the elderly and vulnerable unprotected.

13/01/2023 15:18

I do worry that Policing funds are sometimes wasted on Non Policing matters.

13/01/2023 15:14

Maintaining good policing is important to me. Inflation is affecting all services, the police are no different and I'm happy to pay to maintain a good service..

13/01/2023 15:09

I agree with the increase of the policing element as the Police need more money to perform a good service to the public. However, I do worry about the poor families that are struggling to live on a small wage and are relying on foodbanks etc. It may seem like a very small amount per week for some of us but for them it makes their struggle even harder with increases in all charges, both for utilities and food etc.

13/01/2023 15:06

The number of active police resources has a consequential effect on the areas quality of life, by that I allude to a safe & peaceful living environment of all law abiding respectful persons in the community

13/01/2023 15:06

I agree, if the amount paid enables more community based policing, especially in rural settings such as my own. Rural crime is on the increase as well those termed County Lines being pushed away from large towns and urban areas to establish hidden criminal areas. This also, in turn brings down the viability of good stable community and the feelings of safety that we currently have. So yes, for that reason as well as others needed.

13/01/2023 15:02

Crime is plaguing rural communities as is ASB, speeding, unlicensed vehicles, car crime, violence, drugs and theft. We need more positive policing... More visibility in villages, more community engagement...

13/01/2023 14:58

I agree we need to maintain the service

13/01/2023 14:54

We are all most grateful for the work of the police force. With costs rising everywhere we have to be prepared to pay more to maintain (let alone improve) the current level and quality of policing. Good policing deters crime rather than simply trying to apprehend criminals who have already committed crimes at great cost and misery to society. Thus investment of a bit more now will lower future costs.

13/01/2023 14:49

I think we should actually pay more than 29p a,week extra for the amazing job our police service does. There is yet more they could do with extra resources - more traffic patrols,

more speed sorry, safety cameras and more night patrols.

13/01/2023 14:46

Very happy to pay such a small yearly amount, if it will help to improve our police services.

13/01/2023 14:35

If this gives us a proper police service.

13/01/2023 14:32

Obvious that service is stretched and would expect that to become worse, inflation will not have helped. There is lots to be done to make Suffolk safer.

13/01/2023 14:31

I agree with the proposed increase as this is a broadly equitable and accessible way of increasing the resources available for policing in Suffolk. Demand for policing can only increase in the current climate and it is vital Suffolk Police can meet this demand.

13/01/2023 14:30

Use the money wisely - not woke ideas and highly paid posts concerned with "equality and diversity"

13/01/2023 14:30

I thoroughly agree to pay more to the Police it keeps us safe and we need more officers not less. If it prioritises safety I'd pay even more and perhaps that should be an option voluntarily paying more. Good luck trying to police this large county on minimal funding.

13/01/2023 14:27

A small price increase to maintain an effective police force in Suffolk makes sense and at only 6% it's not a huge extra amount for each household to fund

13/01/2023 14:23

I wish to maintain and improve police service provision Also, strive to increase public opinion of the service and attempt to meet expectations and demand

13/01/2023 14:22

The police do a great job and we are more than happy to pay the extra. I will try and share this email with others. Happy New year



13/01/2023 14:19

It is very important to ensure that policing in our county is efficient. In the present economic climate with the increases in most prices I think that the proposed percentage is very sensible.

13/01/2023 14:17

This is a backdoor way of dealing with the national crisis in a number of public service areas where as a result of austerity measures over many years there has been an erosion of our public services. I am not against the local precept, as clearly additional funds are required, however, we need to start straight talking at a national level about the level of taxation (needs to go up) and the priorities we want to fund with that taxation. Successive Conservative governments have kicked the can down the road and stuck to a low taxation dogma whilst not facing up to the inevitable deterioration in services against changing demand. It is not as if we could not see changing demographics or the progress of technology coming.

13/01/2023 14:14

In order to support the Police to provide the service we would all like, I am very happy to pay the increase suggested.

13/01/2023 14:13

We need to keep policing in our village and I don't think the proposed increase is unreasonable

13/01/2023 14:01

I would like to see more of a Police presence on the streets, many crimes can be prevented before they happen by potential offenders knowing Police officers are there - as with

many things in life - treat the cause not the symptom, and then the result will be good.  
13/01/2023 14:00

Policing is really important and the increase is acceptable.  
13/01/2023 13:58

We must improve for our own safety and that of our friends family and neighbours.  
13/01/2023 13:54

Providing it is spent on actual policing - bobbies on the beat - not another level of management.  
13/01/2023 13:53

Security enforced by an efficient police force is simply a must! Generally our force carry out their duties superbly. The suggested increase seems fair.  
13/01/2023 13:52

I agree with the planned increase in council tax specifically for policing use. I trust this will be earmarked for this purpose. and this purpose only. We know council funds are often re-directed for other purposes. If this increase can be earmarked then I agree.  
13/01/2023 13:51

Suffolk Constabulary is extremely good value for money any increase in funding would no doubt bring additional benefits to residents whilst also helping to negate some of the increased operating costs that the force is facing.  
13/01/2023 13:49

To maintain reasonable levels of cover.  
13/01/2023 13:47

If the additional cost means a greater police presence on the beat then I have no problem, but if its going to be spent to fund yet another person at a desk then I object strongly  
13/01/2023 13:46

But I expect to see a greatly improved service especially in relation to curtailing anti-social behaviour and attending all reports of burglary.

We wouldn't mind at all. Lots of people, including ourselves don't go into town anymore because of all the immigrants taking over the town. Norwich Road is especially bad, used to go but not anymore. Some people have no respect for the police which is bad It would be nice to have our policemen back on the beat.  
13/01/2023 13:34

They must be kept upto date  
13/01/2023 13:33

We need far better police visibility, we very rarely see a police person in our area (Bury St Edmunds) or even a police car passing through our village - Chedburgh. If the increase can demonstrate better police presence and crime investigations that would be progress - most crimes aren't solved or even investigated. Give it a Crime Number and let the insurers deal with the claims seems to be the present police modus operandi. It's dreadful we're sorry to say...  
13/01/2023 13:30

Everything's going up in price. It is what it is. I don't think that's expensive at all.

13/01/2023 13:27  
Policing needs more money  
13/01/2023 13:27

Spend it wisely please  
13/01/2023 13:26

I'm prepared to accept this precept, but want to see more police visibility on the streets, not the occasional police car with flashing lights, in Lowestoft please.  
13/01/2023 13:26

It's necessary  
13/01/2023 13:25

In order to give the lower grade officers a pay rise which causes many to have real issues at current levels

13/01/2023 13:25

I personally am more than happy to pay extra for Policing in Suffolk if it means we maintain and even improve the current levels. Living in a rural area the specialist rural cover we used to have a decade or so ago was very reassuring and most definitely helped with rural crime. Local officers with local knowledge are invaluable and are proactive rather than reactive which must also save funds and give locals more peace of mind.

13/01/2023 13:21

Agree with increase in police funding with the caveat that we can actually 'see' results with more constables 'on the beat'! An effective police force is needed especially as population in this area is growing rapidly and there are a lot of additional problems from this.

13/01/2023 13:21

The service afforded by the police is already running at a ridiculously low level so any further reduction in services would be totally unsustainable and render the police force pointless.

13/01/2023 13:19

Yes, in principle, but many people who live in Band D properties live alone on pensions and are struggling with the current increase in the cost of living. The cost of maintaining a band D property is already obviously more than smaller properties. For this reason, pensioners in any property should be exempt from the increase.

13/01/2023 13:18

Providing there is a more visible Police presence. Not all crime is internet based. Too many police stations have closed.

13/01/2023 13:18

It is so important to maintain the real value of expenditure in the current climate. We see all too clearly what happens when we try to get our services on the cheap. I do think however, this increase should come out of general taxation ie via the grant from Government to our local authority rather than through the Council Tax, which is an unfair tax, especially for less well off households.

13/01/2023 13:17

Totally agree. With the increase of crime throughout Suffolk there is a need to create a Prevention system rather than Responsive. This costs money and as such we all must pay to be Safe & Secure from undesirables, thus sending out a clear message that Suffolk will not tolerate those who break the Laws.

13/01/2023 13:15

Given the rate of inflation this actually seems modest. Socially I do not believe we can afford any further decreases in the availability, accessibility or visibility of the force. Never forget that Prevention is better than Cure.

13/01/2023 13:13

I agree to twice that if funds are needed

13/01/2023 13:13

Not a huge amount to pay to maintain the current service which does police major issues. Sadly though things such as household/shed burglaries remain very low priority, as this issue will likely increase a bit more on the ground, neighbourhood policing would be a good thing to see. Police visibility does act as a deterrent to criminality activity.

13/01/2023 13:09

We need to have more visible policing to keep us safe from thugs

13/01/2023 13:08

Especially if this can put more officers on the streets

13/01/2023 13:07

we need good policing  
13/01/2023 13:06

Our police are our protectors from most of  
the UK evils  
13/01/2023 13:04

Policing is a vital part of keeping the  
community safe and should be properly  
funded.  
13/01/2023 13:03

As someone who has a shop in the town  
centre and being an outreach worker I see the  
need for extra policing.  
13/01/2023 13:02

I fully support the precept increase as the  
Police do a vital role and are subject to  
increased costs just like every other industry.  
13/01/2023 13:02

In these trying times it is important that public  
services do their best and use their initiative  
in order to maintain a good service to the  
members of the public. I have no objection to  
paying a little more so that we all continue to  
benefit from the service the police provide.  
13/01/2023 12:51

Policing is in crisis and has been for many  
years. Detective recruit is down, serious crime  
is rising and all this has to be managed with  
less money and resources. I will happily pay  
more tax if it means my communities are  
safer. I will however add a caveat, this money  
HAS to be used to address the issues I  
highlight. They are the highest harm offences  
and I don't feel Suffolk constabulary have the  
resources to deal with or manage this  
problem effectively  
13/01/2023 12:01

Having only lived in Suffolk for just under 2  
years we have already seen an increase in anti  
social behaviour in our area . This has to be  
stamped out. Also, I believe, the act of county

lines needs to be addressed before it becomes  
a huge issue.  
13/01/2023 11:53

For your information, when downloading the  
Suffolk Police Medium Term Financial Plan,  
the title at the top and on the tab says  
"Norfolk Police Authority". I note in Appendix  
B that the Microsoft Enterprise agreement  
budget trebles. I would be interested why.  
13/01/2023 11:13

Inflation!  
13/01/2023 11:05

As a retired police officer I understand the  
need for adequate funding for our force.  
13/01/2023 10:53

Justified on basis of inflation  
13/01/2023 08:54

It is necessary.  
12/01/2023 22:04

The current cost of living crisis has created an  
environment where the potential for  
increased levels of crime are inevitable. I want  
to be protected and therefore with reluctance  
agree.  
12/01/2023 21:30

I believe that that the proposed increase in  
Council Tax is justified when I consider the  
hard work, dedication and excellent service  
provided by Suffolk Constabulary. Any  
shortfall in funding would inevitably impact  
frontline policing and potentially contribute to  
an increase in the fear of and actual crime,  
policing is the senior frontline emergency  
service and provides a variety of services that  
ensure our safety on Suffolk's roads, in the  
towns and within our rural communities  
12/01/2023 20:35

In the hope we may see a policeman in the  
village.  
12/01/2023 18:04

. . . but ONLY if the money is used sensibly, and for the benefit of ALL the people who live in Suffolk. No added bureaucracy or forms to complete or data to collect please. I would want to see more of a police presence, for example, on roads and in towns and villages.  
12/01/2023 17:42

If it brings a police presence to Kessingland  
12/01/2023 17:14

A far greater police presence is needed in Ipswich town centre than is currently provided. This needs to be regular foot patrols not just a drive through.  
12/01/2023 15:51

I would be if you guaranteed a swift and satisfactory response to house burglaries, I was a victim of burglary some 8/9 years ago I had a cursory visit from police and never heard anymore from you . Even though there was jewelry that was handed down to me from my grandmother , mother godmother and my husband amounting to at least 2 thousand pounds but untold heartbreak to me. I still miss my locket which was 200 hundred years .  
12/01/2023 15:42

Policing needs to see an increase in funding as we are struggling to provide the service that victims deserve.  
12/01/2023 15:14

Inevitable with inflation but I am concerned that none of the increase appears to be going towards a salary increase for the men and women who already do the work.  
12/01/2023 14:39

Some may even say there is an argument to increase it by more. Maybe the cheapest band or two could have a smaller percentage increase and the others slightly more.  
12/01/2023 14:11

Because it is clear that last year's increase has been spent well with the recruitment of more officers & specialised units which appear to be making an impact.  
12/01/2023 14:04

But , but this would be the last time I would vote for an increase, because as a Parish Councillor I have been asked to donate for a speed camera for police use , which never appeared to see the light of day. Police presence is less and less obvious. PCO's no longer seen which used to be a familiar and reassuring sight. However if the community received an improved service I would review this decision.  
12/01/2023 13:40

This is an essential service whose existing high standards must be sustained. The proposal reflects the public's trust in their force.  
12/01/2023 13:05

I would happily pay a small increase in council tax and I think it is necessary to provide the much needed additional funding.  
12/01/2023 11:56

I realise costs go up and have to be paid for  
12/01/2023 10:54

Providing the money is used to increase police officer and their presence/visibility on the streets and therefore help with resolving actual crimes committed in the community. In our village we rarely see a police car  
12/01/2023 10:20

Given the last 12 months of financial instability its absolutely essential that Suffolk Constabulary is able to whether the storm and continue to invest in new technology to prevent and detect crime. There has been no let up in criminal action and we need to keep pace with the emerging crime trends. 29p seems a very small price to pay for a police service to achieve this.  
12/01/2023 08:36

YESMore ! Suffolk is already a low-crime area, one of the best in UK; it is probably empirically much cheaper and efficient to keep Suffolk at low crime levels, than after a few years of under-funding to claw our way back to acceptable levels. Medium Term Plan Art.2.14 (page-7): The most important single factor is The Constable; Pay awards estimated between 1.8% -to- 2.4% appear fairly minimalist amounts. Some other public funded areas have received 6.2% back-dated in-year and looking ahead in the current financial climate <5% would appear rose-tinted to the budget. It should be more, >5%. Additionally with the current climate of financial debt amongst the population, there is heightened risk of civil unrest requiring greater police engagement (overtime). Whatever else, this is your survey Mr Passmore, so you should lead it and take responsibility, rather than pass responsibility with, "The Chief Constable has advised me ...", which is a classic safety-net setup for passing blame should it go wrong. Later, "My proposal ..." is spot-on, thank-you !  
11/01/2023 21:49

Its a small cost to maintain the current service.  
12/01/2023 06:45

Lack of central government funding means there's no alternative  
11/01/2023 20:24

Its money well spent so I dont have a problem with such a modest increase  
11/01/2023 19:31

I strongly support decent public services of all sorts, and I wish to pay sufficient taxes to reinstate them after years of Tory ruin.  
11/01/2023 19:09

It's justified, based on the shortfall otherwise expected  
11/01/2023 17:53

Police officers play a vital role and it's a shame that the government will not offer there full support in funding to the police service  
11/01/2023 17:48

All costs are going up and the environment is becoming more complex therefore to deal with this ever changing situation the police are going to have to increase their resources and abilities in order to improve how they deal with their responsibilities and meet the public's ever increasing expectations  
11/01/2023 16:59

Police are under funded in Suffolk  
11/01/2023 15:52

The Police are underfunded therefore I support this.  
11/01/2023 14:18

It is a below inflation increase.  
11/01/2023 12:50

I trust the increase would allow for more reliable police response to reported crime.  
10/01/2023 22:16

I agree that the Police Force do a sterling job, and deserve a pay rise, therefore I am happy to pay more tax towards this. What I am against is that the 101 service is not fit for purpose, and is failing local residents who want to report a crime - especially elderly residents. Also the fact that the PCC Office nearly costs £1 million a year to run - does the PCC need all that office staff, especially when you try to ring the PCC Office and get told that they are not there. Have to question the value of money regarding the PCC, when he is not publicly accessible all the time.  
10/01/2023 22:01

Clearly funding is an issue , however as residents , we have seen a marked reduction in service . There is very little police presence in Southwold (and response times from

Halesworth mean the chances of apprehending anyone are minimal). The online crime reporting forms are inadequate to cater for the range of issues- Try reporting an uninsured vehicle for example - it is not possible . If we are being asked to pay more , then you need to do more to ensure that you are responsive and also much more visible on the streets- not just a cursory drive through in daylight hours every now and again  
10/01/2023 19:04

Police need the funding.  
10/01/2023 18:29

A very small amount extra to pay for the Police service. Hopefully I will never have to use them but if I do then there work is invaluable.  
10/01/2023 18:24

We must maintain and continue to respond to the ever changing challenges our Police face in fighting crime and supporting our community  
10/01/2023 17:41

It is important to keep policing properly funded to help fight crime.  
10/01/2023 17:40

Reluctantly agree. Frankly I'm sceptical that police service has made best use of the resources at its disposal. Living in a village I don't see a police representative from one year to the next. Used to be that they would put in a PR appearance at village fetes. Hardly the way to keep in touch with people on the ground! It was never explained why the part-time bobbies were withdrawn. We take a lot on trust that the funds are spent to best effect. It is about time we see an example of more open management of the service. Am I being cynical when I see band D carrying the load without any concern about the lower bands which are largely subsidised by Government? Shouldn't you be screwing the government for their contribution?

10/01/2023 17:27

As long as it is spent on more policing speeding in villages on outskirts of Ipswich, and availability of more officers to do the jobs that people report and not been ignored.  
10/01/2023 16:06

BUT.....You must show and prove what changes and improvements have come as a result of increased funding. The rural areas need attention. Considerable improvement in solving theft, house and outbuilding breakins is a must Additional payment without reduction in honest accountable crime figures is unacceptable  
10/01/2023 16:00

Because I do not want to see a reduction in service, however my concern is that this may set a precedent for future increases in that the Government could say well we will short pay next year and they can do the same  
10/01/2023 15:29

Your increased workload certainly deserves an increase from tax payers  
10/01/2023 15:03

We need more police on the streets, not in cars so they are seen and part of the community.  
10/01/2023 14:48

Crime in Suffolk is on the increase and new technology is needed to help the policing, however i also believe that so much time is spent on red tape and drug dealers, that goverment intervention is required. Policing has changed from bobby on the beat and then patrol cars to the inefficent reaction policing.  
10/01/2023 14:31

If the council were to re-allocate spending from the grossly overpaid salaries of BDC members (something that never happened before the Miss-management of the Pembroke Era) there would be sufficient



funds to pay for a good police force, it is a ridiculous situation where volunteers (Council Members) are paid out of public money that should be used for our services. It's become a Gravy Train for a select few, and all services are suffering because of the increased load on finances, Salaries, expenses and Pensions for council members, that were never a part of Council Tax budget. This travesty needs addressing so that the funds available to the council can go to the services that should receive the money.

10/01/2023 14:25

IN ORDER TO KEEP THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK SAFER THERE IS A NEED TO PROVIDE A BETTER POLICE SERVICE WHICH THIS FINANCIAL INCREASE WILL DO.

10/01/2023 13:59

Given inflation as it is, the increase seems reasonable. I would ask whether it includes a decent pay rise for those working in the police service. I would also ask whether the funding from central government has increased by a similar percentage. If not, I would be less happy.

10/01/2023 13:50

I believe this is needed to fund a good policing service across the County.

The police must be properly funded and the level of gov funding is too low. its not fair that it has to come out of council tax but i see no alternative

10/01/2023 12:11

I fully support the increase to fund policing. I would certainly like to see better community support in my area.

10/01/2023 11:21

Our Police Service needs to be able to react to circumstances and to ensure this happens we, the general public , must be prepared to make a contribution

10/01/2023 11:10

The Police Force must have funds to continue to carry out their tasks properly. It is a very small sum per person but a great deal to the Police Force

10/01/2023 11:10

I agree to an increase to the rates as long as it can be shown that the increase will improve the efficiency of the Suffolk Police. We rarely see a Police Officer in our rural North Suffolk village and would welcome a visit to slow down speeding motorists and pavement parking.

10/01/2023 10:52

As a recent victim of Domestic Abuse and Stalking, and having recently experienced being supported throughout the ordeal by Suffolk Police (2020 - 2022) and having experienced first hand the momentous ordeal of bringing the perpetrator to justice, I recognise that to develop and enhance the current services provided by the police for victims it is vital that more money is injected into implementing more Rapid Video Response and digital engagement services. Also, It is vitally important that Suffolk police have the financial capability to be able to recruit additional specialised staff to assist with the increasing number of victims of Domestic Abuse and Stalking.

10/01/2023 10:36

The Constabulary has been underfunded since 2011 with a significant loss of staff including specialist roles which needs addressing.

10/01/2023 09:58

I want to be protected by the best force possible

10/01/2023 00:05

Despite the financial challenges we all face to some degree or another, I consider the vast majority of Suffolk residents will want to maintain at least the standard they have come to expect from their services. Policing is

far more than officers enforcing the law. It is also sustainment of relations in diverse groups, mitigating crime by education and most importantly, it is supporting the victims of crime. To risk any part of the policing services is tantamount to the erosion of our already fragile society. I say raise it to the maximum, with the vision of repaying the public with the best service we can provide.  
09/01/2023 22:54

You need the money  
09/01/2023 22:53

I have no issue with 29p per week. The issue I have how do I know the money is passed to the correct place and not used for something else as the council already wastes public money.- and plenty of examples could be given if wastage maybe a re look at all departments are needed  
09/01/2023 17:16

The reason I am voting 'YES' is because I wish to retain a level of law and order. However, I do not feel in this rural community we get good value for money as the only time I ever see the police is when they are manning a speed watch.  
09/01/2023 16:25

This would be on the understanding that a small rural community like ours would see some kind of real-time improvement in the service offered by the police. We have gone from a 'village bobby' to a constable in Stowmarket to an online report, which - given the increase in crimes of theft, and in particular theft from farms, van owners with tools, and oil tanks - seems fairly inadequate.  
09/01/2023 15:44

We need a decent police force  
09/01/2023 15:42

As long as it doesn't increase again in the following year, perhaps a guarantee of no further raises for X time

09/01/2023 15:24

I think there needs to be an increase in funding and I'm happy it would be achieved in this way.  
09/01/2023 12:20

To improve safer neighbourhood teams, some of which I believe currently exist in name only , nothing like what they were set up to do. Furthermore , stop the almost de facto double crewing of officers. I rarely if ever see a Suffolk officer who is not partnered up. Such partnering is necessary at certain locations , times, operations and training but is now I suggest almost the norm . This is wasteful and better service could be provided if this was not the case.  
09/01/2023 11:24

On the understanding that the service will be more responsive and rural areas will have a police presence and when they commit to a pledge it is adhered to.

Unfortunately it is inevitable.  
09/01/2023 10:25

As long as there is a higher profile of policing in remote areas  
09/01/2023 10:19

It is an irrefutable fact that public service budgets have suffered for a number of years and I fully support the increase which falls below the rate of inflation. That said, the idea that technology is all that is needed to respond better to the community is questionable. Concerns for hitting targets for responding to calls for service, ironically, will lead to hitting a target but missing the point. The public view of responding to the public includes establishing what are their needs, what do they require from the police, how well the police respond to concerns and crime in their neighbourhood, do they feel safe.  
09/01/2023 09:34

YES I do agree . The Commissioner has no other option it seems as without this there is not enough funding for the Suffolk Police. Everything is going up but we must have a police service  
09/01/2023 08:26

Serious underfunding of all our services needs to stop. If the police were to continue to struggle to deliver the service they do it would be to everybody's detriment. It already is a very thin blue line. Don't make it thinner.  
09/01/2023 01:19

Our police service in Suffolk is not funded properly by the government. As a resident of Suffolk we need to ensure that they have the funds to police the county properly and effectively  
08/01/2023 23:39

Providing support for law and order enforcement is vital, and having had two reasons last year to seek the help of the police in two separate constabularies, one of which was Suffolk, I have to say that I saw nothing but efficiency, compassion and excellent public service. Allowing the police greater financial support to attend to all crimes, including those deemed to be less damaging (incorrectly), like burglaries and anti-social behaviour incidents, is essential. Of course, had this Conservative Government successively maintained financial support for the police and had it created a fairer funding system for all counties, then we would not be in the situation of remedial funding and now additional recruitment that is needed.  
08/01/2023 22:04

We need a good well motivated force to help keep us safe.  
08/01/2023 19:48

I feel that any funding to the Police can only (hopefully) employ more constables to enforce the lifestyle rules that applied before the 2000s. The elderly population do not feel

safe a lot of the time. To leave social events in the dark nights, alone, even at short distances only puts terror in our minds leading to us becoming housebound. The days when we had a village 'bobby' should return. There are a lot more single elderly around due to the deaths during the pandemic.  
08/01/2023 19:38

But please note any increase is an extra struggle for anyone on a low income especially pensioners  
08/01/2023 19:02

I give my full support for the increase in council tax. As a local resident I am grateful indeed for the services of the police both locally and nationally. Of course, I am only aware of some of the challenges that face them 24/7. I try to maintain an awareness via the media and observation of my environment whilst I am out walking or driving. Thank you  
08/01/2023 18:29

As an elderly female Ipswich resident it would be good to have more police on the streets in the town centre and the Waterfront. I feel increasingly concerned about the amount of small groups of men just standing about any time of the day. Although not a police matter, poor lighting along the Waterfront does nothing to help one feel safe.  
08/01/2023 16:50

To maintain an effective police force within the County  
08/01/2023 16:50

But this MUST be used to increase police profile in the community and addressing minor crime which leads to more serious crime. There is little deterrent to youth when you can't expect a response to vandalism or petty crime ... there needs to be increased visibility ... and less besurocracy.  
08/01/2023 14:26

PROVIDE THAT 1. I can expect in future to receive some response to three telephone messages requesting to speak to my local Community Engagement Officer about a spate of vandalism in our village. 2. The additional funds are not used to tweet support for 'pride' marches and other virtue signalling.  
08/01/2023 14:17

We get what we pay for. Feeling and being safe (shalom) is invaluable.  
08/01/2023 13:46

The police has a bad image in solving break ins and theft. As inflation and energy costs have sky rocketed and caught us all on the back foot so I reckon £1 a month is a small amount that might just make a difference and hope the police can improve their dismal record.  
08/01/2023 13:39

Suffolk constabulary provides value for money. For the proposed increase I would like to see more commitment to "boots on the ground" as well as the backroom improvement already mentioned. As someone who spends several hours a week visiting the area around Norwich Rd (near Coes) for social and recreational purposes I am consistently disappointed by the apparent lack of engagement - to the extent that I was propositioned by a woman touting for business a couple of weeks ago. One just does not see patrolling officers in that area - fact. I'm sure the constabulary has many other plates to keep spinning - good luck to the new chief constable - we wish her well in Bredfield.  
08/01/2023 12:03

I have 3 family members in the Met police. More police are needed and also the training has to be better. A lot of pcs are now learning on the job. I know you never stop learning but they start with insufficient training. They say some new pcs couldn't be trusted with a pencil. Anything locally that increases police numbers and training would help. As long as it wasn't spent on rainbow cars and shoe laces. I

think all are agreed there is not enough police to look for bikes that won't be found. If the money helps all this then all for it  
08/01/2023 12:03

Not enough police presence, particularly in Ipswich town centre. As a pensioner I'm frightened  
08/01/2023 10:44

This is a reluctant yes. Without the increase I dread to think what the effect on suffolk police would. You Need to work smarter and there needs to be more money from central government.  
08/01/2023 09:43

It is disappointing that Suffolk is, again, treated as a poor neighbour with less police officers per head than Norfolk and Essex. It's also disappointing that a Tory county council, Tory MPs, and a Tory PCC cannot obtain fair treatment from a Tory government. As a Labour voter I hope to see changes at future elections, but I can also afford to pay the increase to council tax that you say we need. , I vote Labour, but sometimes you need to put party politics to one side and I therefore support your proposal.  
08/01/2023 08:42

I agree but not because I believe the police are doing a good job in the area. As a life long resident of Suffolk I believe policing has become significantly worse and that more funding is needed to improve the quality of the service. The abysmal response time to attacks on girls and woman and the lack of follow-up at to to thefts and burglaries are examples of how the service is inadequate in its current state.  
08/01/2023 08:42

I must admit I haven't had much of an idea where my council tax goes to, but I am fully aware costs are going up. It is a shame that the Government seems to be so resistant to acknowledging that the gap between incomes

and outgoings for the tax payers funding them is not sustainable for so many people.  
08/01/2023 07:47

Police are essential and unfortunately central funding doesn't cover what is necessary for Police to be able to perform their role to full impact.  
08/01/2023 07:19

Well-funded policing is essential.  
08/01/2023 06:49

Only if there is an increased visibility of officers on the street. Technology is all well and good in fighting modern day crime, it is the visible officer on the street that provides the deterrent. Whilst I admit that I live in a rural community, the chances of me seeing a police officer other than in response to a 'blue light' situation is almost none existent. Increasing foot fall of officers to the the general public with be the biggest boost to the forces approval level and gain you so many gold stars in the e of many.  
08/01/2023 00:16

We can't expect the police to improve their service while their funds are being constantly eroded  
07/01/2023 21:57

I believe that the police force should have the necessary funds available to them to ensure they have all they need to protect us all  
07/01/2023 21:57

This seems an entirely modest increase compared to other increases around us. Moreover, I consider effective policing to be an essential service that I would like to ensure is ready, willing and able to answer my call for help if needed. Hence I am positive in supporting the Suffolk PCC's proposal.  
07/01/2023 21:28

I understand the Government is reducing funding and I agree to pay a little extra in

order that we have a good service provided by Suffolk Constabulary. However I am concerned that we heard the same argument last year for more money, and the service has definitely not improved, especially for the rural communities. We have been trying for several years now to get something done about speeding through the village, and to date very little has happened. It would appear the only effective action is for the residents to take matters into thier own hands, and set up a Community speed watch. The ANPR SID we were promised 18 months ago has been held up for various reasons but usually it comes down to a lack of Police staff to deal with the number of issues this technology will raise. So you have already admitted defeat, you know this is a big problem, but the resources are not being put into stopping this crime. All it needs is regular visits to the community, and when a few residents get prosecuted the word will go round and the speeding will stop. We know this as the Norfolk constabulary had a purge in a near by village for a few months, and now no one speeds there for fear of prosecution. But due to your lack of presence in the villages speeding is still rife in Suffolk. Please use some of this additional funds to catch and prosecute drivers which I am sure will stop this crime.  
07/01/2023 19:29

I believe this is necessary to fulfill the strategic plan  
07/01/2023 19:20

Only if this truly means we will see a significant change in policing around the area. Its very rare to see anyone on "the beat".  
07/01/2023 19:20

The face and make up of Ipswich and Suffolk towns is changing and we need to support our embattled police force where ever we can  
07/01/2023 18:50

Small price to pay for improved victim response

07/01/2023 16:59

Please use the money to investigate stuff people care about. Like burglary and theft, attacks on persons and bad behaviour by asylum seekers in Ipswich. Not on traffic, form filling or management BS.

07/01/2023 16:36

If extra resources means more on the beat police personnel then the proposal would be a small price to pay.

07/01/2023 16:09

YES If you want decent services with well paid staff you need to put your hand in your pocket.

07/01/2023 16:08

YES We need the police to be able to respond to crime in order to keep us all safe.

07/01/2023 16:02

YES Essential to maintain our local policing. 29p a week is easily affordable, sadly just a drop in the ocean but every penny helps this valuable service to continue.

07/01/2023 15:36

Providing it funds extra police personnel and not just energy and technology.

07/01/2023 15:09

Agree with proposal.

07/01/2023 14:47

Very disappointed that the public are not being presented with a proposal as to how the extra income is going to be used short of providing more call handlers on the 101 line. Hard to believe this increase is just to stand still

07/01/2023 14:25

Fully agree with the proposal - the police need all the help they can get..

07/01/2023 14:24

As long as it is used properly for real policing and not to employ middle manager pen pushers. All the press coverage would lead me to believe you are a long way from efficiency. Bring back the bobby on the beat.

Necessary

07/01/2023 13:43

It is essential that the Police are given the tools to do their job properly and that the general public can communicate with the Police when urgently needed. So the increase that is proposed in funding is fair providing it is not spent on stupid "Wokery."

07/01/2023 13:37

We need our Police, and the amount that has been quoted doesn't seem exactly unmanageable, I know we are all having a hard time with financial issues but we do need decent Policing in Red Lodge.

07/01/2023 13:37

I fully support effective policing in my area

07/01/2023 12:36

I think having an effective police force is important and am happy to pay what it costs to have that.

07/01/2023 11:36

I accept the argument that because of the shortfall in financial support from the Government, that in order to maintain current levels of service delivery, a 6% rise is necessary. Having said that, I am unhappy with the ever-declining performance of the Constabulary over the last decade, in so many of its areas of responsibility.

07/01/2023 10:33

Would be prepared to pay more but get very frustrated when I see officers driving around in cars as if that is a patrol. They should stop and get out and walk about a bit - they will see and hear far more and that would enable the public to have some access to them and

mention any concerns they may have in the area.

07/01/2023 10:21

Properly resourced Policing is essential.

07/01/2023 09:21

The police service is one of the bedrock services for the community, it needs to be fully resourced and supported.

07/01/2023 09:11

It is important we have a good police service. There is a lot of rural crime, police presence has reduced in recent years and issues like speeding are not taken seriously, especially on rural roads. There needs to be enforcement and a visible police presence to reassure residents and make them feel that the police are there to support and protect them.

07/01/2023 08:47

Yes, and indeed I would be happy with a higher figure. The first cost is the least cost with any means of prevention.

07/01/2023 07:59

The police in this county do an excellent job and provide an excellent service to the community so you deserve the extra funding. Please continue to look after us!

07/01/2023 07:39

In order to keep Suffolk Police going as they don't get adequate funding from government.

07/01/2023 06:14

Policing is extremely important in our area and ideally we would like to see an increased police presence and response to deter what seems to be a huge increase in crime and vandalism

07/01/2023 05:27

Previous precept created the Suffolk CSIM DSOs, which are a great success story. Please do something as innovative, it all seems to have stagnated. We could start with

hardware/software for phone extractions and device triages, and reassessing what power and control DFU wield over other departments even though they are not necessarily the experts anymore in many domains. Thanks.

06/01/2023 23:13

I am Suffolk Police staff: \*please\* invest in hardware/software/innovation that will cost in the short term but improve crime detection rates and victim support -- and save money -- in the long run. The Force is really bad at this, there are hardware/software/workflows that I could suggest (and have done) that would do these things, but the standard response from management is, for example, "we can't afford £2000 for that", when in reality it would end up saving £2000 every year. Please also create a "suggestions box" on the intranet: so many people here have good ideas but the avenues to voice them are limited and/or ignored. A 10% bounty for any money saved would generate interest. A team could be set up to consider them, as well as potential technical innovations in the Force overall. As a "tech person" coming from industry we seem to be trailing several years behind in innovation and creative technology.

06/01/2023 23:02

I support an increase in police funding to improve service.

06/01/2023 22:16

The level of funding for public services needs to be increased. If the Police are to serve our community the way they want to and need to, an additional payment of 26p per week is very little to ask

06/01/2023 22:06

Lowestoft in particular has suffered over recent years with the cuts that have been made to policing budgets. I would happily pay the increase as long as there is a visible significant increase in policing patrols/officer availability.

06/01/2023 21:51

In order to raise funds to maintain the Constabulary's service delivery and ensure Suffolk receives the maximum possible baseline funding to secure future benefit. If the precept is not increased to the maximum amount, Suffolk will become an outlier in terms of council tax funding (already one of the lowest funded forces from a CT perspective as a result of council tax freezes for 4 years) and future increases would be on lower base funding level, leading to a detrimental impact in future years i.e. any compounding increase would be lower if CT is not increased. The Constabulary is facing significant cost pressure from inflation and the HO grant is insufficient to cover this along with the requirement to maintain officer numbers and consequential support, kit, equipment etc., therefore council tax funding will help to bridge the gap.

06/01/2023 20:58

We need a bigger Police presence.

06/01/2023 20:51

As a Suffolk Constabulary Police Officer, I know the pressures the force is under financially and the impact this has on communities, victims and staff despite the outstanding efforts of everyone in the force. A financial uplift is essential if the the Constabulary is to be able to keep providing the service the people of Suffolk expect.

06/01/2023 20:41

I would like to see a lot more spent on policing. We need more police officers. I would happily go back to the days when a police officer lived in each village, knew everyone and knew who needed to be watched.

06/01/2023 19:55

Much needed and welcome increase. Spend it carefully, wisely and sustainably

06/01/2023 19:37

To provide an efficient service and resources to combat technology crimes as well as supporting victims of crime and the general public.

06/01/2023 18:39

Police need to stop reducing civilian staff members who do the background work and keep officers on the ground, not doing work civilians can do

06/01/2023 18:33

It's clear we need a greater enforcement presence particularly in the East where front line officers have been greatly reduced in the last 15 years. I have no issue with paying more if the service is delivered locally and a greater investment in community policing is made

06/01/2023 18:28

Police need to stop reducing civilian staff members who do the background work and keep officers on the ground, not doing work civilians can do

06/01/2023 18:33

I'm happy to pay an extra - £83 a year to help the policing budget maintain a Good service.

06/01/2023 17:50

I am in favour of the increase ONLY if there is a significant uplift in the number of officers seen on the ground in our rural villages.

06/01/2023 17:26

I believe it important our police force are fully supported financially, to enable them to carry out duties to ensure safety of the general public. They are obviously unable to strike, as with other organisations, to improve their working standards / remuneration packages, so it is up to us all to contribute to ensure the wellbeing of the force.

06/01/2023 16:57

If we want law and order, then we're going to have to face up to the fact that we have to



pay for it, both through national and local taxation.

06/01/2023 16:54

It is crucial the service is able to respond well to the needs of our community. Therefore this increase is acceptable.

06/01/2023 16:45

It's essential that we support the police in their important work. The increase is reasonable in my opinion.

06/01/2023 16:45

This a very small amount and will make a big difference overall, just don't spend it on more pointless rural crime cars!

06/01/2023 16:22

Really happy for this increase. I would like to see more visible policing please. In addition as a regular commuter between Ipswich and Cambridge, I would like to see visible policing on the A14. I also feel, there is still an issue with speeding in villages and there maybe a case where self-funding speed cameras would be a great help. Thanks for all the great work you do, it can't be easy dealing with additional pressures you all face these days.

06/01/2023 16:19

I agree with the proposal, keeping Suffolk residents safe, keeping business safe and ensuring that people get good value with crime prevention, good prompt call answering and reassurance from helpful well trained staff is essential

06/01/2023 16:17

I don't think the crime rate will drop in the area and we need to be able to have the ability to stop it from rising more.

06/01/2023 16:16

£15- £20/ increase year is a tiny amount relative to the overall council tax bill and worth it for more visible policing (Although the overall council tax is now a very big cost)

06/01/2023 16:14

Whilst I do appreciate the need for an increase I am sure you are aware that the cost of living crisis continues to impact us all. I am disappointed but not surprised that it is felt the maximum £15 increase is required, but would hope that this will result in a visible improvement to the service provided to the public.

06/01/2023 16:14

Everyone's budgets are stretched so this increase is inevitable, though unpalatable. For this additional money I would expect to see more visibility of police on the streets. Living in a rural community, we only see police officers when something goes wrong.

06/01/2023 16:08

If the increase means that we will have at least the same service provided by Suffolk Police, I agree that £15 a month (average) is OK.

06/01/2023 16:08

Like you have stated in you introduction. Energy has gone up significantly. You need to keep your buildings heated and maintained.

06/01/2023 16:05

If it means more of a police presence then I am happy to pay an extra £15

06/01/2023 15:52

I do not mind the increase as long as we can rely on the police to assist when needed. In rural areas we need to ensure we can have police assistance when required

06/01/2023 15:34

We need an effective police force to protect our community and enforce the law. Only adequate funding will provide this. I hope this proposal is approved.

06/01/2023 15:10

As long as the money is spent on front line policing and not on back-office functions!  
06/01/2023 15:04

While budgets for everyone are squeezed at the moment, especially for pensioners like me, it is nevertheless important that we have a well-paid police force, capable of responding to public need. Forensics also need to be up-to-date and well-resourced. So, while I would rather not have to pay out more (for anything!), I recognise that this is just as important as any of the utilities, and will support the increase.  
06/01/2023 14:39

On the understanding that this increase is to maintain current standards, rather than improve them I feel I must agree. The consequences of a reduction in the services provided are too concerning to contemplate as already the police are not visible enough to act as deterrent to crime.  
06/01/2023 14:30

Suffolk police are one of the poorest police forces nationally, that on top of reduced funding in social care, mental health etc means Suffolk police have more to do than ever, as tough as times are for us all I understand this and support the increase  
06/01/2023 14:23

Suffolk police is over stretched, over worked and underfunded. They do great with what resources they have but they deserve better and more support to do their jobs including more staff and better funding  
06/01/2023 14:22

I thought that you'd asked for an increase last year to enable you to recruit more officers. Has that worked? I don't agree with using technology to liaise with victims. Speaking to someone in person is far more caring and supportive than doing it via a video link. I really hope you can recruit more officers. We need more policeman, preferably on bikes,

looking out for everyone, building up relationships with locals etc.  
06/01/2023 14:03

Policing is a vital public service and essential. Keeping the public safe is important as if you don't feel safe you won't be able to have a good quality of life. Please ensure your officers are focussed on policing their communities and are visible and engaging.  
06/01/2023 13:05

The government are not funding public services effectively and that's unlikely to change soon.  
06/01/2023 12:46

I have said because I appreciate this is for Suffolk as a whole. However I have always felt that rural communities draw the 'short straw' - minimal police presence.  
06/01/2023 12:07

Also really need to know why the Suffolk force is disproportionately underfunded by central government and unless there is a very sound justification, that too should be corrected. Fed up of hearing that rural areas pay the same (or more) for less service, not all country folk are rich and leading comfortable lives.  
06/01/2023 11:41

We, the public of Suffolk, are the beneficiaries of the police service in Suffolk so I have no problem with us making an increased contribution to that service.

I understand why the increase is necessary.  
06/01/2023 11:12

Policing is an important function in our society so I have voted . However, I do have concerns that Central Government have enabled local councils to make this increase so that they don't have to and at a time when many are struggling financially.  
06/01/2023 11:11

We all understand there is pressure on costs and especially with inflation as forecast. The good service provided by the police must be maintained.

06/01/2023 11:11

I would be happy to support if you could break down exactly where the money would go.

06/01/2023 10:29

The obvious need for more PC's etc.etc.

06/01/2023 10:09

It's the only way to finance the Police force adequately. The Tory government are more interested in themselves than actually helping people at this moment. They will, of course, cynically find tax breaks and finance for public services just before the next election. They are self serving and the people have to fend for themselves until giving help to the nation fits in with the Tory desire to maintain political power. They propagate untruths and sometimes barefaced lies in order to cling to power. Nearly thirteen years of mismanagement by the Tories (including the disastrous coalition with the Liberal Democrats) has left the country bereft with a moral vacuum at the heart of government.

06/01/2023 09:50

It is only fitting that we should help to pay for the safety you provide to all residents throughout Suffolk.

06/01/2023 09:32

There aren't enough police in the first place. There'd be even fewer if you didn't increase council tax.

06/01/2023 09:17

I think this is a small price to pay for added police presence. Being safe in your community is extremely important and deterring crime is better than having to deal with it after it has happened

06/01/2023 08:54

I am in a higher rate band than D but I still consider the increase is a worthwhile additional contribution to the safeguarding of security and law enforcement within our community.

06/01/2023 08:38

Police presence is important and key to people feeling safe in their homes especially in small rural villages.

06/01/2023 08:33

Cost of living is rising and likely brings with it more crime. Would be great to see police able to deal with current crime levels effectively. £15 a year seems very minimal considering all the other price rises.

Central government isn't providing sufficient funding to maintain current levels of service.

06/01/2023 08:09

because its worth it

06/01/2023 08:03

Expected due to inflationary pressures.

06/01/2023 07:59

The Constabulary needs more funding and if the government is not prepared to do this the money must be raised locally.

06/01/2023 07:49

The proposed increase appears very reasonable given current inflationary pressures. There can be no price in ensuring the county maintains adequate levels of policing.

06/01/2023 06:47

Suffolk feels a safe place to live and I am happy to pay a little more to help keep it that way (band G property owner).

06/01/2023 04:51

All costs are going up and we need an effective police service, so we have to pay for

it. The increase is not excessive, but it should be accompanied by efficiency savings too so we are assured that our money is being used well.

05/01/2023 23:20

The police need our support so it's okay but as long as the money is spent as the police want and not politicians as police know more about their jobs

As long as we see more police

05/01/2023 20:56

I'd be happy to pay £20 a year more! If £15 is only going to enable us to maintain the current service they'll be nothing available for improvements

05/01/2023 20:50

Your hands are tied by Government policy unfortunately.

05/01/2023 20:07

If we want a good police service we should expect to pay for it. I would like more focus in combatting fraud.

05/01/2023 20:05

The police are in desperate need for further funding and I fully support this increase.

05/01/2023 19:48

Policing must be maintained to an acceptable standard to deal with the levels of crime

05/01/2023 19:44

ONLY if local policing at SNT and NRT level is increased even further and not spent on non-front line policing which has been mainly the case with the additional officers funded by the Home Office. I expect to see a much enhanced victim support service in terms of follow-up communications to crimes reported, better reporting of data to the public via automated GIS mapping systems, more efficient use of police resources by not being bullied by partner agencies who refuse to step up to the

mark or withdraw services because the Constabulary will not "pay for it", getting rid of bureaucracy by removing unnecessary documents such as "Constables County" and replacing with more meaningful and up to date local reporting generated by the CEOs, allowing SNT to meet with local councils and residents as they want to and not dictated to by higher authorities, and encouraging senior officers to engage more locally especially in larger towns.

05/01/2023 19:35

Police is essential and the increase is justifiable

05/01/2023 19:20

You need to maintain present cover of policing if the county is not to be seen as a soft touch. All so you must try to keep up with technology if policing is to be effective

05/01/2023 19:07

Would be interested to know how previous monies have been spent and the benefits thereafter.

05/01/2023 18:58

We have to be realistic about inflation and the need to maintain an effective service

05/01/2023 18:51

As long as 100% of it goes into front line policing or the direct support of front line policing then ok. The moment 1p goes to Mr Passmore's personal or office salary or any external consultancy firm hired to look at anything not associated with front line policing then absolutely not. The increase has to be accounted for as such in the yearly accounts and not 'lost' in the other data.

05/01/2023 18:45

Whilst I am disappointed yet again to see Suffolk Police receive less funding than is required, I feel this cannot go without additional top up from the PCC.

05/01/2023 18:18

Given the need to ensure adequate resources are available to meet the policing needs of the county and the current level of inflationary pressures on all service providers, it appears there is little choice other than to support the increase as proposed. However, I feel that focus should be placed on visible policing and responsiveness to crimes that impact the people of Suffolk directly. Policing by the use of social media and other electronic means is not the answer to retaining or building trust in our police force. Recent diminishing confidence of our police force in general is at least partially due to the lack of day to day visibility of the police service within communities and the apparent lack of interest - no attendance at crime scenes - when low level crimes against property and even 'the person' are reported. There is a growing feeling that police forces are being selective and focusing on the "loud" minorities rather than serving the wider swathes of society. Recent public statements by senior police officers in the north of England about the current tendency of many forces to have a "WOKE" focus and the need to ensure the police use the resources available to address crimes that impact the majority of people within a community not just those that are vocal on social media or have the ability to solicit widespread press coverage, ring very true with many folk across our county! The silent majority pay for the service, so lets give them a reasonable share of what they pay for...

05/01/2023 18:12

I should like to see a Bobby walk around our village, Brantham, maybe once a week. I would be happy to have him drop in for a cup of tea.

05/01/2023 18:08

Suffolk needs to remain a safe county and crime of all sorts needs to be addressed with adequate resources -

05/01/2023 18:08

We depend on the police, so I'm ok to pay a little more.

05/01/2023 17:56

We need to at least maintain the level of Policing in Suffolk despite the current inflationary pressures. This proposal makes sense on this basis alone, in order that Suffolk remains a relatively low crime County, and that there are sufficient resources to cope with both everyday and unusual issues.

05/01/2023 17:56

All public services need and deserve more funding, the police is no exception. I am happy to pay more.

05/01/2023 17:44

As with all public services, this Government needs to wake up to the fact that the austerity measures went on too long hence most public services are not what they used to be.

05/01/2023 17:41

Not a huge increase. It is important to me that the police have sufficient funding to perform its duties.

05/01/2023 17:41

We need to protect the real value of public services including the police.

05/01/2023 17:37

Need to increase to maintain positive outcome. We need plice on the street

05/01/2023 17:12

It is essential we keep a good police force in Suffolk (and elsewhere) I have nothing but praise for the hard work and dedication of the Suffolk Police. Having moved from Hampshire I can honestly say we as a family feel very safer here than there.

05/01/2023 17:02

As a magistrate, I know that the police and the justice system as a whole are woefully underfunded. I would be more than happy to contribute a few pence extra a day.

05/01/2023 16:59

A very small amount to pay to maintain policing services across the county. Also mention of improvements communications to and from the Police is a welcome element of the budget.

05/01/2023 16:52

Providing we see what this is actually spent on.

05/01/2023 16:52

We need to at least maintain the level of police presence, although we never see a policeman walking the beat where we live, if we have to pay more hopefully we will see an increased presence

05/01/2023 16:28

The force needs to be properly funded in order to perform well.

05/01/2023 16:28

I do not want a drop in the current level of service. If status quo can only be achieved by a council tax increase when I will have to reluctantly accept this as so.

05/01/2023 16:20

I agree with the proposed increase but would like to see this utilised in supporting local policing

05/01/2023 16:15

Crime is on the increase and must be tackled, urgently. The Police should have access to all of the resources that they need to keep our communities safe.

05/01/2023 16:15

We must maintain the current levels of policing in our county and 29p per week is only a small amount to ask for. Solving and

preventing crime are hallmarks of a good police force. Everything possible must be done to keep Suffolk as a very low crime county to love work and invest in. Other public sector agencies need to stop dumping work onto the police and do their fair share of work.

05/01/2023 16:01

Its affordable and important to keep the streets safe.

05/01/2023 16:01

Need to increase detection and prevention of crime.

05/01/2023 15:55

I agree and it's inevitable the policing element should be increased, but I want to see visible policing on the streets of Lowestoft. Whatever your being told by your superintendents, on the ground in Lowestoft at least, the only visible police presence the public will ever see is via a police car at speed.

05/01/2023 15:54

We know that there will not be any government funding. We do need to try and keep some of our essential services functioning and improving if possible.

05/01/2023 15:50

policing is important and should be supported by all citizens

05/01/2023 15:46

I believe that in common with other public services Suffolk Police have been starved of resources, I saw a report that Suffolk has some of the oldest vehicles being used by any police force. Even the proposed increase is less than inflation, presumably Police Officers will be awarded a proper pay rise?

05/01/2023 15:29

I know that our police are the best in the world and I fully support the increase in precept that is suggested. Thank you all for

everything your officers put into your valuable, and often dangerous or distressing, role in society.  
05/01/2023 15:16

Obviously need to keep up with inflation and requirements. However, perhaps upper band properties could be loaded more to help those on small means.

Keep up the already good standard  
05/01/2023 15:11

We need more police officers!  
05/01/2023 15:04

Been undefunded for years.....  
05/01/2023 15:01

I want the police force of Suffolk to have all the resources it needs.  
05/01/2023 14:55

On balance Suffolk Police do an excellent job in difficult times without, I feel, the necessary support from either Government or other agencies esp. the CPS - sentencing and the appetite for prosecution needs to be addressed at the highest level to ensure the criminal justice system serves the population in the way we anticipate it should. Easy prosecutions for lesser offences serves little purpose other than to undermine public confidence in the system, and those that are seen to deliver it, i.e. Police Officers on the streets... The only priority as a resident in Suffolk I would like to see is for someone to fix the 101 system. Reporting potentially non-urgent crime, ASB, suspected drug sealing etc. does not always lend it's self to online form filling; sometimes it's better to speak with a call handler who can advise/prioritise as required - the 101 system in Suffolk has, and continues to be, plagued with delays in response and needs to be fixed to take the pressure off the unnecessary calls to 999 that I suspect currently occur. It would serve to provide residents with the reassurance that

they are being given the best possible service available from the limited resource(s) available  
05/01/2023 14:38

I understand the impact that inflation has had on all aspects of our lives, but this situation was born out of government and Bank of England ineptitude. I expect you to make very loud noises to government to get extra funding if this same government is to honour its flimsy promise of cutting crime. Constantly coming after the council tax payer is wearing a bit thin.  
05/01/2023 14:32

I believe that the rise should be value for money, however, if it is used in any way other than for front line policing i could not agree. Sadly, these days there is a trend to add people to the headcount at considerable cost in stead of utilising the monetary values on feet on the street. I hope the increase is not away of continuing the woke agenda that appears to taking monetary values from the public to add to a non justified headcount in many of our public services.  
05/01/2023 14:22

We all need to contribute a small amount to help keep Suffolk safe and a great place to live.  
05/01/2023 14:21

Further effort is needed to gain a bigger contribution from central government for the reasons previously highlighted by the PCC – we cannot keep increasing the budget via the precept. We do not get reduced rates of income tax, VAT etc in Suffolk so why are we prejudices when it comes to funding.  
05/01/2023 14:17

If it means seeing actual police on the street of Beccles and Worlingham. Otherwise where does this extra money go?  
05/01/2023 14:15

The government does not provide sufficient funding to any public services, so there really is no other choice.

05/01/2023 14:12

I have no issues with the increase but surly that can be offset by some degree by 1. Doing away with the crime commissioner or the chief constable we don't need both these roles. 2. Suffolk county council have just voted in a deputy on a six figure salary that's not needed. 3. Suffolk have been given the go ahead for a mayor that's another additional cost the taxpayer can do with out. So if we did away with these three posts that would save the taxpayers of Suffolk around 300-350 k how many police officers can we have extra with that money. Finally I believe these surveys are a waste of time as the decision as already been made so how much did this cost the taxpayers of Suffolk we need to be saving money dis wasting it

05/01/2023 14:07

We need to ensure appropriate policing to protect the public. The funding should not only be used to resolve crime, but to prevent. I always believe 'that prevention is better than cure'. So investment needs to be at the heart of policing, to understand the real issues which are occurring in our society. The issues identified can then be addressed in a methodical and appropriate way. This I believe will help reduce crime in the future. By reducing the incidents that Police attend not only means that the Police are safer when carrying out their tasks, it also means that the public are safer.

05/01/2023 14:07

I think that policing needs to be a priority in Suffolk - more visible pilice would be good.

05/01/2023 14:06

We need Suffolk Constabulary to be able to function well and meet all its population's needs. Costs are increasing everywhere and

this is a relatively small increase to enable the budget to be met.

05/01/2023 14:05

But only for important services. I do not want my money going towards woke trends for complaints about hurt feelings, for example if someone was misgendered. Also I do not expect my money going towards diversity & inclusion training. I would like it to go towards traditional policing and prevention of crime in the first place.

05/01/2023 14:03

Policing is important to keep the community safe

05/01/2023 13:57

Yes, but need to see better visibility in Ipswich Town Centre during the day as well. Really low presence - it brings down the feeling of being safe. That's why we shop outside the town. You have 1200 officers so surely you can have one or two in the County Town! (There is more crime in Ipswich than anywhere else and more incidents. One small village has the same crime in one year that Ipswich has in one day)

05/01/2023 13:56

On the understanding you produce results. You get the bobbies on the beat and out of the batmobiles talking to the public

05/01/2023 13:54

The Police do the most incredible job, keeping us all safe in this area and, often, in the most difficult and challenging situations, which most of the law abiding general public never get to see, thank God. They suffer so much from anti-social behaviour in the most extreme way, not just on the highways and byways but also when called to problems in A & E etc etc. The Police are often the first emergency service to arrive at RTA's 24/7 and I can well understand how so many of them have retired early or taken leave due to extreme stress resulting in serious ill health



for the rest of their lives. This so often impacts on their personal and family life too. Therefore, I strongly support this small increase in the policing element of our council tax, and wish you all a Very Happy New Year.  
05/01/2023 13:44

As a community we need to support the police in order to maintain standards and not let them decline.  
05/01/2023 13:39

No one wants costs to increase but we need a Police Force who are able to deal with the many issues our diverse society brings.  
05/01/2023 13:39