

VOTE

MATTHEW BARBER

FOR THAMES VALLEY POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER



**TOUGH ON CRIME FOR
SAFER COMMUNITIES**

HAVE YOUR SAY - THURSDAY 6TH MAY 2021

My Plan to fight crime across Thames Valley...

Strong local policing

More police officers, neighbourhood policing and focussing on the crimes that matter most to the public

Fighting serious organised crime

Cracking down on the threat from "county-lines" drugs gangs to protect children from abuse and exploitation

Fighting cyber crime and fraud

Investing in the technology and resources the police need to protect you and your families online

Improving criminal justice

Supporting victims of crime, bringing more criminals to justice and reducing reoffending

Tackling illegal encampments

Ensuring a fair but firm response to illegal encampments and reducing the effect on our communities



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Why we are backing Matthew to keep our communities safe...



I strongly believe voting for Matthew Barber is a well placed vote to further improve policing across the Thames Valley, including your community with a few priority key objectives; strength of local neighbourhood policing, focussing on burglaries & rural crime, tackling the issue of illegal encampments, fighting serious organised crime including 'county lines' drug gangs to protect children from exploitation and abuse, cyber crime & fraud and improving criminal justice. Matthew is a high profile public figure within the Thames Valley wholly suited to the job of Police & Crime Commissioner.

David Cannon
Former Detective Inspector

Matthew Barber will be an excellent Police & Crime Commissioner. Thames Valley is a very large and varied area and it is vital that the PCC understands the different needs of different communities.

Matthew has been actively involved as Deputy PCC and has already helped and supported many communities.

I was particularly pleased to be with Matthew for his visit to the MK Safety Centre (Hazard Alley), a vital educational facility teaching thousands of children across Thames Valley how to stay safe.

Catriona Morris
Former Mayor of Milton Keynes



As a farmer based in rural Oxfordshire, I believe Matthew Barber is the right person to become our Thames Valley Police & Crime Commissioner. He has set out five priority key objectives to improve our community's policing and across the Thames Valley as a whole. His priorities are inclusive of rural and urban policing, each of which requires the right skillset to be achieved, of which I have every confidence in Matthew to accomplish.

David Clayton
Farmer



**MATTHEW
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YOUR CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE
FOR THAMES VALLEY POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

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TO PROTECT YOU, YOUR FAMILY
AND YOUR COMMUNITY

FIGHTING CYBER
CRIME AND FRAUD



TACKLING FLY
TIPPING



COMBATING
BUSINESS CRIME



TACKLING DOG
THEFTS



IMPROVING
CRIMINAL
JUSTICE



TACKLING
KNIFE CRIME



ABOUT MATTHEW

Having grown up in the Thames Valley and now living in Oxfordshire with my wife, two children and our dog, I was appointed as Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner in 2016. In recent years I have worked on improving collaboration between the emergency services, ensuring a focus on neighbourhood policing and rural crime, and most recently leading the work to relaunch Community Speedwatch.

During this time I have gained the experience necessary to understand policing and how to effectively hold the Force to account to deliver on the public's priorities.

I also continue to engage with communities across the Thames Valley and will continue to listen to your concerns locally to ensure that the police respond to the issues that matter most to you, and ensure that Thames Valley Police are tough on crime for safer communities.



WHAT IS A POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC)?

Police & Crime Commissioners were first elected in 2012, replacing Police Authorities which had been in place before. In Thames Valley this meant replacing the 19 member police authority with a single directly-elected PCC.

The PCC appoints, holds to account - and if necessary - fires the Chief Constable. The Police & Crime Commissioner is also responsible for setting the nearly £500m budget of Thames Valley Police and setting out the strategic priorities of the Force in the Police & Crime Plan.

Who you choose to be the next PCC for Thames Valley really matters. You only have to look across the country to see the differences between police forces. I will ensure that Thames Valley Police continues to be one of the strongest, well-led forces and always strives to improve by serving the public better and fighting crime harder.

MORE POLICE ON OUR STREETS

It was at Thames Valley's training centre that Boris Johnson first made his pledge to deliver 20,000 more police officers, and since then Thames Valley has been at the forefront of the recruitment drive.

Visible policing is a priority for the public and that is why I have pledged to always back local neighbourhood policing. It is vital that we feel safe on our own streets and local policing is key to maintaining public trust.

Thames Valley Police will continue to rely on the hard work and dedication of all its officers and staff, including those in specialist and detective roles, but I will ensure funding for frontline police officers and PCSOs to protect our communities.



CUTTING CRIME IN YOUR COMMUNITY

In the world of modern policing there are many competing demands and expectations on police officers, but we must never lose sight of the one overarching aim - to cut crime.

As well as ensuring the police work pro-actively to tackle criminals, Police & Crime Commissioners have a unique roll to play in crime prevention. Working with local councils, charities and the courts, I will put reducing crime and reoffending at the heart of my work.

SUPPORTING THE VACCINE ROLL-OUT

Thames Valley Police have been supporting the work of the NHS throughout the pandemic. I have assisted in a small role at my local GP vaccination centre, but we should all be hugely grateful to everyone involved in the fantastic vaccine roll-out!



FIND OUT ABOUT MY PLAN...

With your support on Thursday 6th May I intend to hit the ground running with a clear plan to address your concerns, cut crime and keep us all safe.

I have highlighted my top priorities in this leaflet, but if you would like to discover more about my plan, do get in touch with me, or sign up for my email newsletter at:

www.matthewbarber.co.uk

or find me on Facebook at [fb.com/matthewbarberpcc](https://www.facebook.com/matthewbarberpcc)

By lending me your vote on Thursday 6th May you can help me deliver your priorities through my vision for policing in Thames Valley - **backing our police officers to be tough on crime for safer communities.**

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DOMESTIC ABUSE



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FIGHTING DRUGS
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CUTTING SPEEDING AND
IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY



COMMUNITY
SPEEDWATCH