



Newsletter

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Key community safety priorities share £168,000 boost from my Safer Communities Fund

I granted the money, which had been recovered from criminals by West Yorkshire Police and prosecutors under the Proceeds of Crime Act, to 35 groups tackling important issues such as burglary, road safety and cyber crime. These latest awards mean that the fund has now distributed over £2.96m to around 692 projects across the county. I am delighted to be able to continue to distribute these much needed funds to community safety projects which are making a real difference in our communities.

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Visible frontline policing at the forefront as the Police Budget is set

With the Government not providing a commitment to the level of long term funding required in the Settlement Announcement, I have proposed a small increase of 4.99 per cent to the Police Precept, which equates to no more than £7.26 a year for most households in West Yorkshire. This increase will allow PCSO numbers to be maintained and importantly an overall additional 311 Police Officer recruits and various Police Staff recruitment in excess of 100 over the next 12 months. This means key areas of investment can be supported, such as specialist investigators using new digital and forensic techniques to improve criminal justice outcomes for victims and witnesses for example.

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Launch of the first ever Victim's Strategy for West Yorkshire

I officially launched the 'Supporting People Harmed by Crime' strategy with the national Victims Commissioner for England and Wales, Dame Vera Baird QC and Deputy Chief Constable Russ Foster. The strategy has been developed with the full involvement of stakeholders and among other things, will raise awareness of what is available, including to victims who do not report to the police. One of my most important roles as PCC is to champion the interests of all victims and witnesses and this strategy isn't just another document, this is a signal of intent and I would take this opportunity to make a direct plea to anyone harmed by crime that needs help to get in touch, you will be heard, you will be listened to and you will be supported.

[Find out more](#)



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HMICFRS PEEL Assessment Report – Outstanding Rating

I welcomed Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, Fire and Rescue (HMICFRS) PEEL Assessment report with West Yorkshire Police receiving an 'outstanding' grading for efficiency. I was really pleased to see that the hard work of West Yorkshire Police officers and staff has been further recognised with the latest independent report. West Yorkshire Police have retained their overall 2017 Good rating for Effectiveness and Legitimacy and have received a new grading of 'Outstanding' for overall Efficiency.

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