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Police & Crime Commissioner  
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**WEST YORKSHIRE  
POLICE**

# Proceeds of Crime Act

Through the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) criminals can have their assets confiscated if there is a genuine suspicion that they were obtained illegally – and the individual cannot prove differently. This can include the assets of family members. Over the last few years criminals have been sentenced to over 140 years in prison for not paying up!

Over the last 3 years West Yorkshire Police have confiscated over £31 MILLION from criminals

West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner Mark Burns-Williamson and West Yorkshire Police receive a percentage of the confiscated money back from the Home Office and use this money to make our communities feel safer and be safer.

Mark and the Chief Constable split the money 50/50. The Chief Constable spends their half on operational policing, and Mark gives his half directly back to communities via his Safer Communities Fund.



## Confiscation and Compensation Case Examples:

### Human Trafficking

*Man lured fellow countrymen to West Yorkshire to work in near slavery conditions, working up to 60 hours a week for as little as £20. £93,539.44 confiscated and an amount to be paid in compensation to the victims.*

### Embezzlement

*College Administrator embezzled funds intended to pay for child care for students in order to live the high life and buy friendships. £62,463.00 confiscated and entire amount to be paid in compensation to the College.*

## Police and Crime Commissioner's Safer Communities Fund

Since February 2014, your PCC Mark Burns-Williamson has given just under £1.9 million directly back to communities through his Safer Communities fund.

All organisations funded meet the priorities in the Police and Crime Plan and work to ensure communities in West Yorkshire are safe and feel safe.

POCA provides invaluable funding to support communities, operational projects/initiatives and Crime Prevention.



## HOW DO THEY AFFORD IT?

Do you know somebody living beyond their means and benefiting from crime?

Why should they get away with it?

Tell us, we will take action...



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# Safer Communities Fund

The Safer Communities Fund has been launched to help voluntary, community groups, charities and partners make their communities safer and feel safer. The fund is financed from monies recovered by West Yorkshire Police under the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA).

## Fund Objectives

- Put POCA money back into communities.
- Promote a simple, inclusive and transparent grant process.
- Provide grants which make a difference in the community.



## How to Apply

In order to apply for a grant from the Safer Communities Fund you will need to complete an application form. Before starting the application please read the guidance notes and terms & conditions. For more info please visit [www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/safer-communities-fund](http://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/safer-communities-fund) or contact the Safer Communities Fund Team.

## Contact the Safer Communities Fund Team

**Email:** [safercommunitiesfund@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:safercommunitiesfund@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

**Call:** 01924 294000 (please leave a message and the team will get back to you)

**Write:** Ploughland House, 62 George Street, Wakefield, WF1 1DL

**Twitter:** @WestYorksOPCC

Grant Round	15	16	17
Bids open	29/10/2018	15/04/2019	07/10/2019
Bids close	07/12/2018	25/04/2019	15/11/2019
Fund Awards	21/03/2018	19/09/2019	13/02/2020