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ADAM SIMMONDS - NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

COMMUNITY JUSTICE SECURITY

VICTIMS' VOICE

A Northamptonshire Victims' Commission has been launched. Victims' Commissioner Angela Sarkis, will see victims put at the heart of our criminal justice system.



PCC Adam Simmonds, and Victims' Commissioner Angela Sarkis.

Victims of crime should come first, and get the help and support they need. They also deserve the best from the criminal justice system.

No one chooses to be a victim of crime, but none of us are free from the possibility that one day, without notice, we could become victims of crime. Many of you will have experienced the trauma of having your life turned upside down through car crime, burglary, violence, domestic abuse, identity theft and in many more ways. While we do not choose to be victims there are those in our society that choose to make crime a way of life.

Victims of crime must be able to rely on swift, sure justice which punishes offenders properly, and on intelligent justice which demands that offenders face up to the causes of their behaviour, protecting future victims from similar trauma.

You can have your say through the Victims' Voice campaign which is running until 5th July. Tell us your experiences and views of criminal justice agencies and the support services that work within it, to help shape a better service for victims and witnesses in the future. You can contact Victims' Voice through the website: www.victims-voice.org.uk via email: contact@victims-voice.org.uk or by telephoning 0300 303 1947. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

A MESSAGE FROM ADAM SIMMONDS

Dear Resident,

Calling all volunteers!

The last six months have been fast and furious. So much has happened and a lot now needs to be delivered.

A really important part of my programme is the recruitment of volunteers. I want over 1,000 people in addition to our 1,220 Police Officers and 129 PCSOs.

I would like to see more and more people making a contribution to Northamptonshire becoming the Safest Place in England. We have lots of ways to volunteer.

Special Police Officers are becoming an integral part of policing in our county and I would like to see 500 of these volunteers leading the drive to increase visible policing.

Please join us in this journey!

Yours,

Adam Simmonds
Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

Find out more at: www.northantspcc.org.uk

PCC LEADS NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EVIDENCE-BASED POLICING

Adam Simmonds and Simon Hayes, PCC for Hampshire, demonstrated their commitment to evidence-based policing and practice by hosting a conference at Cambridge University, in conjunction with the Society for Evidence-Based Policing, the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners, the College of Policing, and the Cambridge Police Executive Programme.

The event aimed to introduce PCCs to the concept of evidence-based policing and discuss how, in a world of austerity and budget reductions, this approach will lead to more effective and efficient policing and crime reduction.

MEET YOUR PCC

Adam will be holding street surgeries across the county throughout the rest of the year.

The street surgeries, which form part of the Commission's broader community engagement agenda, will provide an ideal opportunity for Adam to meet and speak with local residents.

Below are the scheduled dates and venues of the street surgeries, which will all take place between 10am and 12noon.

- Brackley: Brackley Carnival, Sat 8th June
- Wellingborough: Party in the Park, Sat 7th July
- Kettering: High Street, Sat 21st September

Check the website for most up-to-date details.

Out & about



with Adam Simmonds



■ Adam at the launch of the Victims' Commission speaking to both the local and national media. Adam said: "I intend to put the victim of crime first, offering the help and support they require. Proper protection and support for victims of crime is fundamental to my vision of better policing."



■ Adam has set up a series of street surgeries across the county. They provide an ideal opportunity for people to meet and speak with their PCC. Police officers and PCSOs are on hand to offer advice and information and people are able to share their views about crime and policing in their community.



■ Adam celebrated the county's diverse communities at an event at Force HQ. Visitors enjoyed entertainment provided by young Indian and Afghan dancers and a group of Sikh drummers. Guests were able to learn about various aspects of policing, such as community engagement, hate crime, crime prevention, public order, recruitment of Special Constables and road policing.

FIRE & RESCUE SHARE HEAD QUARTERS WITH POLICE



An important stage of greater integrated operations between the two blue light services has been delivered, with the Chief Fire Officer and his support team now working from a shared headquarters at Wootton Hall.

This will enable the Police, Fire, and Police and Crime Commissioner's senior teams to come together to work on future plans for greater integration and enhanced community safety services in the future.

One immediate success was achieved during a recent community safety event at Tesco Mereway, where the Fire service provided support for this Police led operation.

