

Police and Crime Commissioners have responsibility for multi-million pound policing budgets and help set the priorities for their force, so clearly the role is important. Commissioners are there to hold the police to account on behalf of the public. That's why I would be a proactive Commissioner – holding regular public meetings to make sure I know exactly what each community want their local policing team to focus on.

Why do you think the role of Police and Crime Commissioner is so important to the people of Lancashire?

I started off as a bobby on the beat, working my way up to Superintendent before retiring. I've helped set up the first multi-agency team to tackle child sexual exploitation and have more recently been working with counter terrorism officers across the country. So I know the Police Force inside out, and I want to use this track record and knowledge to support our police officers and make sure residents have a strong and effective force that will protect our communities.

You have a policing background how useful is this in preparing you for the role?

Andy Pratt talks exclusively to about his plans for Lancashire

I would work closely with Theresa May and a Conservative Government to ensure that decision makers are pulling in the same direction in the interests of Lancashire and our police force. With me, there won't be any political point scoring or sniping from the sidelines – just hard work and a commitment to putting our local area first.

Is it an advantage to have a Police and Crime Commissioner from the same party as the Government?

▲ Andy discusses his priorities for Lancashire with the Prime Minister.



I offer Lancashire residents the opportunity to have a retired senior policeman as their Police and Crime Commissioner, holding the police force to account and making sure it works in the interests of local people. I'll work with the Conservative Government to deliver for the people of Lancashire. The choice is very clear – it's either me or soft on crime Jeremy Corbyn's Labour Party candidate.

So what's the choice for Lancashire voters at this election?



Making *you* Safer and more Secure

I believe that security begins at home – the most important duty of any government is to keep its people safe. That's why we've taken the steps to cut crime and protect the frontline, even as we reduce the deficit.

And it is why, for the next four years, we have protected the overall police budget. As Conservative PCCs have shown, it's only with the Conservatives that taxpayers, citizens and communities can get value for money and safer places to live, work and do business.



Community Key to Tackling Crime

Conservative Police and Crime Commissioner candidate Andy Pratt has stated his belief that a strong community helps to reduce crime. By encouraging agencies and community groups to be vigilant and work together, Andy believes a lot of problems in our society can be tackled head on. This includes looking after the most vulnerable in society and educating our young people to respect those from other cultures to help bring our communities closer together.



Andy Pratt

Putting *Lancashire* First!

INSIDE:



Your Priorities are my Priorities



Theresa May supports Andy Pratt





Your PRIORITIES ARE my PRIORITIES

1 EFFICIENT POLICING

I'll get the greatest impact for every pound spent. Visible uniform patrols go a long way to reassure the public, helping to prevent and detect crime.

2 SAFER STREETS

I'll bring the focus back on crime prevention; preventing the drug dealers, the drunkenness and the anti-social behaviour that can make areas difficult to live and work in.

3 PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

Young people and in particular those who are subject to sexual exploitation are extremely vulnerable. I pioneered work in this area in 2003 and I want to see it developed further.

4 TACKLING PREJUDICE

This takes many forms, where people are abused and attacked because of their faith, race, sexual orientation or disability. I want to do more to get to the root of the causes and create a society where everyone is respected and valued.

5 COMMUNITY STRENGTH

Residents who live and work in the county are key to police work. My priority is to strengthen and further develop this, particularly in areas and communities that have been distant at times from the police.

6 CARING FOR THE COPS

The men and women who deliver policing services in Lancashire have a tough job to do. I want to see new and innovative ways in which the community can support their police officers.

THE Experience AND Knowledge TO DO THE JOB

1982

Pictured here with his wife Heather, Andy graduated from Bruche, the Police training centre as a Constable – working on the frontline, keeping our streets safe.



1986

Sergeant Andy Pratt mixes with the locals, and shows his community spirit, at the opening of the Little Harwood community centre in Blackburn.



1997

Andy, now an Inspector, receives an award for developing the first Asian link worker programme in the UK.



2007

Now a Superintendent after over 20 years experience serving in the Lancashire Constabulary, Andy takes a leading role in keeping local residents safe.



▲ Andy discussed his priorities for Lancashire with the Home Secretary.



▲ Andy is committed to reducing crime across our rural and farming communities.

VOTING GUIDE

In the election for Police and Crime Commissioner **you have a first preference and a second preference. For your vote to be counted you must make a first preference. You don't have to give a second preference.**

If you want a Conservative PCC, you can only guarantee that by voting for **Andy PRATT** as your **FIRST PREFERENCE**.

