

## Building a Safer Bedfordshire

If you agree that there is  
**SAFETY** in numbers

Sign the petition seeking adequate  
funding for Bedfordshire Police

[www.saveourpolice.org.uk](http://www.saveourpolice.org.uk)

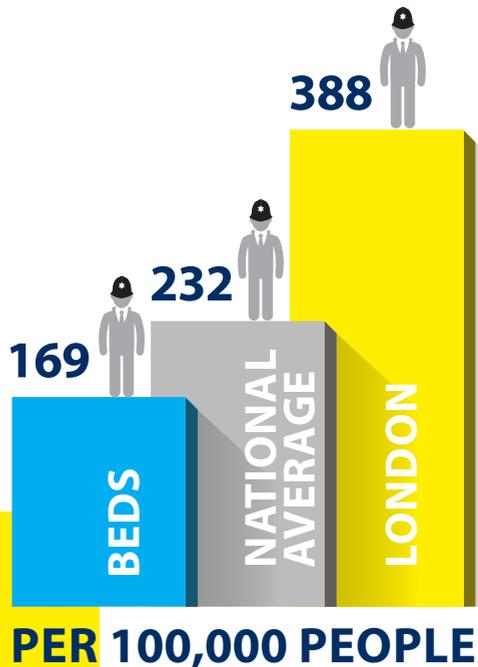
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Bedfordshire  
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London have!



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Average!





# HELP US TO KEEP BEDFORDSHIRE SAFE

## Report any suspicion of criminal or terrorist activity

### CONTACTING THE POLICE

999 should only be used when:

- There is danger to life or risk of injury being caused imminently. Examples include serious road accidents, assaults or serious disorders.
- A crime is in progress. Examples include assault, burglary, and theft or if an offender is still on the scene, or has just left it.
- Police attendance is required immediately such as to prevent a breach of peace, or if someone is acting suspiciously or about to commit an offence.

Please dial 101 for all other enquiries or advice on police matters, and to report crimes which have already happened where there is no sign of an offender.

You can also text information to Bedfordshire Police on 07786 200 011.

If you want to pass on information without giving your details, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



## About Your Police and Crime Commissioner

### OLLY MARTINS

- Appoints, employs and holds to account the Chief Constable
- Sets the strategic objectives for the Force in the Police and Crime Plan
- Makes sure local policing is the best it can be within the available resources
- Sets the budget for policing Bedfordshire, subject to the funding received
- Commissions local services for victims and witnesses.



Bedfordshire Police continues to face huge funding challenges. Since 2010 savings of £25million have been made from a police budget that this year is £100.4million. Concerns have been raised about the force's viability in the future. The Commissioner has pledged to do everything within his power to ensure adequate funding for Bedfordshire Police.

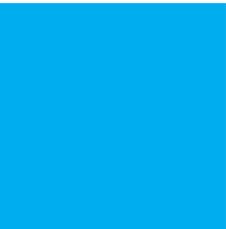
## The PCC's Commitments to You

Olly Martins' Police and Crime Plan is based around a structure of 18 commitments designed to ensure Bedfordshire residents receive a quality police service.

These key strands of his work are designed to address the unique, and significant, funding challenges faced by Bedfordshire Police, to protect the most vulnerable in our communities and to increase residents support for their police.

Examples of the Commissioner's initiatives to protect and support the county's 'thin blue line' include expanding the Special Constabulary, deploying new technologies to promote greater police efficiency and pushing for the roll-out of mandatory GPS tagging to reduce reoffending rates.

He is committed to plugging the gaps in the support provided to victims of crime and wishes to see increased reporting of so-called hidden crimes such as abuse and hate crime.





## Volunteer and help to keep Bedfordshire safe

Special Constables are not a substitute for regular officers but an effective and highly valued part of the workforce mix, bringing wide diversity and community links to the Force. In the future, Special Constables will increasingly work from local stations in support of their regular community policing team colleagues.

### **You too could become a member of the Special Constabulary.**

Call Bedfordshire Police's recruitment department on 01234 842398, email [recruitment@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:recruitment@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk) or visit [www.bedfordshire.police.uk](http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk) to find out more.

There are many other ways you can volunteer to help your police.

### **For volunteering roles** contact recruitment at Bedfordshire Police.

Call 01234 842398, email [recruitment@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:recruitment@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk) or visit [www.bedfordshire.police.uk](http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk)

**For Watch schemes** call Lynne Arch on 01234 842043, email [lynne.arch@bedfordshire.pnn.police](mailto:lynne.arch@bedfordshire.pnn.police) or visit [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)

**For Independent Custody Visitors** call 01234 842643, email [pcc@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:pcc@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk) or visit [www.bedfordshire.pcc.police.uk](http://www.bedfordshire.pcc.police.uk)



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## Fact:

- In London there are 388 police officers per 100,000 people
- 30 miles up the M1 in Bedfordshire we have just 169
- The national average is 232

## Fact:

- Bedfordshire has the fourth highest level of gun crime per head
- The fifth highest level of burglary, robbery and vehicle crime
- The seventh highest level of knife crime
- Alongside a high terror threat and an organised crime problem

## Fact:

- Bedfordshire Police faces urban challenges, but is funded as a rural force
- The Government's error means the funding formula review is delayed
- The Police Watchdog (Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary) agrees Bedfordshire is historically underfunded

**SIGN THE PETITION TO ENSURE YOUR POLICE ARE ADEQUATELY FUNDED**



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# FIND OUT MORE... BY KEEPING IN TOUCH

## Beds Police

**Tel:** 101 / 999

**www.bedfordshire.police.uk**

**Twitter:** @bedspolice

**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/bedspolice

**Community Messaging:** join online at  
www.bedspcc.org  
or tel 01234 842043

## CONTACTING THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

### Write to:

Commissioner Olly Martins,  
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire,  
Bridgebury House, Woburn Road, Kempston,  
Bedfordshire MK43 9AX

**Email:** pcc@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

**Tel:** 01234 842064

**www.bedspcc.org**

**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/pccbeds

**Twitter:** @Bedsppcc and @ollymartins

### Listening to you

Please take a couple of minutes to complete the PCC's survey  
www.bedspcc.org



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