

**Police and Crime Commissioner Elections**  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016**  
**Candidates for Thames Valley Police area**

**LAETISIA CARTER (LABOUR)**

She pledges to:

Support officers, communities and partner agencies. Focus on complex crime, such as domestic abuse, rape, child abuse and Child Sexual Exploitation, which is rising.

Address the huge growth in cyber crime. Often unreported, with the frail and elderly the victims of choice for criminals.

Proper funding for Thames Valley. I will robustly challenge the cuts to the front line that threaten and undermine our safety.

To increase accountability and reduce bureaucracy. Develop digital reporting and maintain public access points.

To listen to the public and ensure a stronger voice in guiding the priorities I set.

District Councillor Laetisia Carter from Oxfordshire studied at Liverpool University. Now living in Chipping Norton with her husband, son and daughter. Laetisia currently works for the NHS, where her role is to commission projects which improve mental health services in innovative and creative ways.

As a Community Liaison Officer with Thames Valley Police she advised senior officers on community tension to promote community cohesion. She then delivered a national programme to improve engagement throughout the Thames Valley.

“I have direct experience working for TVP and am passionate about justice and equality. I would use my campaigning spirit to get things done and put funding in key areas where it needs to be. The cuts are putting community safety, cohesion and vulnerable people at risk. I would challenge the tidal wave of cuts by central government. A PCC from the opposition party would be stronger voice for change.”

**LEA TRAINER (UKIP)**

I live in Slough, with my wife and 3 children. I served 6 years in The Royal Navy as a Leading Seaman Mine Warfare Specialist. On completion of my service with the Royal Navy I ran a successful family business with my wife.

The PCC role is about leadership and community engagement. Our Thames Valley Police give an outstanding service to the community, however, I am acutely aware of the pressures being put on the police force by austerity cuts. It is vital that any PCC holds not only the Chief Constable to account but the Government as well and this is something I will do to get the best for the people of Thames Valley. Combining a well-structured education program and increased frontline officers will be essential to delivering a promise to reduce the fear of crime and crime itself. Tackling business crime and increasing the efforts on rural crime reduction will be a key priority of mine too. My dedication and honesty will have a positive impact on our community, for a safer community.

If elected as your Police & Crime Commissioner, I will stand up as the straight-talking voice of the people in Thames Valley and I will make sure we reduce the fear of crime by bringing back the old ‘bobby on the beat’ to ensure continuity, increased visibility & faith in the Police force. I am passionate about restoring trust between the community and the police force and I will build a team that listens, supports and serve the community.

The keys to a successful Local Police and Crime plan are accountability, accessibility and transparency. I have served our country; I now wish to serve our community.

## **JOHN HOWSON (LIBERAL DEMOCRAT)**

### **As Police & Crime Commissioner I would:**

Emphasise improved detection rates – for years Thames Valley did not solve enough crimes;  
Ensure support for victims of crime is funded and not cut;  
Protect frontline policing including bobbies on the beat;  
Work with other agencies to ensure cases are progressed to court as quickly as possible;  
Consult the public, community groups and elected representatives including town and parish councils about local policing priorities;  
Listen to young people who cannot vote, but need a say about both crime and policing issues;  
Ensure value for money – but protect services to the public.

Thames Valley is a very large police area, the largest non-urban police force in England. It ranges from sparsely populated rural areas in the Chilterns, Cotswolds and Berkshire Downs to urban centres such as Slough, Reading, Newbury, Oxford, Banbury, Bicester, Aylesbury, High Wycombe, Milton Keynes and many other towns and villages.

### **My key tasks as Police & Crime Commissioner:**

Reduce crime and the fear of crime;  
Improve police accountability, visibility, and work to raise public confidence in the police;  
Target resources on detecting crime and cutting offending rates

### **My background**

22 years a Magistrate in Oxfordshire  
Financial experience in the public, voluntary and private sectors, including running my own company.  
National experience of criminal justice system. Led demands to stop police using out of court disposals that prevented cases coming to court and, as a result, victims not receiving compensation.  
Expert on licensing law, and effects of the night time economy.  
Been a victim of crime, including a stabbing and several burglaries.

## **ANTHONY STANSFELD, CONSERVATIVE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER**

Anthony was elected as Police and Crime Commissioner in November 2012. Since his election he has been working hard to reduce crime across the Thames Valley and is proud of the successes Thames Valley Police has achieved.

“I am delighted to have been selected as the Conservative candidate for Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley Police area.

I have had two careers, the first in the Army, joining at 17. I spent much of my time commanding helicopter squadrons as well as being in the infantry worldwide. I have also had a career in industry, much of it as Managing Director of a well known aircraft manufacturer. I have an MSc, and have studied terrorism at University.

Since 2012 I’ve worked hard to achieve the pledges made at the last election. During this time Thames Valley Police have managed the reduction in funding whilst at the same time improving performance.

I hope you are able to vote for me to continue to drive down crime across the Thames Valley.”

### **Your priorities are my priorities**

- 1 – To reduce crime and drive up detection rates.
- 2 – To maintain the balance between urban and rural policing.
- 3 – To ensure that the Police budget is targeted effectively.
- 4 – To protect vulnerable people.
- 5 – To ensure the Police act firmly and fairly, using good judgement to deal with the public politely, gaining their respect and acting with integrity.