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# Yearly report from North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner

2022 to 2023



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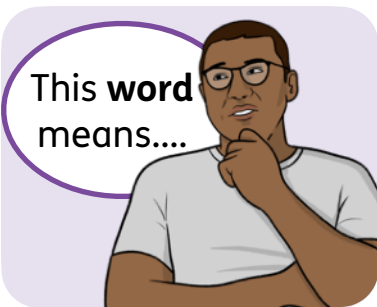
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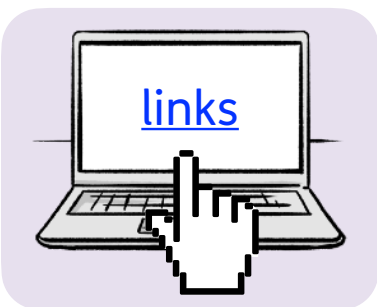
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# About this report



This yearly report explains what has been done by the North Wales Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.



The Police and Crime Commissioner is called Andy Dunbobbin.

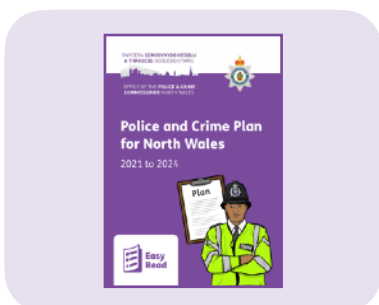
This report will tell you about:



- Crime from 2022 to 2023.

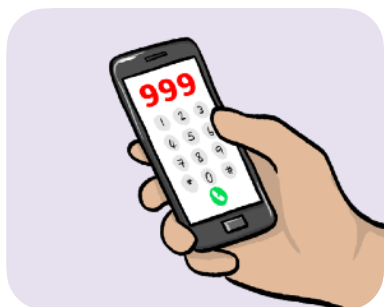


- Our work from 2022 to 2023.



- The Police and Crime Plan.

# Crime from 2022 to 2023

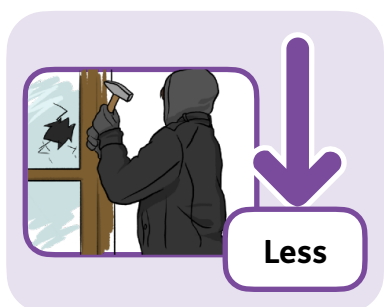


In the last year:

- 106,849 people in North Wales called 999.



- Police in North Wales made 17,616 arrests.



- There was less crime than the year before, including less:



- Violence against women and girls.



- **Hate crime.**

A **hate crime** is when someone is harassed or hurt because they are different in some way.

- There was also less:

- **Stalking** and **harassment**.



**Stalking** is when someone keeps following, watching or contacting another person without the other person agreeing.



**Harassment** is when someone keeps doing or saying something that makes another person feel scared or not safe.

# Our work from 2022 to 2023

In the last year, my team and I have:



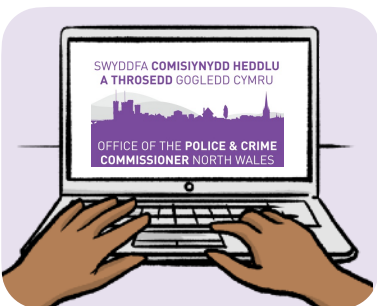
- Started our Communications and Engagement Strategy - this is our plan about how we will be more involved with members of the public.



- Hired 206 new police officers.



- Asked for and got lots of money to spend on different projects.



- Set up a new website which everyone can use.

In the last year the team have also:



- Started a newsletter which is shared in both English and Welsh.



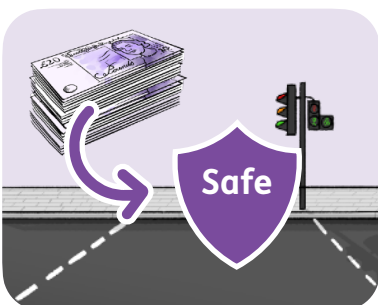
- Started a new project where members of the public can book a time to come and speak to us about police issues.



- Shared our Rural Communications Strategy - this is our plan about how we will keep areas in the countryside safe.



- Taken part in lots of events where we have had the chance to speak to members of the public.



- Spent money on our Safer Streets project.

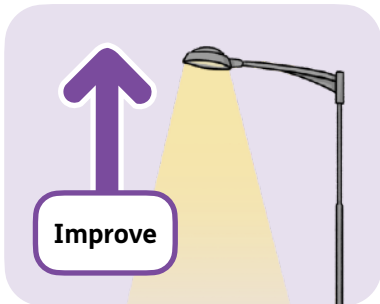


# Safer Streets project

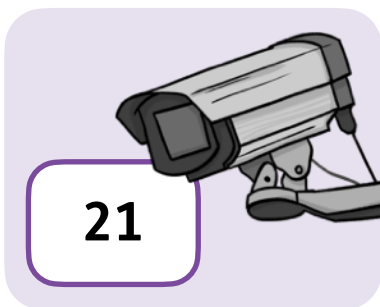
Our Safer Streets project is all about making the streets in local areas safe.



In the last year in Holyhead we:



- Improved street lighting in the town centre.



- Set up 21 new CCTV cameras.



- Made sure taxis were safe for women and girls to use.



- Supported young people.



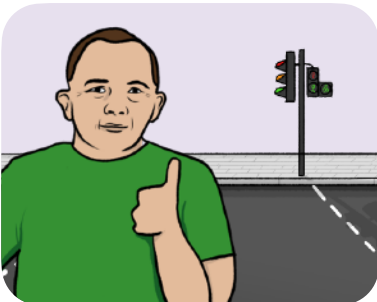
In the last year in Holyhead we also set up **Safe Havens**.

**Safe Havens** is a service that supports people who are having a mental health emergency.



In the last year in Flintshire we:

- Set up new CCTV technology.



- Made improvements to the land, like making streets look nicer.



- Offered more training to staff who work in providing health and social care to people in their homes.

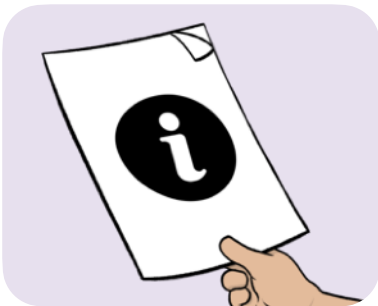


- Set up a new and safe way for people in local communities to talk to each other about crime and police work.

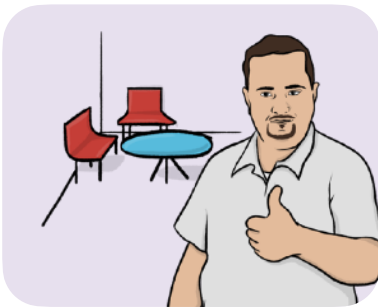
In the last year in Wrexham we:



- Started 5 new projects that are working to support young people who are behaving badly.



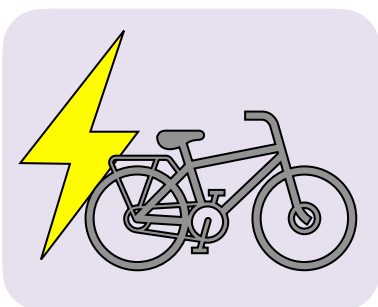
- Shared information about violence against women and girls.



- Set up Hafan y Dref - this is a safe space where people who are struggling with alcohol or drugs can go for help.



- Hired Street Marshalls for the town centre - these are people who check for crime in town centres.



- Provided electric bikes to local police teams.

# The Police and Crime Plan



I have written a 3 year plan for police in North Wales.

It is called the Police and Crime Plan.



The Police and Crime Plan has 3 main **priorities** for police.

**Priorities** are the most important things that we should work on first.

The 3 main priorities are:



1. Making sure local areas are safer.



2. Supporting **victims** and people living in local areas.

A **victim** is someone who has been harmed by a crime.



### 3. Making sure the **criminal justice system** is fair.

The **criminal justice system** is all the different organisations involved in dealing with people who have broken the law.

## Priority 1 - Making sure local areas are safer

To work towards priority 1 in the last year we have:



- Looked at the Hunting Act and made a plan about how we will deal with hunting.

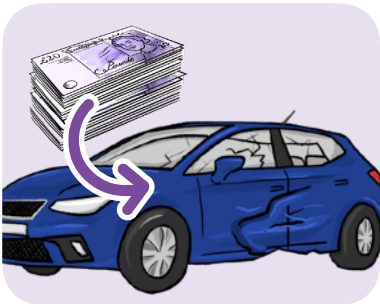


- Had lots of events with groups of people who live in the countryside.

To work towards priority 1 in the last year we have also:



- Worked with BRAKE - BRAKE is a road safety charity.



- Spent money on a new service which will provide support for people who have been in serious car crashes.



- Worked with local councillors to make roads in the area they look after safer.



- Supported road safety **campaigns**.

A **campaign** is when a group of people work together to try and change something.



- Taken part in road safety events.

## Priority 2 - Supporting victims and people living in local areas

To work towards priority 2 in the last year we have:



- Looked into how the police deal with hate crimes that have been reported.



- Set up an online event for Hate Crime Awareness Week.



- Looked into how the police deal with serious crime.



- Taken part in checking the police is supporting all different groups of people.

To work towards priority 2 in the last year we have also:



- Helped the police write a Joint Equality Plan, which explains how the police will include different groups of people in their work.



- Supported work that improves the lives of children who live in care.



- Spent money on Get Safe Online - this support service helps people stay safe online.



- Worked with other organisations to reduce serious violence and **domestic abuse**.

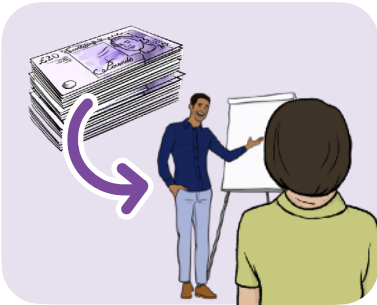


**Domestic abuse** is when you are harmed by a family member or someone you live with.



# Priority 3 - Making sure the criminal justice system is fair

To work towards priority 3 in the last year we have:



- Carried on giving money to a project that will teach children and young people about crime.



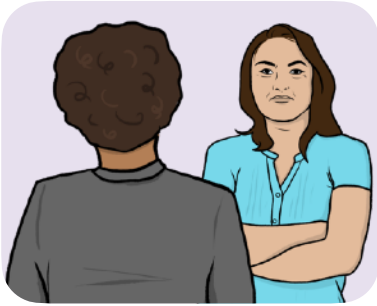
- Worked with victims of crimes and asked them what they would like to improve.



- Supported the work of **restorative justice**.

**Restorative justice** is when the victim of a crime, and the person who did the crime, talk to each other about what happened.

To work towards priority 3 in the last year we have also:



- Looked into how we can support women who break the law.



- Looked into and worked on supporting young people and children.



- Supported the work of Checkpoint Cymru - this is a service that supports adults who have done less serious crimes.

# Find out more



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[www.northwales-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.northwales-pcc.gov.uk)

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