



HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

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Community Links for New Police Authority Members

Humberside Police Authority has recently welcomed two new members, Cllr Stephen Beasant from Grimsby and Cllr Arthur Bunyan from Broughton, near Brigg.

Commenting on his appointment, Mr Beasant said that he was keen to see the improvements he has witnessed over recent years sustained.

“I represent one of the most disadvantaged areas in the entire area covered by Humberside Police, with high levels of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage,” he said. “Thanks to very good partnership arrangements between the police, local authorities and organisations such as Shoreline, this problem is being addressed effectively and significant improvements are evident.

I’m pleased to join the Police Authority as previously I was the Council’s Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhood and I now I am the Council’s Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Protection therefore it gives me keen insight into the work on the community safety links as part of the Authority’s statutory responsibility to monitor crime and disorder.

It’s pleasing to see that areas are moving to a Neighbourhood Management structure, with all the partners providing local services working together to offer the best and most efficient service.

I am totally committed to improving the quality of life in local communities, not just my own ward, but across the Force’s area and I believe the Police Authority has a critical role to play in that improvement process.

The Police are tremendously important to local communities and police visibility is vital. I think that confidence in policing will increase dramatically as people see their local neighbourhood team patrolling on a regular basis. The Authority can set the strategic policy to ensure this happens.

I enjoy talking to people and getting their feedback which I believe is an important part of the role of a Police Authority member. As a local councillor, I have links across North East Lincolnshire and am enjoying helping to extend the partnership work that already exists.

I think being a member of the Police Authority brings its challenges, but there is also a lot that we can do to make sure that the style of local policing reflects the needs and expectations of local people.”

Cllr Bunyan added: “Policing intrigues me. I’ve been in public life for 30 years and know how important good quality policing is to local communities.

Although I live in a rural part of the world, in my work I cover both urban and rural areas and I’m aware that policing priorities will differ according to where people live. I would like to make sure that the things that matter most to people are the things that get the most attention.

“Obviously there is a learning curve to becoming a member of the Police Authority, but I hope to be able to help convey to the public how much work the police are doing in their neighbourhood.”

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