

# My Pledges To You:

My priority is to tackle the increase in violent crime that we have seen under the Conservatives.



## 1. More police focusing on safer streets and tackling violence

To tackle the increase in violent crime seen over the last ten years, which the Conservatives have failed to do. To drive down violent crime by having more police on our streets. To ensure women are safe on the street with new laws on harassment and tougher sentences for stalking.



## 2. Ensure police are on the beat rather than behind desks

To recruit more police support staff and PCSOs to support police officers to focus on crime not paperwork, and to replace some of the frontline officers which have been lost since the Tories took office in 2010.



## 3. Fight the causes of crime by ensuring provision of preventative services

Preventative services like youth clubs play an important role in stopping criminal activity, but since 2010 the Conservatives have cut budgets for youth services have been cut by 73% - nearly £1 billion - since 2010.



## 4. Tougher sentences for rape and domestic violence

Under the Conservatives you get a shorter sentence for stalking than fly tipping and statues have more protection than women.



## 5. A new law to ensure victims are at the heart of the criminal justice system

Under the Conservatives, the backlog of serious criminal cases has reached a record high of more than 56,000 cases. Victims are being asked to wait up to 4 years to get their day in court. Increasingly, victims and witnesses are losing faith in the justice system entirely and dropping out of the process because of delays - while violent criminals are dodging jail sentences. A decade of failed Tory ideology led to half of all courts in England and Wales closing between 2010 and 2019.



**Kuldip Sahota**

Tory  
Sentencing  
Blunders...

“A stalker can get a shorter sentence than someone caught fly-tipping...

and, you could get harsher penalty for damaging a statue than for attacking a woman...”

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**YOUR LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR**

# WEST MERCIA POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

# KULDIP SAHOTA

Policing with Effect  
Leadership with Integrity

## WASTE.

The Conservative PCC paid £10.77m to Warwickshire police force, last year, as a compensation for breaking an alliance. We could have had 220 police officers for this for 12 months.

**What a blunder!**

Vote  Labour

**Thursday 6 May**



## West Mercia Police Deserves Better...

I have 20 years experience on the Local Authority and various other National Boards. I will use this experience to run an effective Local Police Authority.

I have served on the West Mercia Police Authority and was Chair of Telford & Wrekin Policing Board. Presently, I am on Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Fire Authority. I have also been a councillor for 20 years, and was Leader of Telford & Wrekin Council for five years. I also served on the Board of Governors of the University of Wolverhampton for nine years.

Unlike the present Conservative PCC, I have no plans to take over the governance of the two Fire Authorities in the West Mercia area, and this is something that both Conservative Chairs of the Fire Authorities are in agreement with me on. The Independent Inspector says that they are both run efficiently and effectively.



### IT IS A SIMPLE CHOICE...

This election on 6 May is a choice between Keir Starmer's Labour Party which will work to tackle the Tory rise in violent crime, put more police on our streets and put victims at the heart of the criminal justice system. Or the Conservative Party that has cut the number of police on our streets, let violent crime rise here and across the country and left victims waiting years for justice.

**"For 5 years, WEST MERCIA police force has been let down by Conservative mismanagement..."**



## LEADERSHIP WITH INTEGRITY...

Labour's top priority is to keep you, your family and your community safe. Every day our Police and Crime Commissioners work hard to drive down crime and antisocial behaviour, tackle its root causes and ensure that criminals are brought to justice. They also ensure that their local police are effective, efficient and accountable.

Labour is the party of neighbourhood policing. Against a backdrop of severe cuts from Westminster, Labour in Wales has kept 500 Community Support Officers on the streets over the last decade, with extra funding for another 100 on its way.

The Conservatives have cut our police to the lowest level in a generation – then try to claim this has nothing to do with rising crime. On their watch crime has risen to record levels and fewer people than ever are being charged. Victims seeking justice are being forced to wait years, after a decade of court closures has pushed Crown Court delays to an all time high.

Keir Starmer's Labour party will work to reverse the rise in violent crime – by putting more police on the beat, ensuring the provision of services in our communities that help to prevent crime from happening, and ensuring victims get the justice they deserve. Labour will also introduce tougher sentences for rape, stalking and domestic homicide. Before becoming leader of the Labour Party, Keir Starmer was the most senior prosecutor in the country. He got terrorists and violent criminals off of the streets—including extremists plotting to blow up planes and the killers of Stephen Lawrence.

The Conservatives are offering more of the same: more platitudes, more incompetence and more cuts to the local services we all need. When we emerge from the pandemic, the Conservatives want to go back to business as usual and the same old insecure and unequal society that's been so cruelly exposed over the last year. They have let violent crime rise and left victims waiting years for justice.



### Cllr Shaun Davies - Leader of Telford & Wrekin Council said:

**"I have worked with Cllr Kuldip Sahota for over 10 years now, and I know he has the knowledge and experience to make an excellent Police and Crime Commissioner"**

## TAXES HAVE RISEN, YET POLICE NUMBERS HAVE FALLEN...

You would expect to get more, if you are paying more. But over the last five years, police numbers have fell - even though the amount you pay in the Police Precept has gone up by a whopping **24.48%**.

And even though you are paying more, for less police officers on the streets, the Police and Crime Commissioners reserves fallen from £65m, to just £14m.

This is nothing short of a failure, to properly manage police funding - and both you, and the police officers on the beat, deserve better.



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**PROTECTING COMMUNITIES, FIGHTING CRIME**

