



Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall

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Dear Mr Tigwell,

Thank you for your letter dated 7 March 2014 raising concerns about future Police resources in Princetown. May I start with apologising for the delay in responding to you, my team have had to approach the force for information to understand the current position and this has unfortunately resulted in a delay in writing to you.

Firstly, I am pleased to read your praise for Constable Pickles and PCSO Canvin and the part they have played in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in Princetown. I am sure that the contributions the local community and yourselves make in supporting the police also go a long way to making the area safer.

Turning to your concerns for future policing cover in Princetown; my office has been in contact with Inspector covering West Devon to ascertain the local circumstances and future resourcing plans. Incidentally, as I'm sure you will be aware, police deployment is the responsibility of the Chief Constable.

Given the significant financial savings we and all Forces are required to make to meet the Government's public spending targets, the Chief Constable has been required to alter the current policing model across Devon and Cornwall. This is based upon the need to sustain services to the public in the most effective way given the reduced resource base.

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In respect of West Devon, I am assured that you will see no decrease in police officer numbers. Princetown will now have a team of three Community Police Officers who, along with the current PCSO, will be responsible for Neighbourhood matters. These officers will be supported by two Neighbourhood Beat Managers who will provide as support as necessary.

I am advised that these officers will be making themselves known to the public and key partnerships and organisations, such as yourselves, in Princetown in the coming weeks.

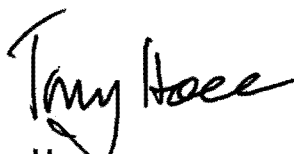
This appears to me to be a really positive step forward with enhanced resources being brought in at a time of acute financial strain, to help keep communities safe and maintain the good networks and partnerships that have developed in recent years.

Attached to this letter is a police briefing that I am advised will be distributed widely in your communities to advise on the forthcoming changes.

In due course, I would welcome your observations of the effect these changes are having and in particular, the Parish Council's view on the revised policing arrangements in your area. I am confident that your communities will continue to be well served by Devon and Cornwall Police.

Thank you for writing to me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Hogg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'T' and 'H'.

Tony Hogg
Police and Crime Commissioner