



# Parish of St Helier

## Honorary Police

### 2016 Policing Plan

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## **1. Connétable's introduction:**

The Honorary Police has traditionally and will continue to make a significant contribution to community safety in Jersey by providing a community focused policing service whilst also providing, where necessary, appropriate support to the States of Jersey Police. Much of our activities will focus upon issues that are of greatest concern to the public of the Island and also the residents of and visitors to St Helier which include all forms of anti-social behaviour, illegal activity associated with motor vehicles and supporting our colleagues in the States of Jersey Police in policing issues arising out of the night time economy.

The Centeniers of the Parish, assisted by Vingteniers and Constable's Officers, will continue to provide a significant and important role to our unique criminal justice system by holding regular Parish Hall Enquiries and where appropriate presenting cases in the Magistrate's Court.

## **2. Review of 2015**

The Honorary Police of St Helier issued their inaugural Policing Plan in January 2015 which set out the intentions for the following twelve months. This section of the Policing Plan for 2016 provides an overview of the Parish Police performance during 2015.

### **Events Policing:**

The number of events during the year which required the participation of the Honorary Police was significant. These ranged from large scale public events such as the ceremonies & celebrations held to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> Liberation Day, the Island Games, The Battle of Flowers, Remembrance Sunday and the annual Fete de Noue to name just a few. In addition assistance was provided on numerous occasions to assist with traffic management at large funerals.

### **Geographical Policing:**

During 2015 a close working relationship was maintained with all partner agencies but in particular with the States of Jersey Police. The Parish Police continued, when required, to provide support to their uniformed colleagues at a number of significant incidents. Even when that support is on the periphery of the incident it nevertheless releases the resources of the States Police to

concentrate their efforts appropriately. St Helier Honorary Police conducted regular mobile patrols throughout the year.

### **Safety:**

A representative of St Helier Honorary Police regularly attended at meetings held under the auspices of the Jersey Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangement. All Centeniers received awareness training on risk factors relating to public safety and appropriate referral of cases to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub.

Speed checks were carried out by our officers who also regularly visited persons remanded by the courts with bail conditions and persons subject of early release from prison on licence.

### **Licensing Matters:**

During 2015 St Helier officers conducted 80 checks on premises licensed to sell liquor many of which were also checked to ensure compliance with Shop Trading regulations. A total of 20 home security visits were conducted on persons applying for or renewing a firearms certificate and on 9 occasions the process relating to the revocation of a driving licence was implemented.

### **Community Intelligence:**

Parish Officers frequently attended meetings with States of Jersey Police and other organisations and provided known intelligence when appropriate.

### **Prosecution Matters:**

During 2015 the Centeniers, supported by their colleagues, have continued to provide an important support role for the Criminal Justice System of Jersey. As well as presenting more serious cases before the Court they deal with many minor offences at a Parish Hall level which negates the need for many hours of Court time. A total of 2105 people attended at a St Helier Parish Hall Enquiries.

During the year 743 cases resulted in charges and were presented before the Magistrate's Court. In addition 2044 summons were issued for appearance at the Magistrate's Court albeit that the most significant number of these, 1938, related to outstanding parking matters.

Centeniers will often present cases at the Courts on behalf of other Parishes and during 2015 our support staff assisted in producing a total of 81 charge sheets for Parishes other than St Helier.

### **Organisational Development:**

During 2015, as with any year, the Parish continued to recruit new officers and a number of officers left the service either as their term of office expired or due to personal circumstances.

Significantly the Parish purchased and have now trained officers in the use of body worn video cameras identical to those deployed by the States of Jersey Police Force who provided the appropriate training. The cameras serve to protect the public and Officers alike.

## **3. Rôle of the Honorary Police:**

The Honorary Police will continue to provide all aspects of community policing for the parish to include;

- Policing Parish and Island Events
- Visible police patrols intended to prevent and detect crime and provide reassurance to the public
- Responding to calls for assistance from the public in an efficient and effective manner
- Promoting awareness of the role of the Honorary Police
- Multi-Agency approach to ensure safe guarding and public safety
- Provision of unique service to Jersey's Criminal Justice System via Parish Hall Enquiries
- Charging and presenting offenders before the Magistrate's Court

## **4. Focus for 2016**

Events Policing

Geographical Policing

Safety

Licensing Matters

Community Intelligence

Prosecution Matters

Organisational Development

## **5. Delivering the Plan**

### **5.1 Events Policing**

- Policing Parish and Island wide events such as:

VIP visits

Jersey Boat Show

Liberation Day Ceremony and celebrations

Island Games

Battle of Flowers

Jersey Live and other music festivals

International Air Display

Jersey Marathon

Remembrance Sunday

Christmas Night-Time Parade

Assisting with traffic management at Funerals / Weddings

Providing support to States of Jersey Police in the event of a major incident

### **5.2 Geographical Policing**

- Maintain close working relationship with States of Jersey Police, Customs and Immigration Service, Fire and Rescue Service and Ambulance Service
- Provide mobile and foot patrols to police anti-social behaviour
- Assist with monitoring Town Centre CCTV
- Respond to complaints and calls for assistance from the public
- Monitor and enforce legislation relating to all anti-social behaviour

## **5.3 Safety**

- Continue to contribute to the Jersey Multi Agency Public Protection forum (JMAPP)
- Where appropriate referral of cases to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
- Conduct road checks in conjunction with partner agencies to prevent and detect;  
Defective vehicles, drunk driving, speeding and other moving traffic violations
- Providing assurance to the public via visible mobile and foot patrols
- Missing person searches
- Conducting curfew checks on defendants remanded by the Courts
- Conducting home visits to those subject to early release from Prison on licence

## **5.4 Licensing Matters**

- Conduct checks of premises licensed under;

Licensing (Jersey) Law

Places of Refreshment (Jersey) Law

Shops (Regulation of Opening) (Jersey) Regulations

- Conduct home security visits in respect of Firearm Certificate holders
- Review and where appropriate recommend revocation of driving licences
- Maintain appropriate records and submission of reports to licensing authorities such as Licensing Bench of the Royal Court

## **5.5 Community Intelligence**

- Provide an effective network of local knowledge
- Attend regular briefings from the Force Intelligence Bureau

## **5.6 Prosecution Matters**

- Support the Criminal Justice System by conducting Parish Hall Enquiries, and where appropriate, in partnership with the Probation and After Care Service
- Charging of offenders by Centeniers
- Presentation of cases in Magistrate's Court
- Maintain close working liaison with Force Legal Advisors and Law Officers' Department

## **5.7 Organisational Development**

- Continue to promote and encourage recruitment into the Honorary Police
- Provision of ongoing training both in conjunction with States of Jersey Police and in-house
- Provision and review of appropriate equipment; motor vehicles, radios, personal safety equipment etc.
- Ensure that all officers are adequately insured
- Review existing policies and procedures and risk management plans to ensure compliance with legislation

## **6. Resources**

The authorised establishment of the St Helier Honorary Police is set by legislations as:

- 10 Centeniers
- 11 Vingteniers
- 30 Constable's Officers

The current strength of the force is:

- 10 Centeniers
- 7 Vingteniers
- 17 Constable's Officers

The recruitment and retention of suitable candidates to fill all vacancies continues to present difficulties. Nevertheless the Parish continues to seek to recruit suitable candidates via regular advertising and recruitment drives.

A Centenier will be assigned as 'Duty Centenier' each week with the responsibility of answering all calls for assistance, directing resources where

appropriate, responding to request from partner agencies to charge offenders, conducting Parish Hall Enquiries and presenting prosecution cases at the Magistrate's Court.

Each week a team of officers will be assigned as the 'Duty Team'. Whilst they may conduct duties including assisting at Parish Hall Enquiries, curfew checks and general patrols they are not on 'front line' 24/7 duties and at other times are available on a call out basis. In the event of a major incident then all members of the Parish Force are available on that basis.

## 7. Policing Together

Although the Parish of St Helier Honorary Police is elected to serve their parish they are an integral partner of the Island's unique criminal justice system. At times either at pre-arranged events such as VIP visits or via spontaneous response such as major incidents they provide assistance in other parishes which has been authorised under the terms of the Police Force (Jersey) Law 1974.

The Honorary Police will continue to work closely with a number of other partners to ensure that the criminal justice system is upheld, that the level of community policing is maintained and that better systems for sharing information / intelligence are developed with appropriate partners.

Signed: Connétable St Hélier  Date: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016

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