



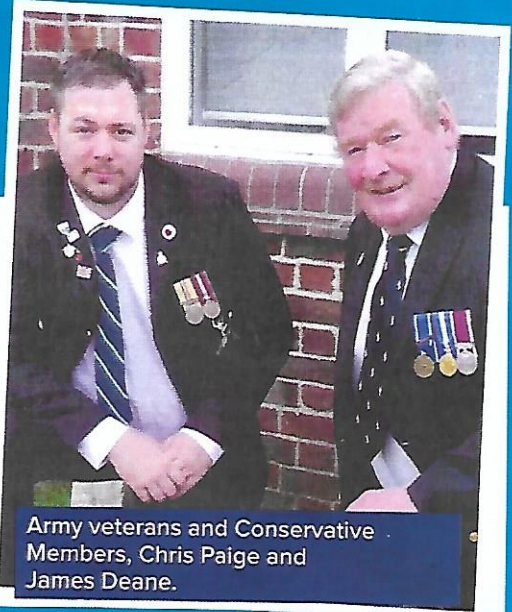
STRONG SUPPORT FOR OUR MILITARY VETERANS

Conservative-led Hampshire County Council was selected some 12 years ago to be among the first to sign the Armed Forces Covenant, because of its strong track record and the significant beneficial work it does with its military partners.

Our commitment to uphold the Armed Forces Covenant means that we look carefully at our services to ensure that there is no disadvantage to the Armed Forces community, and that we are making special considerations where appropriate – especially for those who have given the most such as the injured

and the bereaved.

For example, the County Council actively supports Hampshire schools in their pursuit of best practice for pupils from military families. The County Council's skills and employment programmes have also created retraining and upskilling opportunities for former military personnel and their families to develop their skills and knowledge in sectors where there is a demand for talent, and which are important to the Hampshire economy.



Army veterans and Conservative Members, Chris Paige and James Deane.

MORE POLICE FOR HAMPSHIRE!

England & Wales now have the highest number of police officers on record: over 149,500 officers.

As a result of the police recruitment drive committed to in 2019, over 20,000 additional police officers have now been hired.

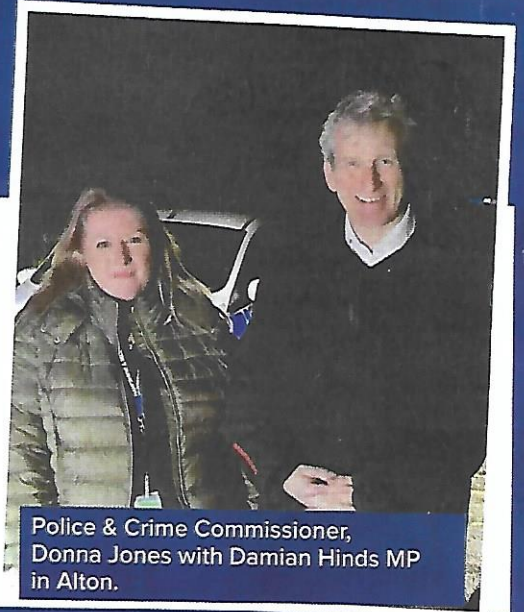
This means that there are now over 3,500 more officers than the previous peak in 2010, so it is the highest number ever.

The target for Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary was 498 additional officers.

But Police & Crime Commissioner Donna Jones was determined to go further and pledged 600 new police officers in 2021.

In 2023 Donna funded another 50 police officers and in 2024 she is funding another 75 police officers, taking the total of new recruits over the last 3 years to 725 across the police force area.

Donna Jones said, "The public told me they want to see more police and have safer streets and that's why I increased the target for the force."



Police & Crime Commissioner, Donna Jones with Damian Hinds MP in Alton.

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