

## **Giles Orpen-Smellie officially takes office as Norfolk's PCC**

**Giles Orpen-Smellie has spoken of his delight at becoming the new Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk.**

**Speaking at his official 'swearing-in ceremony' which took place at Norfolk Constabulary's headquarters in Wymondham today (Thursday 13 May), Mr Orpen-Smellie, said: "I'm delighted and humbled in equal measure.**

"Delighted to have won the election and to have now been sworn in and I'm humbled knowing that I'm here to serve the people of Norfolk, whether they voted for me or not."

At the event, Mr Orpen-Smellie, who won the election with 119,994 votes (including second preference votes) on 6 May, took the oath of impartiality - known as the Declaration of Acceptance of Office - that commits him to serving the interests of all people in Norfolk.

He added: "It is a big responsibility and it is one that I take very seriously."

Mr Orpen-Smellie will hold the post of PCC for three years rather than the usual four-year term due to the delay of the original PCC election in May 2020 because of the pandemic.

As well as signing the oath, there are a number of statutory duties Mr Orpen-Smellie will need to initially carry out prior to meeting and greeting his new policing colleagues, partners and stakeholders.

The PCC is bound by the [Seven Principles of Public Life](#) which outline the ethical standards those working in the public sector are expected to adhere to. One of his first duties therefore will be to sign a number of key documents to comply with this including The Code of Conduct.

The PCC will also be asked to submit a declaration of personal interests and sign a working protocol between himself and the Chief Constable as well as the county's Police and Crime Panel.

Mr Orpen-Smellie will be supported in carrying out his responsibilities, by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk (OPCCN).

Mr Orpen-Smellie said he was very much looking forward to engaging with colleagues and partners as well as meeting Norfolk's residents.

A key job will now be to set a new Police and Crime Plan for the county to supersede the plan set by former PCC Lorne Green in 2016.

He will seek the views of Norfolk residents along with those of organisations involved in policing, community safety, criminal justice and victim support, to identify crime and disorder reduction priorities for Norfolk.

He will also be responsible for the appointment of a new permanent Chief Constable when Simon Bailey retires at the end of June.

Norfolk's Chief Constable Simon Bailey welcomed Mr Orpen-Smellie into the new role saying: "While I will only be working with Mr Orpen-Smellie for a short time I will take great pride in outlining the work of the constabulary and discussing the challenges we face as we move forward."

### **More about Giles Orpen-Smellie**

Giles has a military background. The son of a soldier, he followed his father into the Parachute Regiment and served for 34 years.

Since leaving the Army, Giles has worked in the charity sector, identifying ways charities can be more sustainable in the future.

He was also a member of the Ministry of Justice's War Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation Tribunal.

Giles and his family live near Fakenham. He is a keen gardener, keeps sheep, chickens and bees, and has an interest in travel, history and writing.

Full details of the role and responsibilities of the PCC can be found at [www.norfolk-pcc.gov.uk/who-we-are/your-pcc/pcc-responsibilities](http://www.norfolk-pcc.gov.uk/who-we-are/your-pcc/pcc-responsibilities)