

Volunteering as a special constable



What is a special constable?

Special constables are volunteer police officers, sometimes known as specials. They take part in frontline police work and wear the same uniform, carry the same equipment and hold the same power of arrest as regular police officers.

How many hours do I need to volunteer?

If you are committed to taking on this challenging but rewarding role, you will need to complete a minimum of 16 hours policing each month. You can volunteer at times which fit around your life and commitments – we can make your shifts work for you.



Before applying, please check that you meet the eligibility requirements.

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What are the benefits?

Through participating in the exciting world of policing you will learn new skills and qualities and build on those you already possess.

These include:

- self-confidence
- communication skills
- the ability to remain calm under pressure
- decision making
- time management
- leadership and management
- team-work
- understanding of the law

You can also gain promotion and receive development opportunities into different specialisms after you have achieved Directed Patrol status.

Three quarters of volunteers say volunteering has made them feel physically healthier and lowered their stress levels which not only benefit you, but your community too.



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