



# The Grand Inquisition Hustings Event

## Tuesday 30 October 2012

Suffolk New College, Rope Walk, Ipswich IP4 1LT

Registration from 5.30pm, event closes at 7.30pm

**The Police and Crime Commissioner role is vital to the economy of Suffolk.  
Come along, meet the candidates and decide who you think should lead  
our Police Authority.**

Small businesses are the heart of the UK economy. With 4.5 million small firms in the UK, employing 14 million people they are key to economic recovery through their potential to drive growth and jobs. With two thirds of small firms experiencing crime and fraud, at a cost of up to £3,000 per business each year, police help and engagement is critical to reduce this burden. Currently 40% of businesses do not report crime because of the lack of faith in the system of police response. Small businesses need the police to properly record business crime, provide a public report on the level of business crime in their force area and reach out to their local business community in order to consult and set out realistic local priorities. In Suffolk the business community has a very good working relationship with the Police Authority and one which we all wish to continue.

<b>Facilitator:</b>	<b>Rachel Sloane</b>
<b>Candidates:</b>	<b>Tim Passmore (Con) Jane Basham (Lab) David Cocks (Ind)</b>

On 15<sup>th</sup> November the election for the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) takes place. The five key roles of the PCC are as follows:

- representing all those who live and work in the communities in their force area and identifying their policing needs
- setting priorities that meet those needs by agreeing a local strategic plan for the force
- holding the Chief Constable to account for achieving these priorities as efficiently and effectively as possible
- setting the force budget and setting the precept
- hiring and if necessary dismissing the Chief Constable

It is vital that businesses across Suffolk support this Hustings Event, hear what the three candidates have to say and also ask any questions they may have.



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## Your details:

**Company Name** .....

**Company Address** .....

**Attendee** Title ..... Name .....

Email.....

**Cost** This event is free to attend but you must book your place in advance in order to attend

**Dietary/Other Reqs** .....

**Cancellation** Five working days notice must be given prior to the event.

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