

## Election statement: Phill Matthews

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A member of the National Board with a proven track record, I lead on Conduct & Performance for the Federation. Married with three children, I have 26 years of Police service and experience, the majority in front line operational roles. With more than 14 years actively representing members, 5 of that as the Chairman of Nottinghamshire's Federation, I know the issues that matter to you. They also matter to me!

I ask for your support and vote to become Chair of the Police Federation of England & Wales (PFEW). To be the trusted voice for all of you, the hard working rank and file officers of England and Wales. I promise to listen to you and be a persuasive voice of reason, working in your best interest.

Throughout my service I have striven to make life safer, fairer and better for officers, with your welfare and well-being at the heart of all I do. I believe and trust in the men and women who Police this country and am committed to improving public opinion of Policing, Officers and PFEW. I have consistently taken every opportunity to enhance our reputation and influence those I interact with to improve the lot of officers.

In my current role I have campaigned and pushed the Home Office, NPCC and the IPCC/IOPC to transform the discipline system, something we are now close to achieving. I chair PFEW's Ethics committee, overseeing and enforcing our new standards procedures. I represent PFEW at NPAS, on drones, local & neighbourhood policing, public order and CBRN issues as well as on our parliamentary group, pushing for legal changes around protect the protectors and driving legislation campaigns.

As a senior Federation Representative I played an active role in the Federation's response to the WINSOR reviews; pension reforms; government cuts; Federation Independent Review; force mergers and amalgamations; challenging the service, the media and the public whilst negotiating with local and national politicians to be a positive influence on outcomes.

I am passionate about improving the way we communicate to both members & public. In my local board I implemented new social media platforms (web site, Facebook & Twitter), cultivated & developed excellent relationships with a variety of media outlets, improving public opinion of policing and influenced decision makers. Actively providing many interviews every month, which I continue to do, at both local and national level.

I have played an active part in transforming PFEW from within, making it a better, stronger, more trusted organisation. I now want to drive the Federation to improve further still, staying member focused, relevant and proving its value to officers. Having been elected to the board by your local Federations, I know I already hold their trust and confidence. I promise if elected I will continue to listen to you and ensure the views of every force are properly represented.

At a time of unprecedented change and cuts to Policing, your vote for me, Phill Matthews, is a vote for strong and effective leadership for your Federation.