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Subject: FW: This is a national campaign honouring PCSOs with 20 years' service.
Attachments: PCSO Poster QR.pdf

Dear Parish Clerk & Parish Council, PCSOs have stood by Police officers and communities for 20 +, please can you find it in your heart, can you and your communities stand by us.

“I will stand by you.”

This is a national campaign honouring PCSOs with 20 years' service.

For the last 20 years PCSOs in the country have stood by police colleagues though thick and thin. I cannot think of any major event or crime scene around the country where PCSOs have not stood by their fellow police officers or our forces. I personally am so proud to work for Leicestershire Police and have the greatest respect to all of our officers, PCSOs and support staff around the country.

As it stands 20 year service medals are awarded to:

- Police officers
- Ambulance staff
- Fire officers
- Prison services

I feel that awarding PCSOs with the equivalent long service medal for dedicating 20 years of their lives to the service of their force and their country is a fair acknowledgement of their dedication and is in-line with that already awarded within the services. I have contacted the Home Secretary Yvette Cooper to bring her attention to our campaign.

And I am asking for your support today with the below petition.

This petition was started following an award ceremony held at Force HQ. I was proud to see eligible police officers being awarded with their long standing service medals for reaching the 20 year milestone, but realised that this award isn't an option for PCSOs who have stood alongside those officers, been at the crime scenes, and have been face-to-face with the public on a day-to-day basis out of their dedication and service to the same force. We all want to make a positive difference to our community and take great pride in our work and are just asking for that same recognition that's already being awarded in other areas of the force for the 20 years of missed family milestones in honour of our service.

This petition has been warmly welcomed by senior officer's and police colleagues who believe in this change and see the merit in awarding fair recognition. I started this petition with a positive attitude and the support of my police colleagues, PCSOs, family & friends – and have since seen this petition being warmly welcomed within the community.

We have the backing from our Chief Constable Robert Nixon, & PCC Rupert Mathews

A bit about me

The police have always had a strong personal tie to me, with my father being a Sergeant in the specials for Leicestershire Police. I myself work for Leicestershire police and my son is now a dog handler for Leicestershire Police following a career with the British Transport Police. I am proud of my links to the police service and to the staff and officers I work with.

Support a scheme for 20 Years' service Medals for PCSOs.

Since 1951 police officers have been eligible for a long standing service medal for dedicating 20 years of their lives to serving their communities and I feel that this recognition should also be given to the PCSOs who dedicate 20 years of their lives to supporting police officers and serving their communities.

PCSOs take enormous pride in their work. We are proud to have an active role in keeping our communities safe through having active patrol's, supporting police officers and engaging with residents in community events.


This petition has been started for all PCSOs nationwide who have stood side-by-side with their police officer colleague and supported their communities for the last 20 years with the sole intention of making a difference to the communities that they serve.


This is a Government petition; any UK resident can sign and support it.

Please sign the petition and share it with your friends and family.

Click this link to see the petition and start sharing it:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/701023>

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Please find below my work email. If you would like to run this story please contact myself or Leicestershire Police press office. Thank you for your support.

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