

Welcome to
**The Anna of Avondale
2022**

*In conjunction with the
Surrey Police Open Day*



Sunday 11th September



Welcome to the 2022 Surrey and Sussex Police Dog Section 'Anna of Avondale' competition.

The competition has been held for many years now and is a way of marking respect for the origins and honouring the history of Police Dogs in these counties.

The annual Force Dog Trials, along with this competition, continue to play an integral and essential part in maintaining high standards of professionalism and working practices of police dogs in the policing of our counties.

The job of a Dog Handler brings with it a 24 hour, and life changing commitment. The dogs live at home with their handlers, and this full-time relationship, both on and off duty, along with consistent and regular training, is what enables the team to develop into an efficient crime fighting force.

At any time of day or night, our officers respond to a wide variety of incidents, from the mundane to the exciting and

from routine to dangerous. They are there to support the officers on patrol whenever they need help in searching for a suspect, vulnerable missing person or to search and recover some stolen property that has been hidden.

The modern Dog Section also provides an ever-diversifying array of specialist services, such as drug, victim recovery, explosives detection and digital search dogs.

Later today some of our officers will be awarded with operational trophies in recognition of their contribution, or for their part in incidents of particular note throughout the past year.

Details of these awards can be found later in this programme.

It is the continued flexibility, willingness and dedication of all our handlers, coupled with the constant support of a highly experienced and knowledgeable team of Instructors in the Dog Training School, that make the Operational Dog Section as efficient and successful as it is.



Geoff Wiltshire



On behalf of the Dog School and Operational Dog Section it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2022 'Anna of Avondale' competition. The name originates from Surrey's first official police dog that took to the streets in 1948. This trophy has been hard fought for by many experienced dog teams over the years. This year, we are going to compete on a team basis with two officers from each shift rota attempting to bring the trophy back to their team. This is a fun competition and the officers from Surrey and Sussex have had very little opportunity to prepare themselves for this event. I hope that every competitor gives a good account of themselves and respect the fact that they have put themselves in the spotlight for this event.

The Officials

Judge: Mr. Andy Hayward

Steward: PC Graham Lightfoot

Criminals: PC Paul Bubb

Mr. Paul House

Mr. Jon Salmon

PC Jason Parker

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The Competitors

PC Paul Foster & PD Hugo

PC Sam Johnson & PD Billy

PC Toby Spires & PD Tsar

PC Scott Green & PD Percy

PC Geoff Fox & PD Jake

PC Kevin Parsons & PD Rogue

PC Marissa Barwell & PD Ella

PC Adam Cliff & PD Argo

Today's Judge

Mr. Andy Hayward



Andy has 41 years' police service and worked with police dogs since 1992. In 2004 he qualified as an ACPO general purpose police dog instructor and in 2009 qualified as an ACPO explosive search dog instructor.

In 2009 Andy transferred into the Surrey Police Dog School where he has conducted a large number of initial, refresher and continuation training in general purpose, explosive and drugs dogs.

Andy was also responsible for the firearm support dog courses in conjunction with the firearms training department. During his service in the Dog School he has taken numerous UK courses and a number of international courses. The countries being Seychelles police (2), Hong Kong customs (12), Turkish secret service and the Royal Oman police (2).

Today's Steward

PC Graham Lightfoot



Graham joined Surrey Police in 1999 and joined the Dog Section in 2006. He has handled three general purpose dogs and been a qualified Firearms Support Dog Handler. He has also handled a pro-active drugs dog, and a victim and forensic recovery / drowned victim detection dog. He is also an explosives dog handler.

He has competed at Force and Regional Trials with all of his dogs, and the National Police Dog Trials three times, finishing 1st (2015), 3rd (2013) and 6th (2017). Graham has also judged Force and Regional trials.

In 2015, Graham qualified as a National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) General Purpose Police Dog Instructor and in 2017 as a NPCC Drugs Search Dog Instructor. Graham has delivered training for GPD, drugs (passive and pro-active) and VR.

The Competitors

PC Paul FOSTER & PD Hugo

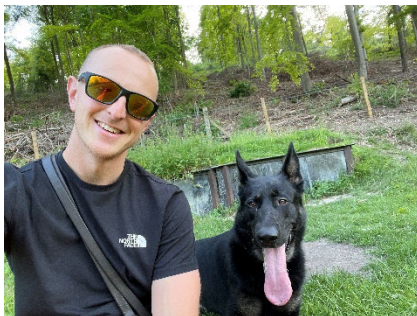


Paul joined Surrey Police some thirty two years ago and after serving out his apprenticeship on the Northern part of the county he joined the then named Traffic Department based at Chertsey. He then transferred to the Dog Section in 2005.

PC Foster and PD Hugo have been an operational team for almost two years after Paul re-handled him from another force. PD Hugo is trained in general purpose duties. The team are also trained to work alongside our Firearms Support Teams. PD Hugo is PC Foster's third general purpose dog. Paul has also worked two specialist passive drugs dogs.

During his time on the department PC Foster and his crew mates have received several commendations including a Chief Constable's commendation for bravery during an armed bank robbery.

PC Sam JOHNSON & PD Billy



Sam has been in policing for 10 years, starting his career in Hampshire Constabulary before moving to Sussex Police.

He spent the majority of his career in the Firearms Unit before spending the last 18 months in the dog unit, which he describes as the best job in policing.

Sam works alongside PD Billy who is a two-and-a-half-year-old German shepherd. Billy is licenced to guide the firearms team as a firearms support dog.

PC Toby SPIRES & PD Tsar



PD Tsar is Toby's first dog since joining the section last year and they licensed together in May 2021. As a team they, and some of their colleagues, cover the whole of East Sussex.

Toby has been a police officer for fourteen years and, following his initial probationary period, Toby spent time on response before joining the firearms department. Toby transferred from there to the Dog Section in 2021. PD Tsar is 2.5 years old and is of a strong character and a good solid tracking dog.

As a team they have already had many successful operational deployments in and around the county of Sussex.

This is their first time competing in The Anna of Avondale competition.

PC Scott GREEN & PD Percy



Scott joined Surrey Police fifteen years ago and has been a Dog Handler for nine years. PD Percy is his second general purpose dog and he also handles a springer spaniel proactive drugs search dog named Scout.

In a few weeks Scout will be retiring and Scott will be teaming up with another dog named Ash. They will become part of the Crime Scene Search team covering the areas of Surrey and Sussex.

Scott currently works PD Percy around all of the Surrey area and occasionally ventures into the county of Sussex as part of the collaborated unit.

In his spare time he enjoys watching his daughters Emily and Evie playing football for Camberley Town FC.

PC Geoff FOX & PD Jake



PC Fox and PD Jake have been a licensed team since May 2021 and cover Hastings and Rother in East Sussex. PC Fox has been a police officer for 20 years patrolling the streets of Sussex.

He has been on the Dog Section for a total of nine years.

PD Jake is a lively 4-year-old Belgium shepherd (Malinois) & has recently been successful in becoming a firearm support dog, and both now support the Tactical Firearms units when deployed within Sussex and Surrey.

Geoff is due to attend a Pro-Active Drugs Initial Course in November of this year for six weeks.

Jake loves the chase and in his down time likes to dive bomb into any river.

PC Kevin PARSONS & PD Rogue



PC Parsons has been a police officer for the last 17 years patrolling the streets of Sussex.

Kevin joined the Dog Section two years ago following a lengthy application process where he was paired up with Rogue who is a three year old GSD weighing 40kg.

Rogue was trained at Surrey Dog school specialising in the detaining of persons, finding property and people, along with tracking of missing persons and offenders.

Kevin also handles a Passive and Pro-Active Drugs search dog named Toby following the completion of a ten week initial course earlier this year.

This is their first time competing in the Anna of Avondale competition.

PC Marissa BARWELL & PD Ella



Marissa joined the Metropolitan Police as a Special Constable in 2011. In 2014 she decided to move on and joined Surrey Police as a full time officer.

PC Barwell performed duties as a response officer between 2016 – 2021 on the Eastern side of the county.

Upon joining the Dog Section she was allocated PD Ella and completed their first Initial course in May 2021 and in no short time they have become a very formidable team. After only five shifts on patrol they had their first successful track and located a suspect hiding under a vehicle.

In November of this year Marissa commences a Pro-Active Drugs dog search course, this course is six weeks in duration and has already teamed with her second dog named Winter.

This is also their first Anna of Avondale competition.

PC Adam CLIFF & PD Argo



PC Cliff joined Sussex Police in 2015 and worked on response and a proactive team in Brighton and Hove prior to joining the Dog Unit in 2021.

There he was joined with PD Argo and they completed their initial course the same year.

He has also recently licensed with his Pro-Active Drugs search dog PD Rhodi who is used to search for drugs, cash and firearms.

You will predominantly see them working along the South coast of Sussex but occasionally they also patrol into Surrey as and when required as the Surrey and Sussex Dog Section are a collaborated unit.

This is also their first Anna of Avondale competition.

The Trophies & Awards

Anna of Avondale Bowl

Awarded to the winner of today's competition.

The Diana James Trophy

Awarded to the best turned out dog and handler competing in today's competition, judged prior to the commencement of the competition.

The Curry Cup

Awarded to the person or team that has given an outstanding contribution to the Dog Section in the last twelve months.

The Kizzy Trophy

Awarded to the handler and dog that has had the most outstanding piece of general purpose dog work in the past year.

The Lawther Trophy

Awarded to the handler and dog that has had the most outstanding piece of specialist dog work in the past year.

The Team Trophy

Awarded to the two teams from the same working rota that on average have scored most points in today's competition.

The Competition Schedule

Obedience section:

Heelwork will all be done off lead. The test will include normal and double pace with halts at the sit, stand and down. There will be left, right and about turns which are all at the direction of the Judge via his steward. Leaving the dog in the stay will be followed by a recall to the handler's left knee whilst on the move.

The dog should walk readily and cheerfully at the handler's left side with its right shoulder close to the handler's left knee.

The handler's demeanour and presentation will also be judged.

Any additional commands will be penalised.

Total points available.....50

Speak on Command:

On the handler's command or signal the dog is required to bark firmly and continuously until commanded to stop.

Points available: Speak on command....5

Continue to bark....10

Cease to bark on command....5

Total points available.....20

Agility:

Three foot obstacle

Six foot obstacle

Window obstacle

Nine foot long jump

On all jumps the dog will be sent forward to negotiate the obstacles and remain stationary on the other side until re-joined by the handler.

Total points available....80 (20 per obstacle)

Send away and Redirect:

Send away:

Send the dog to a given point not less than 70 metres distant. Failure to attain at least 75% of the send away distance will result in no marks being awarded, and the re-direct will not be allowed.

Redirect:

Redirect the dog to a given point left or right, not less than 40 metres from the send away point.

Recall:

Recall the dog from the redirect point with one command or signal.

The judge should be satisfied that the send away and redirect points were achieved in response to directions from the handler, rather than by coincidence. Any additional commands will be penalised.

Points available:

Send away....30 Redirect....20 Recall....10

Total points available.....60

Criminal Work Section:

Chase and Detain:

The suspect will appear and run. With the dog off lead the handler will challenge and send the dog to hold the suspect upon direction from the steward.

The handler will then join the dog and with one command the dog will leave the suspect and return to his side. The handler will then control and search the suspect. With the dog they will then escort the suspect back towards the steward.

Points available:

Challenge.....5

Chase and hold.....60

Overall control.....20

Search, surveillance and escort.....15

Total points available.....100

Chase and Stand Off:

The suspect will appear and run. With the dog off lead the handler will challenge the suspect and then send the dog to hold the suspect. The handler will follow immediately. At a point or distance from the dog which will be predetermined by the judge, the suspect will stop running and stand still. On the handler's command the dog will stand off and maintain surveillance and bark continuously until joined by the handler. The dog must not bite the suspect. The handler will then recall the dog to his side. They will then question the suspect and upon satisfying themselves of their innocence they will then re-join the dog and leave the suspect to go on their way.

Points available:

Challenge.....5

Chase and stand off.....45

Overall control.....20

Surveillance and bark.....10

Total points available.....80

Stopping the Dog:

The suspect will appear and run, with the dog on the lead the handler will challenge. At a predetermined point the handler will release the dog to hold the suspect.

The dog is required to chase the suspect at a brisk speed and at another predetermined point the handler will recall the dog immediately.

Points available:

Challenge.....5

Stopping the dog.....65

Recall.....5

Finish to heel and sit.....5

Total points available.....80

Weapon attack:

The suspect will verbalise and then brandish a weapon whilst advancing towards the dog and handler. The handler will challenge the suspect before releasing the dog to hold.

The dog is required to deal with the suspect in a clean, determined and resolute manner. The dog will maintain a firm hold on the suspect until joined by the handler who will verbally disarm the suspect and cause the dog to leave. The dog will then be placed on a lead to conclude the test.

Points available:

Courage of the dog.....30

Control of dog and handler's actions.....10

Total points available.....40

Gun attack:

The dog will be on a lead and the suspect will advance towards the dog and handler with a gun in their left hand. They will fire two rounds towards the ground.

When the gun is fired the handler will release the dog taking cover as they do so, a challenge is not required.

The dog is required to deal with the suspect in a clean, determined and resolute manner, regardless of the gunfire. The dog will be required to maintain hold of the suspect until joined by the handler who will disarm the suspect and cause the dog to leave on one command.

The dog will be placed on a lead to conclude the exercise.

Points available:

Courage of the dog.....30

Control of the dog and handler's actions.....10

Total points available.....40

The total points available are 210 for the obedience section and 340 for the criminal work section, totalling 550 points.

Notes