



Citizens' Academy Q&A

Patchway 2018

Q What is Citizens' Academy?

A Citizens' Academy is a unique opportunity to learn more about what the police do and see first-hand the day-to-day working of the local policing team. Citizens' Academy is a 10 week evening course for members of the public. Each week focusses on a different aspect of policing. We want you to participate, engage and work with us to improve our police service.

Q What will the course cover?

A We'll be offering an insight into a wide range of topics from front line policing to some of our more specialist departments, looking at everything from the different police roles to the challenges we face from different crimes. You will also have the opportunity to visit our new Custody Suite in Patchway.

You will also have the opportunity to nominate a particular aspect of policing that you would like to find out more about, and we will do our best to include this in the course.

Q What will I get out of it?

A Taking part in Citizens' Academy you will have the chance to:

- Increase your awareness of the Police; what we do and why we do it
- Engage with us and be a voice for your community
- Improve your knowledge on Crime Prevention and safety

Q Why are Avon and Somerset Police offering the Citizens' Academy?

A We want to increase public awareness of policing and challenge some of the negative perceptions that some people may have about us.

We want to be more open and transparent about what we do and why we do it. Our hope is that from participating in the course, attendees will want to become more involved in policing and be more supportive of their local police, passing on their experiences and knowledge to their communities.

Q Where and when does it take place?

A The course will take place once a week for 10 weeks, starting on **Wednesday 21st February 2018 at 6:30pm** at a local venue. Each session will last about 2 hours.

Q Who can take part?

A Any one aged 16 years or over will be eligible to take part. Before being offered a place on the Citizens' Academy, all applicants will have to undergo background checks. Having a criminal record will not necessarily exclude you from the course.

Q What do I need to do to take part?

A You can register your interest for this course by **9th February 2018** by emailing us on: CitizensAcademy@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Q How can I find out more?

A For more information please:
Email: CitizensAcademy@avonandsomerset.police.uk
Call: 01275 816738

