

## START YOUR CAREER IN POLICING DISCOVER YOUR POTENTIAL

Join us as a special constable and make a difference to your community. Special constables are volunteer police officers. They provide vital support to our regular officers by carrying out patrols, warrants, community engagements and more.





Special constables are our volunteer force. They have the same powers and uniform as our regular officers. They are given full training during evening and weekends and have a tutor to help them through life on the beat until they gain enough experience to work with other teams.

It's the perfect role if life got in the way of joining the force in the past or if you want to gain experience before applying to be a police officer.

## How will volunteering benefit me?

Volunteering will bring you a whole host of new experiences and opportunities. You will give back to your community and help people in need alongside learning new skills that you can take back into your working life. Many of our specials grow in confidence and experience things they wouldn't get the chance to in their normal day job, helping them progress in the career.

I feel a great sense of pride wearing my uniform and being able to help people at their most vulnerable. In this role I would also like to change some of the stigma people have against the police, especially among the younger generation. I would also like to break the stigma attached with being a female officer from an under-represented background.

There are a few moments whilst being a special that stand out for me. One of which was being on duty and providing extra police support when HM The Queen and HRH Prince Philip visited Dunstable and Whipsnade zoo.

## **Special Constable Humera Ahmed**

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