



THE DOUZAINE

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Sark Constables

Sark Constables have a long and honourable record of service to the Island of Sark. Originally each Constable would be elected by Chief Pleas for a 2-year term. The first year would be as Vingtenier under the existing Constable. At the end of that year, the Vingtenier becomes Constable supported by the newly-elected Vingtenier.

Nowadays, Sark has a professional constabulary: 2 Constables supported by Assistant Constables. If needed, Sark Police can also draw on Special Constables and the Guernsey Police.

Sark Constables receive training and equipment and are subject to the same disciplinary and performance requirements as Guernsey police officers.

This is particularly relevant as, for historic and constitutional reasons, crime is dealt with under the authority of the Royal Court in Guernsey and the Bailiwick Authorities.

Sark Constables and Policing on Sark are independent of any political control. The Douzaine acts as employer of record on behalf of Chief Pleas but takes no part in any operational matters. Recruitment is also handled independently by the Office with the aid of Guernsey Police. Recommendations from the process will be taken by the Douzaine, as a matter of form, to Chief Pleas for their decision.

Sark Constables operate under a Code of Conduct which may be seen on [Applications & forms](#), along with the complaints procedure.

Should you need the Police, please dial 999 as you would for any Emergency Service and tell them that you are on Sark. The call centre will then task the Sark Constables accordingly.