

# **WENDY WALKER**

## **ASSISTANT CHIEF CONSTABLE**

### **LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY**



Before joining the police service Wendy achieved a degree in Bachelor of Education. However, after completing her teacher training in Liverpool, she decided to join the police service.

Wendy joined the police in 1981 starting her policing career in Blackpool on foot patrol. She then moved around the county spending time in the Preston area on section patrol before going to Blackburn where she worked in CID.

In 1993 Wendy moved north to Lancaster, again working in CID before spending two years working in the field of personnel, an area which she excelled in. 1997 saw Wendy move on again, back to Blackburn as a divisional Chief Inspector before becoming a Superintendent and promoted to Operations Manager for Eastern Division. During her service Wendy has trained as a hostage negotiator.

Wendy then moved to Headquarters as Head of Partnerships and Community Safety not long after the publication of the McPherson Report when the spotlight was on the police service scrutinising its dealings with the community. After this Wendy spent just over two years on her promotion to Chief Superintendent as the Constabulary's HR and Training Co-ordinator.

At the start of 2003 Wendy took command of Northern Division. During this time Wendy had to lead the division during and after one of the the worst incidents ever to happen in Lancashire – the deaths of 23 Chinese cockle pickers in Morecambe Bay. It is testimony to Wendy that she steered the division through this period of time.

In 2005 Wendy went on secondment to Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Wakefield before joining the Chief Officer team in an acting role as head of Criminal Standards and Justice. Following her attendance on the Strategic Command Course, Wendy remained acting Assistant Chief Constable in that role before her official appointment as ACC. For twelve months Wendy led Territorial Divisions and Criminal Justice before taking up her current role as head of the "People" portfolio.

During her policing service Wendy has attained a Master of Arts in Organisational Management at Manchester University.

Wendy lives in Lancashire with her partner and their two dogs.