

Rural Crime Survey 2020 Avon and Somerset Police



- **94% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community**
 - 37% very significant
 - 34% quite significant
 - 23% somewhat significant
- **71% think crime has increased in the last 12 months**
- **33% of people have had a crime committed against them in the last 12 months and the top 6 rural crimes reported were**
 - Theft from outbuildings – 37%
 - Agricultural machinery theft – 35%
 - Fly-tipping - 32%
 - Trespass - 32%
 - Animal rights activism – 31%
 - Burglary – 22%
- **26% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to**
 - 62% thought police could not have done anything
 - 62% said it was a waste of time/would be no point
 - 29% too trivial/not worth reporting
 - 14% felt intimidated
- **56% of those who reported crimes were dissatisfied with the police response**
- **The crimes which police should be tackling in rural communities in order of priority are:**
 1. Livestock rustling
 2. Agricultural machinery theft
 3. Fly-tipping
 4. Harassment
- **49% of people had installed crime prevention measures in the last 12 months due to an increased fear of crime (59%) and being a victim of crime (35%)**
 - 75% put in security lighting
 - 72% locked vehicles and secured keys
 - 58% installed CCTV, video or infra-red
- **43% of people don't think the police take rural crime seriously**
- **54% of people don't think rural policing has improved since Police and Crime Commissioners were introduced in 2012**
- **45% of people rate the police as 'good' or 'excellent' in their area**