

Rural Crime Survey 2020 Bedfordshire Police



- **98% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community**
 - 30% very significant
 - 48% quite significant
 - 20% somewhat significant
- **68% think crime has increased in the last 12 months**
- **43% of people have had a crime committed against them in the last 12 months and the top 6 rural crimes reported were**
 - Fly-tipping - 46%
 - Agricultural machinery theft – 42%
 - Trespass - 34%
 - Wildlife crime/hare poaching - 34%
 - Theft from outbuildings – 27%
 - Animal rights activism – 27%
- **19% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to**
 - 60% thought police could not have done anything
 - 60% said it was a waste of time/would be no point
 - 40% other
- **48% 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. Fly-tipping
 2. Agricultural machinery theft
 3. Livestock rustling
 4. Poaching - deer and hare
- **60% of people had installed crime prevention measures in the last 12 months due to an increased fear of crime (69%) and being a victim of crime (50%)**
 - 69% security lighting
 - 69% CCTV, video or infra-red surveillance
 - 61% keep gates secured, installed or maintained fences and hedges
- **52% of people don't think the police take rural crime seriously**
- **70% of people don't think rural policing has improved since Police and Crime Commissioners were introduced in 2012**
- **39% of people rate the police as 'good' or 'excellent' in their area**