

Rural Crime Survey 2020 Cambridgeshire Police



- **98% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community**
 - 50% very significant
 - 32% quite significant
 - 16% somewhat significant
- **74% 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 - 53%
 - Wildlife crime/hare poaching - 47%
 - Agricultural machinery theft – 40%
 - Theft from an outbuilding – 30%
 - Trespass - 21%
 - Burglary – 19%
- **26% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to**
 - 50% said it was a waste of time/would be no point
 - 25% thought police could not have done anything
 - 25% too trivial/not worth reporting
- **66% 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. Agricultural machinery theft
 2. Fly-tipping
 3. Poaching - deer and hare
 4. Livestock rustling
- **52% of people had installed crime prevention measures in the last 12 months due to an increased fear of crime (56%) and being a victim of crime (39%)**
 - 77% vehicles always locked and keys secured when not in use
 - 77% security lighting
 - 67% keep gates secured, installed or maintained fences and hedges
- **44% 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**
- **47% of people rate the police as 'good' or 'excellent' in their area**