

Rural Crime Survey 2020

Cumbria Police



- **94% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community**
 - 35% very significant
 - 36% quite significant
 - 23% somewhat significant
- **80% 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 of agricultural machinery or equipment – 41%
 - Wildlife crime/hare poaching - 38%
 - Other – 38%
 - Trespass - 34%
 - Criminal damage, vandalism/arson or damage of property – 28%
 - Fly-tipping – 24%
- **24% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to**
 - 48% said it was a waste of time/would be no point
 - 14% dealt with the matter myself
 - 16% too trivial/not worth reporting
- **63% 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. Livestock rustling
 3. Fly-tipping
 4. Poaching – deer and hare
- **39% of people had installed crime prevention measures in the last 12 months due to an increased fear of crime (74%) and being a victim of crime (26%)**
 - 74% security lighting
 - 71% vehicles always locked and keys secured when not in use
 - 68% keep gates secured/installed or maintained fences and hedges
- **43% of people don't think the police take rural crime seriously**
- **56% of people don't think rural policing has improved since Police and Crime Commissioners were introduced in 2012**
- **56% of people rate the police as 'good' or 'excellent' in their area**