

Rural Crime Survey 2020 Devon and Cornwall Police



- **94% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community**
 - 33% very significant
 - 32% quite significant
 - 29% somewhat significant
- **63% think crime has increased in the last 12 months**
- **29% of people have had a crime committed against them in the last 12 months and the top 6 rural crimes reported were**
 - Trespass – 32%
 - Harassment – 30%
 - Animal rights activism – 28%
 - Theft of agricultural machinery or equipment – 26%
 - Fly-tipping – 26%
 - Wildlife crime/hare poaching - 25%
- **35% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to**
 - 54% police couldn't have done anything
 - 51% waste of time/would be no point
 - 17% too trivial/not worth reporting
- **75% 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. Livestock rustling
 3. Agricultural machinery theft
- **38% of people had installed crime prevention measures in the last 12 months due to an increased fear of crime (67%) and being a victim of crime (28%)**
 - 74% security lighting
 - 62% vehicles always locked and keys secured when not in use
 - 57% CCTV, video or infra-red surveillance
 - 57% keep gates secured/installed or maintained fences and hedges
- **50% of people don't think the police take rural crime seriously**
- **58% 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**