

Rural Crime Survey 2020

Dorset Police



- **95% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community**
 - 29% very significant
 - 36% quite significant
 - 30% somewhat significant
- **71% think crime has increased in the last 12 months**
- **38% of people have had a crime committed against them in the last 12 months and the top 6 rural crimes reported were**
 - Animal rights activism – 36%
 - Fly-tipping – 34%
 - Trespass – 28%
 - Burglary – 24%
 - Criminal damage, vandalism, arson or damage to your property – 24%
 - Wildlife crime/hare poaching - 21%
- **34% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to**
 - 65% police couldn't have done anything
 - 50% waste of time/would be no point
 - 15% reported it to another authority
- **64% 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. Livestock rustling
 4. Poaching – deer and hare
- **42% of people had installed crime prevention measures in the last 12 months due to an increased fear of crime (61%) and for insurance purposes (30%)**
 - 69% security lighting
 - 62% CCTV, video or infra-red surveillance
 - 61% vehicles always locked and keys secured when not in use
- **37% 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**
- **46% of people rate the police as 'good' or 'excellent' in their area**