

Rural Crime Survey 2020

Durham Police



- **100% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community**
 - 53% very significant
 - 37% quite significant
 - 10% somewhat significant
- **86% think crime has increased in the last 12 months**
- **44% of people have had a crime committed against them in the last 12 months and the top 6 rural crimes reported were**
 - Fly-tipping – 48%
 - Theft of agricultural machinery or equipment – 44%
 - Criminal damage, vandalism, arson or damage to your property – 44%
 - Wildlife crime/hare poaching - 41%
 - Trespass – 33%
 - Burglary – 26%
- **15% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to**
 - 50% police couldn't have done anything
 - 50% waste of time/would be no point
 - 25% too trivial/not worth reporting
- **47% 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. Poaching – deer and hare
 4. Fly-tipping
- **60% of people had installed crime prevention measures in the last 12 months due to an increased fear of crime (68%) and being a victim of crime (38%)**
 - 70% security lighting
 - 65% CCTV, video or infra-red surveillance
 - 57% vehicles always locked and keys secured when not in use
- **42% of people don't think the police take rural crime seriously**
- **63% 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**