

Rural Crime Survey 2020

Essex Police



- **97% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community**
 - 44% very significant
 - 39% quite significant
 - 14% somewhat significant
- **83% think crime has increased in the last 12 months**
- **48% of people have had a crime committed against them in the last 12 months and the top 6 rural crimes reported were**
 - Fly-tipping – 45%
 - Wildlife crime/hare poaching - 45%
 - Theft of agricultural machinery or equipment – 36%
 - Trespass – 36%
 - Burglary – 32%
 - Theft from an outbuilding – 25%
- **21% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to**
 - 67% waste of time/would be no point
 - 50% police couldn't have done anything
 - 17% previous bad experience with police/criminal justice system
- **55% 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. Agricultural machinery theft
 3. Poaching – deer and hare
 4. Livestock rustling
- **60% of people had installed crime prevention measures in the last 12 months due to an increased fear of crime (81%) and being a victim of crime (42%)**
 - 85% security lighting
 - 70% vehicles always locked and keys secured when not in use
 - 64% CCTV, video or infra-red surveillance
- **50% of people don't think the police take rural crime seriously**
- **60% of people don't think rural policing has improved since Police and Crime Commissioners were introduced in 2012**
- **33% of people rate the police as 'good' or 'excellent' in their area**