

Rural Crime Survey 2020 Gloucestershire Police



- **97% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community**
 - 40% very significant
 - 33% quite significant
 - 24% somewhat significant
- **72% think crime has increased in the last 12 months**
- **39% of people have had a crime committed against them in the last 12 months and the top 6 rural crimes reported were**
 - Fly-tipping – 44%
 - Wildlife crime/hare poaching - 44%
 - Trespass – 35%
 - Theft of agricultural machinery or equipment – 32%
 - Animal rights activism – 31%
 - Theft from an outbuilding – 27%
- **24% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to**
 - 65% waste of time/would be no point
 - 40% police couldn't have done anything
 - 25% dealt with it myself
- **46% 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
- **48% of people had installed crime prevention measures in the last 12 months due to an increased fear of crime (60%) and being a victim of crime (36%)**
 - 69% vehicles always locked and keys secured when not in use
 - 66% security lighting
 - 65% lock personal items away
- **50% of people don't think the police take rural crime seriously**
- **49% of people don't think rural policing has improved since Police and Crime Commissioners were introduced in 2012**
- **51% of people rate the police as 'good' or 'excellent' in their area**