

Rural Crime Survey 2020

Gwent Police



- **97% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community**
 - 51% very significant
 - 38% quite significant
 - 9% somewhat significant
- **76% think crime has increased in the last 12 months**
- **31% of people have had a crime committed against them in the last 12 months and the top 6 rural crimes reported were**
 - Theft of agricultural machinery or equipment – 64%
 - Theft of livestock – 29%
 - Theft from an outbuilding – 29%
 - Criminal damage, vandalism, arson or damage – 21%
 - Fly tipping – 14%
 - Animal rights activism – 14%
 - Attacks by dogs on livestock eg. sheep worrying – 14%
- **7% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to**
 - 100% thought it would be a waste of time / no point
- **85% 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. Fuel theft
- **47% of people had installed crime prevention measures in the last 12 months due to an increased fear of crime (66%) and being a victim of crime (33%)**
 - 71% vehicles always locked and key secured when not in use
 - 71% CCTV, video or infra-red surveillance
 - 67% security lighting
- **60% of people don't think the police take rural crime seriously**
- **76% 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**