

Rural Crime Survey 2020 Hertfordshire Police



- **100% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community**
 - 39% very significant
 - 36% quite significant
 - 25% somewhat significant
- **68% think crime has increased in the last 12 months**
- **35% of people have had a crime committed against them in the last 12 months and the top 6 rural crimes reported were**
 - Fly-tipping – 56%
 - Trespass – 37%
 - Burglary– 31%
 - Wildlife crime/hare poaching - 31%
 - Theft of agricultural machinery or equipment – 28%
 - Animal rights activism – 28%
- **3% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to**
 - 100% waste of time/would be no point
- **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. Fly-tipping
 2. Agricultural machinery theft
 3. Livestock rustling
 4. Poaching – deer and hare
- **53% 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 (28%)**
 - 80% CCTV, video or infra-red surveillance
 - 68% security lighting
 - 66% vehicles always locked and keys secured when not in use
- **43% of people don't think the police take rural crime seriously**
- **54% of people don't think rural policing has improved since Police and Crime Commissioners were introduced in 2012**
- **54% of people rate the police as 'good' or 'excellent' in their area**