## **Rural Crime Survey 2020 Kent Police**



- 97% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community
  - 41% very significant
  - o 38% quite significant
  - o 18% somewhat significant
- 78% think crime has increased in the last 12 months
- 46% of people have had a crime committed against them in the last 12 months and the top 6 rural crimes reported were
  - Fly-tipping 43%
  - o Theft of agricultural machinery or equipment 38%
  - Theft from an outbuilding 37%
  - Trespass 34%
  - Wildlife crime/hare poaching 28%
  - o Criminal damage, vandalism, arson or damage of property 24%
- 19% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to
  - o 62% waste of time/would be no point
  - o 44% police couldn't have done anything
  - 37% too trivial/not worth reporting
- 60% 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. Fly-tipping
  - 3. Livestock rustling
  - 4. Poaching deer and hare
- 54% 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 (46%)
  - o 72% CCTV, video or infra-red surveillance
  - o 64% vehicles always locked, and keys secured when not in use
  - o 61% security lighting
- 52% of people don't think the police take rural crime seriously
- 61% of people don't think rural policing has improved since Police and Crime Commissioners were introduced in 2012
- 38% of people rate the police as 'good' or 'excellent' in their area