

# Rural Crime Survey 2020

## North Wales Police



- **86% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community**
  - 26% very significant
  - 34% quite significant
  - 26% somewhat significant
  
- **62% think crime has increased in the last 12 months**
  
- **37% of people have had a crime committed against them in the last 12 months and the top 6 rural crimes reported were**
  - Animal rights activism – 37%
  - Trespass – 30%
  - Fly tipping – 28%
  - Theft of agricultural machinery or equipment– 23%
  - Theft from an outbuilding – 23%
  - Criminal damage, vandalism/arson or damage – 19%
  
- **30% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to**
  - 31% thought it would be a waste of time / there would be no point
  - 23% dealt with the matter myself
  - 23% previous bad experience with the police / Criminal Justice System
  
- **57% 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. Harassment
  
- **46% 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 (40%)**
  - 74% security lighting
  - 70% vehicles always locked and keys secured when not in use
  - 64% CCTV, video or infra-red surveillance
  
- **41% of people don't think the police take rural crime seriously**
  
- **40% 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**