

Rural Crime Survey 2020 North Yorkshire Police



- **96% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community**
 - 32% very significant
 - 36% quite significant
 - 28% somewhat significant

- **70% 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**
 - Wildlife crime or hare poaching – 52%
 - Theft of agricultural machinery or equipment– 39%
 - Animal rights activism – 34%
 - Theft from an outbuilding – 33%
 - Trespass – 31%
 - Fly-tipping – 31%

- **17% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to**
 - 45% thought it would be a waste of time / there would be no point
 - 45% thought the police couldn't have done anything
 - 27% thought it was too trivial / not worth reporting

- **51% 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

- **42% of people had installed crime prevention measures in the last 12 months due to an increased fear of crime (62%) and being a victim of crime (36%)**
 - 71% security lighting
 - 70% vehicles locked and keys secured when not in use
 - 58% lock personal items away

- **47% of people don't think the police take rural crime seriously**

- **50% of people don't think rural policing has improved since Police and Crime Commissioners were introduced in 2012**

- **61% of people rate the police as 'good' or 'excellent' in their area**