

# Rural Crime Survey 2020 Northamptonshire Police



- **98% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community**
  - 47% very significant
  - 41% quite significant
  - 10% somewhat significant
  
- **85% think crime has increased in the last 12 months**
  
- **39% of people have had a crime committed against them in the last 12 months and the top 6 rural crimes reported were**
  - Fly-tipping – 47%
  - Theft of agricultural machinery or equipment – 42%
  - Trespass – 33%
  - Animal rights activism – 32%
  - Burglary – 26%
  - Theft from an outbuilding – 21%
  
- **30% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to**
  - 59% thought it would be a waste of time / there would be no point
  - 35% thought the police couldn't have done anything
  - 24% dealt with the matter myself
  
- **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. Livestock rustling
  2. Agricultural machinery theft
  3. Fly-tipping
  4. Fuel theft
  
- **54% of people had installed crime prevention measures in the last 12 months due to an increased fear of crime (74%) and being a victim of crime (35%)**
  - 71% security lighting
  - 71% vehicles always locked and keys secured when not in use
  - 55% Keep gates secured/installed or maintained fences and hedges
  
- **47% of people don't think the police take rural crime seriously**
  
- **57% of people don't think rural policing has improved since Police and Crime Commissioners were introduced in 2012**
  
- **43% of people rate the police as 'good' or 'excellent' in their area**