Rural Crime Survey 2020 Surrey Police



- 95% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community
 - 41% very significant
 - o 37% quite significant
 - o 17% somewhat significant
- 75% think crime has increased in the last 12 months
- 52% of people have had a crime committed against them in the last 12 months and the top 6 rural crimes reported were
 - Fly tipping 50%
 - Trespass 46%
 - Animal rights activism 40%
 - Attacks by dogs on livestock eg. sheep worrying 33%
 - Theft of agricultural machinery or equipment 31%
 - Theft from an outbuilding 23%
- 19% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to
 - o 90% thought it would be a waste of time / no point
 - o 50% thought police could not have done anything
 - o 20% previous bad experience with the Police/Criminal Justice System
- 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. Fly-tipping
 - 2. Agricultural machinery theft
 - 3. Livestock rustling
 - 4. Harassment
- 47% 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 (47%)
 - 81% security lighting
 - o 74% vehicles always locked and key secured when not in use
 - o 72% CCTV, video or infra-red surveillance
- 54% of people don't think the police take rural crime seriously
- 60% of people don't think rural policing has improved since Police and Crime Commissioners were introduced in 2012
- 46% of people rate the police as 'good' or 'excellent' in their area