

- **96% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community**
 - 35% very significant
 - 40% quite significant
 - 21% somewhat significant

- **68% think crime has increased in the last 12 months**

- **42% of people have had a crime committed against them in the last 12 months and the top 6 rural crimes reported were**
 - Fly-tipping on your land - 49%
 - Trespass – 39%
 - Wildlife crime or hare poaching (illegal coursing) on your land - 37%
 - Theft of agricultural machinery or equipment – 33%
 - Theft from an outbuilding – 33%
 - Burglary – 29%

- **19% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to**
 - 48% thought it would be a waste of time / no point
 - 40% thought police could not have done anything
 - 24% 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. Agricultural machinery theft
 2. Fly-tipping
 3. Livestock rustling
 4. Poaching – deer and hare

- **53% of people had installed crime prevention measures in the last 12 months due to an increased fear of crime (70%) and being a victim of crime (31%)**
 - 80% security lighting
 - 73% vehicles always locked and key secured when not in use
 - 67% keep gates secured/installed or maintained fences and hedges

- **45% of people don't think the police take rural crime seriously**

- **56% 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**