

# Rural Crime Survey 2020

## Warwickshire Police



- **94% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community**
  - 48% very significant
  - 32% quite significant
  - 14% somewhat significant
  
- **81% think crime has increased in the last 12 months**
  
- **47% of people have had a crime committed against them in the last 12 months and the top 6 rural crimes reported were**
  - Theft of agricultural machinery or equipment – 44%
  - Fly-tipping on your land - 44%
  - Animal rights activism – 36%
  - Theft from an outbuilding – 31%
  - Trespass – 29%
  - Wildlife crime or hare poaching (illegal coursing) on your land - 27%
  
- **20% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to**
  - 60% thought it would be a waste of time / no point
  - 30% thought police could not have done anything
  - 10% it was only an attempted crime and no damage was done
  
- **53% 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
  
- **58% of people had installed crime prevention measures in the last 12 months due to an increased fear of crime (69%) and being a victim of crime (35%)**
  - 69% vehicles always locked and key secured when not in use
  - 65% security lighting
  - 58% lock personal items away
  
- **39% of people don't think the police take rural crime seriously**
  
- **58% 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**