

# Rural Crime Survey 2020 West Midlands Police



- **90% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community**
  - 40% very significant
  - 33% quite significant
  - 17% somewhat significant
- **77% think crime has increased in the last 12 months**
- **29% of people have had a crime committed against them in the last 12 months and the top 6 rural crimes reported were**
  - Theft from an outbuilding – 50%
  - Theft of agricultural machinery or equipment – 45%
  - Animal rights activism – 46%
  - Burglary – 38%
  - Fly-tipping on your land – 38%
  - Theft of your personal possessions - 21%
- **20% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to**
  - 60% thought it would be a waste of time / no point
  - 60% thought police could not have done anything
  - 40% thought it was too trivial / not worth reporting
- **55% 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. Fuel theft
- **56% of people had installed crime prevention measures in the last 12 months due to an increased fear of crime (67%) and being a victim of crime (31%)**
  - 71% security lighting
  - 59% vehicles always locked and keys secured when not in use
  - 47% burglar/perimeter alarm or other alarm installed
- **48% of people don't think the police take rural crime seriously**
- **61% of people don't think rural policing has improved since Police and Crime Commissioners were introduced in 2012**
- **40% of people rate the police as 'good' or 'excellent' in their area**