

Rural Crime Survey 2020

West Yorkshire Police



- **94% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community**
 - 53% very significant
 - 30% quite significant
 - 11% somewhat significant

- **79% think crime has increased in the last 12 months**

- **43% 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 – 47%
 - Wildlife crime or hare poaching – 27%
 - Theft from an outbuilding - 27%
 - Criminal damage, vandalism/arson or damage of property possessions - 27%
 - Burglary – 23%
 - Trespass – 23%

- **10% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to**
 - 67% too trivial/not worth reporting
 - 33% thought police could not have done anything
 - 33% previous bad experience with the Police/Criminal Justice System

- **70% 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. Livestock rustling
 3. Agricultural machinery theft
 4. Harassment

- **51% 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 (36%)**
 - 64% security lighting
 - 61% vehicles always locked and keys secured when not in use
 - 61% CCTV, video or infra-red surveillance

- **52% of people don't think the police take rural crime seriously**

- **66% of people don't think rural policing has improved since Police and Crime Commissioners were introduced in 2012**

- **44% of people rate the police as 'good' or 'excellent' in their area**