

Rural Crime Survey 2020 Cheshire Police



- **97% of those surveyed think crime is significant in their community**
 - 47% very significant
 - 34% quite significant
 - 16% somewhat significant
- **72% 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**
 - Animal rights activism - 42%
 - Trespass - 35%
 - Wildlife crime/hare poaching - 31%
 - Fly-tipping – 27%
 - Harassment – 25%
 - Violent crime – 23%
- **27% of those crimes were not reported to the police due to**
 - 64% said it was a waste of time/would be no point
 - 29% thought police could not have done anything
 - 21% dealt with the matter myself
- **76% 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. Harassment
- **46% of people had installed crime prevention measures in the last 12 months due to an increased fear of crime (61%) and being a victim of crime (39%)**
 - 75% security lighting
 - 62% vehicles always locked and keys secured when not in use
 - 60% CCTV, video or infra-red surveillance
- **61% of people don't think the police take rural crime seriously**
- **62% of people don't think rural policing has improved since Police and Crime Commissioners were introduced in 2012**
- **35% of people rate the police as 'good' or 'excellent' in their area**