

PFCC Rural Crime Survey Executive Summary

Prevention

- Over 70% (out of 111 answering) either chose 'strongly agree' or 'agree' to all of the 'we will' commitments for 'prevention'.
- 23% (out of 111 answering) chose 'neither agree nor disagree' to the commitment to continue the development of the new Tri-Service Rural Community Officer Pilot.
- 5% (out of 111 answering) chose 'disagree' to the commitment to invest in technology such as drones to support rural crime prevention activity.

48 people provided their comments on if anything was missing from the 'prevention' commitments.

- 42% of those comments was an ask for more visible policing in rural communities.
- 6% of those comments were an ask for more police awareness of the village areas so that they can respond quicker
- 4% of those comments were an ask for a Tri- Safety Officer
- 4% of those comments were an ask for more/better recruitment of officers
- 4% of those comments were an ask for more help for victims of domestic abuse
- The remaining 40% of those comments were other matters relating to opinions on the police/personal cases/reporting crime.

Intelligence

- Over 75% (out of 110 answering) either chose 'strongly agree' or 'agree' to all of the 'we will' commitments for 'intelligence'.
- 20% (out of 110 answering) chose 'neither agree or disagree' to the commitment about working with communities to understand the extent of dog theft from rural communities and promoting preventative action that can help keep our pets safe.
- 4% (out of 110 answering) chose 'disagree' to the commitment about working with communities to understand the extent of dog theft from rural communities and promoting preventative action that can help keep our pets safe.

34 people provided their comments on if anything was missing from the 'intelligence' commitments.

- 12% of those comments were an ask for more police visibility
- 9% of those comments were about improved information sharing between police and communities
- 9% of those comments were about a more improved and accessible way of reporting

- 6% of those comments were an ask for more timely responses to reports
- 6% of those comments were an ask on a focus on anti-social behaviour
- The remaining 58% of comments were personal opinions on the service/reporting crimes/other comments.

Enforcement

Over 70% (out of 110 answering) either chose 'strongly agree' or 'agree' to all of the 'we will' commitments of 'enforcement'.

- 23% (out of 110 answering) chose 'neither agree nor disagree' to the commitment about promote the use of restorative justice as a mechanism to reduce reoffending and help victims cope and recover.
- 5% (out of 110 answering) chose 'disagree' to the commitment about working with partners to improve suicide awareness and training for rural partners.

34 people provided their comments on if anything was missing from the 'enforcement' commitments.

- 24% of those comments were an ask for more police visibility
- 15% of those comments were an ask for men to be included in the domestic abuse commitment
- 9% of those comments were an ask to focus on drink/drug offences in the rural communities
- The remaining 52% of the comments were around more clarity about the suicide awareness commitment/specific crimes in the area/ speeding.

Reassurance

Over 76% (out of 110 answering) chose either 'strongly agree' or 'agree' to all of the 'we will' commitments for 'reassurance'.

- 22% (of out 110 answering) chose 'neither agree nor disagree' to the commitment about working with Safer Essex Roads Partnership to expand and promote Community Speed Watch.
- 5% (out of 110 answering) chose 'disagree' to the commitment about working with Safer Essex Roads Partnership to expand and promote Community Speed Watch.

29 people provided their comments on if anything was missing from the 'reassurance commitments'.

- There is mixture of views and responses from the public in this area. Some of the key themes were:
 - Police officers not providing feedback to the crimes reported
 - More police presence

- More/better communication with the rural communities

When given a choice to vote which key area was most important for rural communities, prevention and enforcement were voted the highest. With reassurance third, and intelligence fourth.

49 people left comments on the Rural Crime strategy in general. The key themes were:

- People are grateful that the strategy is being revised and rural crime is being taken seriously
- People want to see evidence of these commitments through police action
- The new strategy being seen as a tick box exercise

Survey demographic

96.4% of the people completing the survey were from Essex

58% were 60 or older.

51% female 44% male

52% White

24% from Braintree and 22% from Rochford

Workshop dates

Workshop 1 – Monday 28th February 2022 10:00 – 12:00 West Newlands, Bradwell Road, Southminster, England, CM0 7LH.

Workshop 2 – Monday 7th March 2022 @ 11:30 – 13:30 Essex Young Farmers, Whitbreads Farm Lane, Little Waltham, England, CM3 3LQ.

Workshop 3 – Friday 11th March 2022 @ 09:30 – 11:30 Cherry Orchard Farm, Conways Road, Orsett, England, RM16 3EL

Workshop 4 – Monday 21st March 2022 @ 19:00 to 20:00 – Facebook Live:
<https://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk>