

## 2018 National Rural Crime Survey

It has been three years since the first National Rural Crime Survey asked the public for their views on matters relating to rural crime. In this year's survey those who live, work or visit rural communities in the county are being encouraged to respond and have their voice heard. This is significant to Neighbourhood Watch as some rural crimes may be carried out by people who live in urban areas.

In late 2017, Sussex Police appointed Superintendent Emma Brice and Sergeant Tom Carter as dedicated leads for rural crime, to address the vulnerabilities and crime types which are specific to rural areas.

Supt Brice said: "A large proportion of Sussex residents live, work in or visit rural areas regularly and we really want to hear your views on issues related to rural policing and crime. We know that there are certain types of crime and areas of vulnerability which impact rural communities and businesses differently from those in urban areas. Alongside other measures, the responses to this survey will contribute towards ensuring we are meeting the needs of our rural communities."

Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne said: "One of the focuses of this year's survey is whether rural crime continues to be under-reported. Three years ago, one in four people who responded to the survey nationally said they didn't report the last crime they'd been a victim of because they didn't see the point. This is an uncomfortable thing to hear for all those involved in protecting rural areas, so it's important we ask these questions again and find out whether people are more willing to report crime and if they feel safer. It's vital that the voice of rural communities is heard by those who can make a difference – from the Police to Government. I urge residents to take part in the survey and help us build a clear picture of crime and anti-social behaviour in rural Sussex and to understand the impact it has where you live or work."

It is possible that you may already have been invited to complete this survey, in which case we apologise for troubling you again. The survey is open for submissions until Sunday 10 June.

Have your say here:

<http://www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net/research/internal/2018survey/>. We appreciate that many people are rightly cautious about clicking on links in E-mails. If you prefer, please search on the internet for 2018 National Rural Crime Survey, which you can find on the National Rural Crime Network website.

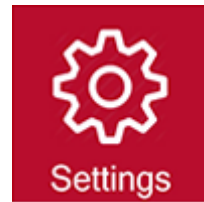
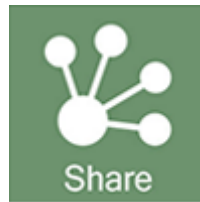
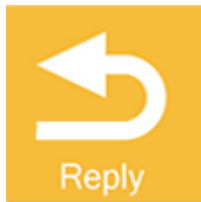
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