

# TACKLING RURAL CRIME

**71%**

of the public say that rural crime should be treated more seriously by police



In 2022, rural crime cost the UK

**£49.5m**



**29%**

of victims of rural crime fail to report their experiences to the police



# 7 WAYS PCCs CAN HELP PROTECT RURAL COMMUNITIES

- 1 Ensure priorities for addressing rural crime are detailed in the PCC's Police & Crime Plan
- 2 Recruit a dedicated rural crime specialist
- 3 Engage regularly with the farming community and their representatives
- 4 Deliver effective response and investigation of crimes impacting farm businesses
- 5 Work with farm businesses on effective crime prevention strategies
- 6 Develop a strategy to counter the impact of Organised Crime Groups operating in rural areas
- 7 Provide greater rural crime training for officers and control centres