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Rural Crime: Serious, Organised and International

Who Victimises Rural Communities?

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Why was this research needed?

The presence of **criminal activities in our rural areas** have been evident, and have been on a **constant rise**, negatively impacting the businesses and the residents of the countryside. This has left our rural communities feeling isolated and inadequately protected.

Uncovering and highlighting the **complex, organised nature** of rural crime is the first step in **safeguarding these communities**.



Here is what the data says:

01



Expenses pertaining to rural crime **grew by 22%** in the year 2022.

Organised crime often involves **multi-generational criminal families**, having a long-term commitment to **rural offending**.

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The **diversity** of criminal involvement makes it evident that rural criminals operate in **multiple forms**.

43% of those surveyed, reported that they had been **victims of crime** in the last **12 months**.

04



How Organised is Rural Crime?

The data collected in the research demonstrates that a significant portion of rural crime constitutes **organised criminality**.

22 currently **active OCGs** were involved throughout the time this research was conducted.



Key Factors



Series of offending



Presence of multiple offenders



Hierarchical structure and planning



Cross-border reach

Organised Rural Crime



There is strong **evidence** that **rural crime in the UK** is an intricate and a highly complex problem.

It is not yet met with a response that it truly needs.



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