

7. Rural crime is often linked to Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) who target and exploit rural communities across a range of crime types for example organised plant theft, livestock theft, burglaries targeting firearms, poaching and hare coursing.
8. Rural Crime issues tend to come to our attention through our Casework inbox, either from members of rural communities raising concerns about rural issues, or from rural interest groups contacting us about wildlife crime.
9. In the past, the Policing & Crime Team has supported joint work on hare coursing with the Country Land and Business Association, whilst we have encouraged rural/Farmwatch community groups to bid to the MSCF. As an important crime prevention strategy, we would encourage residents of rural communities to build strong links with their Neighbourhood Police Teams, to help establish Neighbourhood or Farm Watch schemes which can play a key role in deterring criminality in rural areas.

KEY INFORMATION

10. Mayoral/DMPC Activity to date includes:

- The Mayor's Safer Communities Fund continues to support projects which tackle all crime, you can find out more here www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/mscf

PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION

The Mayor/DMPC will work with partners to continue to further embed an early intervention and prevention projects to support safer communities.

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

Some Individuals and communities may be more vulnerable to Rural crime based on their protected characteristics and or the communities where they live/work.

ATTACHMENT

[Chief Constable's report – Rural Crime](#)