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Dear Parish Councillors

### **The 2018 National Rural Crime Network Survey**

As Staffordshire's Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner and the county's representative for the National Rural Crime Network (NRCN), I urge you to do your bit to tackle agricultural and rural crime.

I have already called on businesses and residents to speak out by completing the 2018 National Rural Crime Network Survey, and now I need your help.

The most recent survey, from three years ago, revealed the huge cost of crime to rural communities – both financial, at £800m per year, and fear, with 'chronic under-reporting, anger and frustration' at the police and Government. The NRCN produced a series of recommendations and the police took steps to improve matters. But what has changed since? This is where you come in.

Do you think rural crime has gone up or down in your area? Do you feel safer? What's your view of the police in your community? In short, I want to know the true picture of crime and anti-social behaviour in rural communities across the county – and the impact it has where you live or work.

It's all about making sure the voice of rural communities is heard by those who can make a difference to where we live and work – from the Police to Government.

The survey is now available at [nationalruralcrimenetwork.net](http://nationalruralcrimenetwork.net) and is open for submissions until Sunday 10 June.

I live and work in the rural community and have done for the last 18 years so I am well aware of the unique challenges that face our communities on a daily basis. I would therefore urge you to spare a few minutes to fill out this survey.

It will provide a clear picture of what has improved, what challenges remain and what more government, police forces and organisations can do to support the most isolated parts of the county.

I would greatly appreciate your help in promoting NRCN survey in your local area including promoting the survey in Parish newsletters, sharing the survey link via social media and promoting the enclosed poster within your locality.

Yours sincerely



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**Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire**