

Rt Hon. Rishi Sunak MP
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Dear Rishi,

As someone who is running to be our next Prime Minister, I am writing to ask for your commitment to increase resources to tackle rural crime in England and Wales.

I am sure you are aware of the recent NFU Mutual report which revealed that the cost of rural crime has risen 40% since the beginning of 2022. This is clear evidence that we cannot be complacent or underestimate the impact of rural crime, not just on those living and working in rural communities but on all of us through higher costs of food production.

The current cost of living crisis is likely to see further increases in crime in our rural communities and against rural businesses. The Government has committed to delivering a prosperous agri-food sector that ensures a secure food supply whilst contributing to the levelling up agenda through quality jobs around the country. That is why I am asking you to support:

1. The introduction of a National Rural Crime Unit
2. Increased funding to set up and support Local Rural Crime Teams
3. Greater use of technology in tackling rural crime

The National Rural Crime Network is a collaboration of organisations and members, which represent millions of people across the country, and as such, we are uniquely placed to champion the needs of rural communities.

Best of luck on the campaign trail and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards



Tim Passmore

Chair, National Rural Crime Network
Police and Crime Commissioner Suffolk