

VILLAGE WATCH

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➤ MORE ONLINE SCAMS

❖ Ticket scams

Going to a gig, festival or sports event is great fun – but becoming a victim of ticket fraud isn't. That's why you should only buy tickets from official vendors, the box office, or reputable reseller sites. Scammers typically pose as a seller and post their 'tickets for sale' on social media or an online marketplace. They'll tell you they'll post or email the tickets after you've transferred the money into their bank account. But when nothing arrives and you try to contact them, they've completely disappeared. This happens to thousands of music, sports, and other fans every year, who get tricked into buying fake or non-existent tickets.

How to stay safe:

- only buy tickets from the venue's box office, official vendors, or reputable reseller sites
- don't open links or attachments on social media, texts, or emails offering tickets, as they could send you to fraudulent or malware sites
- avoid paying for tickets via bank transfer
- check a seller's privacy and returns policies
- keep receipts until after the event.

❖ Clickbait scams

Fraudsters try to get you to click on links in ads, emails, messages and comments on social media. But once you take the bait, you could find yourself on a website designed to hijack your account or steal your information.

What to look out for:

- Scammers will try to hook you in with words like "shocking", "secret", "exclusive". Be wary of anything promising to give you inside information, sensational news, special access or exclusive offers.
- As well as attention-grabbing posts, clickbait scams can take the form of browser notifications, antivirus updates, surveys, quizzes, 'miracle cures' and messages from fake tech support companies.
- If you are receiving strange messages from someone you know, or see unusual posts containing links or directions to other websites, it's possible they may have been hacked. Be wary of any downloads, attachments or links they might send.

How to stay safe

- Hover your cursor over a link and look in the bottom left corner or 'destination bar' to see where it's really going to take you – and use common sense if the link doesn't look right.
- Don't click on links in emails from addresses you don't recognise, or that you weren't expecting – and don't download attachments from senders you don't know and trust.
- Be wary of links that look like login pages for social media sites. If you're already logged in, or the page doesn't look like the one you recognise, close the tab.
- If you think you've been a victim of fraud, call the number on the back of your bank card.

➤ BANK SECURITY PHONE CALL – DISPLAYING FAKE PHONE NUMBER

You may receive a phone call that displays an 01909 number, hence appearing to be local, and warning of a security risk to your card transactions or bank account. As often with such calls, the number is fake, and there is usually no mention of which bank the call is supposedly from. The call is usually a recording, and can mention subscriptions for such as television services, mobile phone service, and Amazon. Ofcom advises people not to trust the caller ID display on their phone when trying to avoid scams. It also instructs people not to give out personal information in response to an incoming call.

If you think you've been a victim of Caller ID spoofing, call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk

➤ MILK BOTTLE THEFTS

Reported on Lockwood Avenue. A black Vauxhall Vectra parked in the early hours of the morning. A young male got out of the car, stole a bottle of milk from a front doorstep and returned to the car which then drove off.

➤ **CONTACTS**

❖ **SY Police:** <https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk>

Emergencies: call 999: when there is a threat to life (including traffic accidents where persons are injured, the road is blocked or a vehicle involved in the accident has failed to stop); a serious offence is actually in progress; violence to a person or damage to property is imminent; a suspected offender is still at the scene of a crime or any delay in reporting the incident may prevent the offender being apprehended; serious disruption to the public is currently taking place or is likely to take place.

Non-emergencies: call 101 to report a crime not currently taking place, or to give information.

Report an incident online: As an alternative to 101, you can report a non-emergency incident online at <https://www.reportingcrime.uk> or from the main SYP web page under **Report**

Advice and information: on the home page of SYP there are details of supporting agencies you can access.

The Silent Solution: If you need urgent police help but cannot speak: Dial 999; Listen to the questions from the operator; Respond by coughing or tapping your device, if you can. If prompted, press 55 to let the operator know it's a genuine emergency and you'll be put through to police. See **Independent Office for Police Conduct:** <https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/news> - scroll down to **Silent Solution**.

❖ **Areyouok?** Information and advice on violence and abuse: <https://www.areyouok.co.uk>

❖ **Crimestoppers:** report crime or suspicious activity anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 Monday-Friday 08:00-22:00; Saturday and Sunday 10:00-16:00 or online at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org>

❖ **Action Fraud:** To report fraud if you have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cyber crime: the Action Fraud contact centre: 0300 123 2040. You may make the report anonymously. Text phone users can ring 0300 123 2050. Report fraud online at www.actionfraud.police.uk

❖ **National Cyber Security Centre NCSC:** You can report a suspicious website link or URL using the form in this link: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/about-this-website/report-scam-website>

❖ **SafefromScams:** Don't become a scam victim. Learn about scams of all types, how they work, why people fall for them and how to make sure you don't. Web site at: <http://www.safefromscams.co.uk>

❖ **Advertising Standards Authority (ASA):** Report an online scam ad at: <https://www.asa.org.uk/make-a-complaint/report-an-online-scam-ad.html>

❖ **Citizens Advice:** (was Adviceguide). Help with problems such as benefits, debt, work, energy, health, housing, relationships, consumer problems such as building work, energy and water supply, faulty goods, paying bills, refunds for faulty goods and poor services, rogue traders, travel, making a complaint and taking legal action: 08454 040506 (6p per minute) or local rate charge 0208 1850 710

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CRIMES REPORTED IN SOUTH ANSTON IN MAY

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Acer Close	Burglary	Lilac Close	Vehicle crime x 2
Axle Lane	Anti-social behaviour	Lobelia Court	Anti-social behaviour
Hawthorne Avenue	Other crime	The Haven	Drugs x 2
Kirkstall Close	Vehicle crime	Wilberforce Road	Violence offences

CRIMES REPORTED IN NORTH ANSTON IN MAY

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Ambleside Walk	Violence offences	Marlborough Close	Violence offences
Anston Close	Burglary	Patterdale Way	Anti-social behaviour
Back Lane	Anti-social behaviour	Suffolk Close	Criminal damage and arson
Back Lane	Violence offences	Suffolk Close	Violence offences
Bedford Close	Burglary	Sunnyside Close	Violence offences
Caperns Road	Anti-social behaviour	The Green	Anti-social behaviour x 3
Caperns Road	Violence offences	The Green	Vehicle crime
Eastwood Avenue	Violence offences	The Green	Violence offences x 2
Ennerdale Close	Violence offences	The Green	Other crime
Greenlands Rise	Anti-social behaviour	The Rise	Public order
Hanging Bank Ct	Drugs	Thirlmere Drive	Vehicle crime
Hanging Bank Ct	Violence offences	White Gate	Violence offences x 5
Hillside	Violence offences	Woodsetts Road	Anti-social behaviour
Limekilns	Other theft	Wright Street	Violence offences
Manvers Close	Other theft	Yew Tree Avenue	Violence offences x 2