

# VILLAGE WATCH

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## ➤ **TICKET WARNING ISSUED AHEAD OF OASIS LIVE '25 TICKET RELEASE**

### ❖ **From South Yorkshire Police**

As people scramble to get their hands on tickets for the upcoming Oasis reunion tour, our Fraud Team are reminding buyers to watch out for the tell-tale signs of ticket fraud.

It can be tempting to turn to social media or online marketplaces to get the tickets. Unfortunately, some people who venture down this route end up being the victim of scams. This means they not only miss out on tickets but also lose their hard-earned money.

A typical ticket scammer's plan will involve telling you that they will post or email the tickets as soon as you have transferred the money to their bank account. Then once you have sent the money, they will block you or disappear into thin air so you cannot contact them.

Charlotte Platts, Fraud Protect Officer at South Yorkshire Police, said: "Our advice is simple, only buy tickets from trusted sources. It is common for scammers to advertise cut price tickets and discounts for sold-out events, but remember, if the deal seems too good to be true then it usually is. Do not send any money to a stranger based on their word – it could be a scam."

To ensure you don't fall foul of this type of fraud, we are encouraging people in South Yorkshire to make themselves aware of these top tips for buying tickets safely, as provided by Get Safe Online. They include:

- Only buying tickets from official vendors, the box office or reputable fan reseller or ticket exchange sites
- Not being tempted to click on social media, text, emails or attachments offering tickets
- Not paying for tickets by bank transfer and instead paying by credit card for additional protection
- Double check that a page is genuine before you buy tickets from it

### ❖ **Get Safe Online**

A full list of top tips can be viewed on the Get Safe Online website <https://www.getsafeonline.org/tickets>  
More information is available on the website on how to protect yourself against various types of fraud including:

- Protecting Your Computer
- Protecting Yourself
- Smartphones & Tablets
- Shopping, Banking & Payments
- Safeguarding Children
- Communication & Social Networking

### ❖ **Advice on fraud protection on the SYP website**

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/>

- What are fraud, bribery and corruption?
- Personal fraud
- Business fraud
- Electoral fraud
- Useful contacts for fraud advice
- Report fraud, bribery or corruption
- Online fraud and cyber crime
- How to check an officer's identity
- Action Fraud

➤ **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](http://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 JUNE**

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Church Farm Court	Anti-social behaviour	The Haven	Possession of weapons
Church Farm Court	Violence offences	The Haven	Public order
Kirkstall Close	Other crime	Wesley Place	Violence offences x 2
Pembroke Rise	Vehicle crime	Wilberforce Road	Vehicle crime
The Haven	Burglary	Wilberforce Road	Violence offences
The Haven	Drugs		

**CRIMES REPORTED IN NORTH ANSTON IN JUNE**

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Caperns Road	Violence offences	Patterdale Way	Criminal damage/arson
Common Road	Anti-social behaviour	Ryton Road	Other theft
Cramfit Close	Anti-social behaviour	Sanctuary Fields	Anti-social behaviour
Greenlands Rise	Burglary	Sanctuary Fields	Public order
Hanging Bank Ct	Criminal damage/arson	Sikes Road	Anti-social behaviour
Limekilns	Anti-social behaviour	Sunnyside Close	Public order
Limekilns	Violence offences x 2	The Green	Criminal damage/arson
Marlborough Close	Violence offences	The Green	Shoplifting x 2
Mill Haven	Burglary	The Green	Violence offences
Norfolk Drive	Criminal damage/arson	Wright Street	Violence offences
Nursery Road	Anti-social behaviour		