



# VILLAGE WATCH



Newsletter of South Anston Village Neighbourhood Watch  
in conjunction with South Yorkshire Police  
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## ➤ NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH FUNDING

Thanks to our Parish Council we have been given a grant of £400 that allows us to continue printing of the Village Watch for many more months. This will also give us time to re-apply for a grant from RMBC, and also, if this is unsuccessful, to apply for a further grant from our Parish Council.

## ➤ NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SIGNS



Many years ago we had around 40 Neighbourhood Watch signs installed by RMBC. Unfortunately, some of these have faded significantly, and, annoyingly, nine of them were removed by RMBC when new lampposts were installed. Although RMBC will install new signs, we now have to pay for them. Given the difficulties with funding for our newsletters, this issue was put to one side. Now we can begin looking for funding for the signs, and as this would be regarded as a one-off “project”, there are many more possible sources of funding.

## ➤ PROTECTING YOURSELF AGAINST BURGLARY

Advice from **South Yorkshire Police** is available on the **SYP** website – see **CONTACTS** below. Scroll to the bottom of the home page, click on *Crime prevention advice*, then click on *Keep burglars out of your property*; or with a smartphone, take a photo of this QR code and this will go directly to the page.



The first section says that burglars don't want to be seen or heard by a neighbour or passer-by because they will feel exposed and identifiable. So the first advice is on helping to keep burglars out by giving them no hiding place.

### ❖ **Keep it visible**

You'd think that it would be best to make a property less visible from the street, and to keep it hidden from prying eyes behind overgrown bushes, trees, high fences or walls. In reality, all that this serves to do is make it easier for a burglar to get close to a home unnoticed, and provide somewhere to hide while carrying out a burglary or theft from the property.

- Lower fences at the front around one-metre high are preferable to high fences as they allow for a clear view over the top and don't provide cover for anyone wishing to hide.
- At the rear and sides, taller fencing is recommended to prevent easy access.
- Trellis, thorny plants, or a suitable anti-climb topping such as plastic spikes make it difficult for anyone climbing over a fence or gate.
- Planting prickly or barbed shrubbery along boundaries and fence lines acts as an effective natural barrier.
- Gravel driveways and paths will make sure you hear anyone approach.

## ➤ 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 something**

**Advice for Victims:** on the home page of SYP, information about support and useful contact details of other supporting agencies you can access. From the above page, there is a link to **Domestic Abuse: The Silent Solution**. This is when you call 999 but are unable to speak to the operator. The operator will ask you a series of questions - they may ask you to cough, or make a noise, or press a button on your phone, so they know you are listening to them. They will then ask you to press '55' on your keypad. This lets the operator know that you are in an emergency situation and require urgent help.

- ❖ **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
- ❖ **South Anston Village Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:** Bryan Saunby: 01909 565194

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#### CRIMES REPORTED IN SOUTH ANSTON IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Axle Lane	Anti-social behaviour	Manor Farm Gds	Burglary x 2
Axle Lane	Violence offences	Petrol Station	Other theft
Church Farm Court	Anti-social behaviour	Petrol Station	Violence offences
Church Farm Court	Vehicle crime	Sheffield Road	Public order
First Lane	Anti-social behaviour	The Haven	Anti-social behaviour
High Street	Anti-social behaviour	Wesley Place	Possession of weapons
Lidsters Lane	Shoplifting	West Street	Vehicle crime

#### CRIMES REPORTED IN NORTH ANSTON IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Anston Close	Violence offences x 2	The Green	Shoplifting x 3
Buttermere Close	Public order	The Green	Public order
Caperns Road	Violence offences x 7	The Green	Violence offences x 3
Chapel Rise	Criminal damage and arson	The Green	Other crime x 2
Common Road	Anti-social behaviour x 2	The Rise	Criminal damage and arson
Edinburgh Drive	Public order x 2	The Rise	Violence offences x 2
Ennerdale Close	Violence offences x 2	Wellington Avenue	Anti-social behaviour
Ennerdale Close	Drugs	Willow Chase	Vehicle crime
Ennerdale Close	Possession of weapons	Willow Chase	Violence offences
Granary Court	Anti-social behaviour	Winberry Avenue	Violence offences
Greenland Close	Violence offences	Windermere Court	Other theft
Hanging Bank Ct	Anti-social behaviour	Windermere Court	Vehicle crime
Hanging Bank Ct	Violence offences	Windermere Court	Other crime
Lakeland Drive	Vehicle crime	Windmill Road	Violence offences
Mill Haven	Vehicle crime	Woodland Drive	Anti-social behaviour x 2
Mulberry Road	Violence offences x 2	Woodsetts Road	Robbery
Netherthorpe Way	Vehicle crime	Woodsetts Road	Anti-social behaviour
Newcastle Close	Burglary	Wright Street	Criminal damage and arson
Patterdale Way	Anti-social behaviour x 2	Wright Street	Other theft
Patterdale Way	Other crime	Wright Street	Drugs
Plantation Avenue	Shoplifting	Wright Street	Robbery
Ryton Road	Anti-social behaviour	Wright Street	Vehicle crime
Ryton Road	Criminal damage/arson	Wright Street	Violence offences x 2
Sikes Road	Violence offences	Yew Tree Avenue	Other theft
Sunnyside Close	Criminal damage and arson	Yew Tree Avenue	Burglary
The Green	Anti-social behaviour x 2		