



VILLAGE WATCH



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➤ **CRIME CATEGORIES – WHAT DO THEY INCLUDE?**

Every crime has to be categorised, but whoever makes the categorisation has to decide which definition best fits what is known about the crime at the time of the report. The categories allocated are checked before being released, but the process can only work on the information provided, and there can be grey areas e.g. between Vehicle crime and Criminal damage or between Anti-social behaviour and Public order. Below is a summary of the offences for each of the categories.

- Anti-social behaviour: environmental and nuisance behaviour.
- Burglary: where a person enters a building with the intention of stealing.
- Criminal damage & arson: damage to buildings & vehicles and deliberate damage by fire.
- Drugs: offences related to possession, supply or production.
- Possession of weapons: possession of a weapon, such as a firearm or knife.
- Public order: offences which cause fear, alarm or distress.
- Robbery: where a person uses force or threat of force to steal
- Shoplifting: theft from shops or stalls.
- Theft from the person: theft directly from the victim (including handbag, wallet, cash, mobile phone) without the use or threat of physical force.
- Other theft: theft by an employee, blackmail, making off without payment.
- Vehicle crime: theft from or of a vehicle or interference with a vehicle.
- Violence and sexual offences: will now be referred to as Violence offences. This category includes common assault and grievous bodily harm.
- Other crime: e.g. forgery, perjury, money laundering, receiving or handling stolen goods, fraud, forgery, tax or duty evasion, making false statements, and other crimes.

➤ **CRIME NUMBERS – WHY DO THEY VARY SO MUCH?**

There is often a plea from the police to be more conscious of certain types of crime at different times of the year, and even at different times of the day. But when looking at the total number of crimes in any month, it is sometimes asked "Why such a large change? Are there more crimes at certain times of the year, and does a change in one area mean an opposite change in neighbouring areas?" Although sometimes there are identifiable factors contributing to such changes, mostly it is just the natural variation in something that is unpredictable - a bit like our weather.

Looking at local crimes figures in and around Anston, the variations show no patterns of any sort, either by season or area. So a large change to the figures in any month in any area does not appear to be related in any way to any other area or to the time of year.

WHAT'S HOT?

➤ **HANGING BASKET THEFTS**

Several reports have been received of hanging baskets being stolen during the night. There are several methods of securing baskets (they can also prevent them blowing off in high winds), but some are easy for a thief to remove. Please report any such thefts, or any suspicious persons or

vehicles, to the police.

CONTACTS

- **SY Police:** for non-emergency calls, to report a crime, or give information: 101 or from the main SYP web page (www.southyorks.police.uk) in the **Contact Us** tab under **Report a crime**.
- **Crimestoppers:** To give information about crime (you don't have to give your name): 0800 555 111. Open Monday-Friday 08:00-22:00; Saturday and Sunday 10:00-16:00
- **Citizens Advice:**

The Citizens Advice service offers practical, up-to-date information and advice on a wide range of topics, including: debt, benefits, housing, legal, discrimination, employment, education, relationship and family matters, welfare benefits, immigration, consumer and other problems. Advice is available to everyone regardless of race, gender, sexuality, age, nationality, disability or religion.

Citizens Advice consumer helpline: 03454 04 05 06
Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

The website of the national organisation: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>

Rotherham & District Citizens Advice:
The Rain Building, Market Hall, Eastwood Lane, Rotherham, S65 1EQ
Advice Line is open Monday to Friday 9am-4pm: 03444 111 444
Website: rotherhamcab.org.uk
- **Crime Prevention:**

This site contains comprehensive and up-to-date advice to help improve your home and personal security. (It is linked from the National Police Crime prevention advice page.)
<https://thecrimepreventionwebsite.com>
- **South Anston Village Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:** Bryan Saunby: 01909 565194
- **Rother Valley South Area Assembly Meetings 2017:**
 - Thursday 21 September, 6pm, Kiveton/Wales Village Hall
 - Thursday 7 December, 2pm, Anston Parish Hall

CRIMES REPORTED IN MAY IN SOUTH ANSTON

| Crime on or near | Crime Category | Crime on or near | Crime Category |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Bank Street | Criminal damage/arson | Petrol Station | Criminal damage/arson |
| Crowgate | Vehicle crime x 2 | Petrol Station | Other theft x 4 |
| Lidsters Lane | Other theft x 3 | Sheffield Road | Anti-social behaviour |
| Mill Lane | Violence offences | Sheffield Road | Burglary |
| Nottingham Close | Burglary | Yeoman's Way | Anti-social behaviour |

CRIMES REPORTED IN MAY IN NORTH ANSTON

| Crime on or near | Crime Category | Crime on or near | Crime Category |
|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Appleby Walk | Anti-social behaviour x 2 | Manvers Close | Burglary |
| Back Lane | Public order | Manvers Close | Vehicle crime |
| Bedford Close | Anti-social behaviour | Newcastle Close | Anti-social behaviour |
| Caperns Road | Anti-social behaviour x 3 | Newcastle Close | Vehicle crime |
| Caperns Road | Criminal damage/arson x 2 | Nursery Crescent | Anti-social behaviour |
| Caperns Road | Other theft | Park Avenue | Anti-social behaviour |
| Caperns Road | Possession of weapons | Sports/rec. area | Anti-social behaviour |
| Caperns Road | Public order | Suffolk Close | Violence offences |
| Caperns Road | Violence offences | Sunnyside Close | Anti-social behaviour |
| Chapel Rise | Other theft | The Oval | Bicycle theft |
| Cramfit Road | Violence offences | Ullswater Close | Violence offences |
| Dukeries Drive | Burglary | White Gate | Violence offences |
| Hanging Bank Ct | Anti-social behaviour | Windmill Road | Violence offences |
| Hanging Bank Ct | Violence offences x 2 | Woodland Drive | Anti-social behaviour x 2 |
| Hawkshead Cresc | Anti-social behaviour x 2 | Wright Street | Violence offences |

