



# VILLAGE WATCH



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## ➤ ELDER ABUSE

Elder abuse is a delicate and difficult issue. It can be happening in our communities right under our noses. It may not get the headlines that child abuse does but it causes misery for literally hundreds of thousands of victims. Elder Abuse can take many forms, including financial, emotional, physical and sexual. Some examples of abuse can be:

- stealing or pressurising someone to hand over money
- making decisions without consulting the person involved
- treating someone in a way that makes them feel threatened, belittled or embarrassed
- touching someone in a way they don't want to be touched
- physically hurting someone
- neglecting someone's needs

❖ An older person experiencing abuse may not positively respond to any kind of approach as the situation may be challenging, embarrassing or distressing to them - particularly if the potential abuser is a member of their family. They may feel a range of emotions, including denial, helplessness, embarrassment, guilt and very often fear of the perpetrator. It can often take various attempts for the victim to acknowledge their circumstances and engage in accepting support.

❖ Older people are often even prepared to put up with abuse just so they have some social interaction with their abuser. This may sound extreme but it is a situation that appears quite regularly. Similarly, an abusive family member is often tolerated rather than challenged merely to maintain the status quo in the family or again, just to maintain social contact with loved ones.

❖ Often, where possible, the best starting point is to talk to the older person to try and understand what might be going on. If it seems that abuse is indeed happening then there are ways to report it to social services, the police and others without personal risk. Many of the instances of elder abuse that have been discovered are sickening in the extreme, and the punishments handed out by the courts to the guilty can be jaw-droppingly lenient.

❖ If you're worried about a neighbour or a friend who might be being abused there is a charity **Action on Elder Abuse** that advises who to contact. Visit <https://www.elderabuse.org.uk> to find out more or ring the helpline 080 8808 8141.

❖ If you have a concern about someone you should never ignore it. Reporting abuse to the adult safeguarding/protection team can be done anonymously, and you have a right to maintain your anonymity if you wish.

## ➤ WHAT'S HOT?

### **PPI fraudsters claiming to be from the FCA**

Fraudsters are posing as officials from the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and are cold calling people stating that they are eligible for a Payment Protection Insurance (PPI) claim.

There may be an increase in these types of frauds following the FCA announcement and campaign urging people to make a decision about making a PPI complaint before the deadline on 29th August 2019. PPI was usually sold with products that needed to make repayments on, like a loan, credit card or mortgage.

As well as cold calls, scammers are using text messages to convince victims that their PPI claim is legitimate when in fact this may not be the case. The fraudsters tell you how much PPI you can claim back but emphasise that an advance fee payment is required in order to make the claim successful. Never take up offers of PPI claims on the spot from cold calls and text messages.

If you use a third party organisation to assist with your claim, carry out independent research on the company as well as checking the FCA's website for the company's details, or by calling them on 0800 101 8800 (Monday to Sunday, 8am to 10pm). To report fraud and cyber crime and receive a police crime reference number – see **Action Fraud** below.

### ➤ 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](http://www.southyorks.police.uk)) in the Contact Details 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
- ❖ **Crime Prevention - police site:** <https://www.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice>
- ❖ **Crime Prevention - independent Crime Prevention and Home Security advice:** website <https://thecrimepreventionwebsite.com>
- ❖ **SYP:** [www.southyorks.police.uk](http://www.southyorks.police.uk) under **Help and Advice**
- ❖ **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) [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)
- ❖ **Action Fraud:** the national fraud-reporting centre. To make a report contact the Action Fraud contact centre on 0300 123 2040. You may make the report anonymously. Text phone users can ring 0300 123 2050. Specialist fraud advisers are available: Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm; Saturday 9am to 5pm; Sunday 10am to 5pm  
Report fraud online at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)
- ❖ **South Anston Village Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:** Bryan Saunby: 01909 565194
- ❖ **Rother Valley South Area Assembly Meetings 2017:**
  - Thursday 7 December, 2pm, Anston Parish Hall

### ➤ CRIMES REPORTED IN AUGUST IN SOUTH ANSTON

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Crowgate	Anti-social behaviour x2	Lidsters Lane	Other theft
Crowgate	Burglary	Manor Farm Gardens	Anti-social behaviour
Crowgate	Other theft	Nemesia Close	Drugs
First Lane	Anti-social behaviour	Pembroke Rise	Other theft
Hawthorne Avenue	Other theft x 2	Wesley Place	Other theft
Laurel Close	Other theft	Wilberforce Road	Violence offences
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### ➤ CRIMES REPORTED IN AUGUST IN NORTH ANSTON

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Back Lane	Other crime	Mulberry Road	Vehicle crime
Borrowdale Crescent	Criminal damage and arson	Nursery Crescent	Criminal damage and arson
Caperns Road	Anti-social behaviour x2	Nursery Crescent	Public order
Caperns Road	Burglary	Plantation Avenue	Anti-social behaviour
Caperns Road	Violence offences	Plantation Avenue	Criminal damage and arson
Derwent Close	Burglary	Plantation Avenue	Violence offences
Dukeries Drive	Anti-social behaviour x2	Sikes Road	Anti-social behaviour
Greenland Close	Violence offences	Suffolk Close	Violence offences
Hanging Bank Court	Anti-social behaviour	The Orchard	Burglary
Hanging Bank Court	Public order	Windermere Court	Vehicle crime
Lindale Close	Public order	Woodland Drive	Burglary
Main Street	Anti-social behaviour	Woodland Drive	Violence offences

