



# VILLAGE WATCH



Newsletter of South Anston Village Neighbourhood Watch  
in conjunction with South Yorkshire Police  
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## ➤ NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING 8 NOVEMBER

At last, after so many months we are going to re-start our meetings. The first will be at 7:00 pm at the Loyal Trooper upstairs function room. This is where our Co-ordinators get together to report any irregular goings-on they have heard about, ask questions, discuss topics and make suggestions. There is no compulsion for Co-ordinators to attend these meetings, indeed some of our longest serving members have never attended, some have been to a few, some have difficulty attending meetings for various reasons. Future meeting frequency will be decided at this meeting and Co-ordinators will be notified of this in the meeting notes which will be distributed to Co-ordinators with the December newsletter.

## ➤ VILLAGE WATCH NEWSLETTER – HAVE WE MISSED SOME ISSUES?

The newsletter was published and distributed in June and July, and it was hoped they would then continue on their regular schedule. Unfortunately, due to a chain of unexpected circumstances - and nothing to do with the pandemic - the August, September and October issues were not produced. We are very much hoping to be able to get back to our monthly production again, but as we have all learned over the past 18 months or so, you just don't know what the future will bring.

## ➤ THE MOST COMMON CRIMES

Antisocial behaviour (ASB) and Violence offences typically make up more than 50 % of crimes in almost every locality. 56% of those who had either been a victim of or a witness to ASB, did not report it to anyone. This suggests that the incidence and the negative effects of ASB are much higher than statistics based on recorded cases recognise.

### ❖ ASB is a wide range of unacceptable activities such as:

- Noise nuisance including loud music at unsocial hours, banging, DIY, loud parties and frequent visitors
- Household disputes including shouting, swearing and fighting
- Harassment and intimidation including threats or actual violence, verbal abuse, abusive behaviour aimed at causing distress or fear to certain people, e.g. elderly or disabled people
- Environmental ASB including arson, dumping rubbish, animal nuisance, dog fouling, dogs barking, vandalism, property damage, graffiti, antisocial drinking, driving in an inconsiderate or careless way.

Antisocial behaviour does not include vehicle parking, children playing, disturbing DIY operations (at reasonable times of the day), groups of young people in the street or in parks unless they are being rowdy, abusive, causing damage or committing other crimes, noise caused by everyday living, religious or cultural practice, one-off parties, or general living noise.

It is important to keep a record of any incidents as this will be of great help in investigating the behaviour and tackling it. It can also help you to get some perspective on how often it happens. If you decide to take formal action at some stage, it can help others see an established pattern of nuisance over time.

### ❖ Domestic Violence

If you are experiencing domestic violence then getting help is the most important thing you can do. In an emergency, call 999. If it is not an emergency, you could call 101 or on the SYP website under *Quick links*.

You can also anonymously call one of the helplines listed below:

Your local support team is South Yorkshire: 0300 303 1976

English National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327

Respect (for people who are abusive to partners): 0845 122 8609

Forced Marriage Unit: 020 7088 0151

You can also visit GOV.UK for more help and advice.

❖ **Sexual offences**

Any sexual contact without consent is a crime. Contacting the police will start the process of investigating your attacker. The police’s priority is safeguarding you. If you agree to a police investigation you will be supported at every step. It doesn’t matter how long ago you were assaulted, police still want to hear what happened. See **Report an incident online** below. If you don’t feel ready to go to the police, Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs) provide medical care and support and can also gather forensic evidence. The nearest SARC is in Hackenthorpe: Day 0330 223 0938; Night 0330 223 0099

➤ **CONTACTS**

- ❖ **SY Police:** <https://www.southyorks.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); violence to a person or damage to property is imminent; a suspected offender is 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. Calls to 101 cost 15 pence per call from landlines and mobiles - no matter how long you're on the phone.
- ❖ **Report an incident online:** you can report a non-emergency incident online from the main SYP web page under **Report something**
- ❖ **Crimestoppers:** you can 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 by completing an online form at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org>
- ❖ **Crime Prevention - police site:** <https://www.police.uk/pu/advice-crime-prevention> or at the SYP site under *Find out*
- ❖ **Crime Prevention - independent Crime Prevention and Home Security advice:** <https://thecrimepreventionwebsite.com>
- ❖ **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)
- ❖ **South Anston Village Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:** Bryan Saunby: 01909 565194

**CRIMES REPORTED IN SOUTH ANSTON IN AUGUST**

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Azalea Close	Other theft	Sheffield Road	Violence offences
Lilac Close	Criminal damage/arson	Sports/Rec Area	Drugs
Lobelia Court	Vehicle crime	The Haven	Violence offences
Manor Farm Gdns	Violence offences	Wesley Place	Violence offences
Petrol Station	Other theft x 2	Wilberforce Road	Criminal damage/arson
Petrol Station	Public order	Wilberforce Road	Violence offences
Sheffield Road	Anti-social behaviour		

**CRIMES REPORTED IN NORTH ANSTON IN AUGUST**

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Abbey Way	Other crime	Hanging Bank Ct	Violence offences
Back Lane	Possession of weapons	Hanging Bank Ct	Other crime
Bennett Croft	Anti-social behaviour	Lindale Close	Drugs
Bennett Croft	Public order	Plantation Avenue	Anti-social behaviour
Caperns Road	Anti-social behaviour	Rutland Avenue	Violence offences
Caperns Road	Criminal damage/arson	Sanctuary Fields	Other theft
Caperns Road	Violence offences x 3	Sanctuary Fields	Violence offences
Cramfit Road	Violence offences	Sikes Road	Violence offences x 2
Dukeries Drive	Anti-social behaviour	The Green	Public order
Ennerdale Close	Violence offences	Ullswater Close	Vehicle crime
Falcon Way	Vehicle crime	Ullswater Close	Violence offences
Hanging Bank Ct	Anti-social behaviour	White Gate	Robbery
Hanging Bank Ct	Public order		