



# VILLAGE WATCH



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## ➤ PHISHING (E-MAIL AND TEXT) SCAMS

Scams can come via many sources: e-mails, letters, web sites, phone calls, text messages, even doorstep callers. The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) provides security advice to protect the devices and services we use to prevent unauthorised access to the vast amounts of personal information stored on these devices and online.

When criminals go phishing you are the fish, and the bait is usually contained in a scam call, e-mail or text message. The criminal's goal is to convince you to click on the links within their scam e-mail or text message, or to give away sensitive information. If you receive an e-mail which you're not quite sure about, don't use the links or contact details in it, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) using [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

If you have come across a website that you think is fake or trying to scam you, report it using an online form: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/about-this-website/report-scam-website>

Please do not report a crime to the NCSC in this way. If you think you may have been a victim of fraud or cyber crime you should report this to Action Fraud – see **CONTACTS** below.

### ❖ **Protect your email by using a strong, separate password**

Use three random words to create a strong password, including numbers and symbols, for example 4bigbrushballoons21! Don't use words which are easy to guess such as: family members' names, place of birth, pet's name, favourite holiday place, something related to your favourite sports team. And cyber criminals know the simple substitutions such as 'Pa55word!'

### ❖ **Password managers: help to secure passwords**

A password manager is an app on your phone, tablet or computer that stores your passwords securely, so you don't need to remember them all. Some can also create random, unique passwords for you, when you need to create a new password (or change an existing one).

### ❖ **Use two-factor authentication for your e-mail and bank accounts**

Accounts that have been set up to use 2FA require an extra check. This is usually done by sending you an additional code by text message. It gives good additional protection, so even if a criminal knows your password, they won't be able to access your accounts.

### ❖ **Install the latest software and app updates**

You'll often receive a prompt on your computer, smartphone or tablet to inform you that a software or app is ready to be updated. Don't ignore this message. Installing the updates could save you a significant amount of time and trouble in the long run, reducing the risk of you falling victim to identity theft.

### ❖ **Secure smartphones and tablets with a screen lock**

Each time you want to unlock your device or switch it on, you'll be asked to enter a PIN, password or fingerprint. Don't use '1,2,3,4' or an 'L' shaped keyboard pattern which are easy for other people to guess.

### ❖ **Always back up your most important data**

Safeguard your most important data, such as your photos and key documents, by backing them up to an external hard drive or a cloud-based storage system. If your device is infected by a virus, malicious software (malware), or accessed by a cyber criminal, your data may be damaged, deleted or held to ransom by preventing you from accessing it. Backing up your data means you have another copy of it, which you can always access. If you use an external hard drive or online system to back-up your data, ensure it is not permanently connected to the device you are backing up.

### ❖ **Call 159 To Prevent Fraudulent Bank Transfers**

If you think someone is trying to trick you into handing over money or personal details, **hang up and call 159** to speak directly to your bank. 159 is a secure number that connects you directly to your bank if you think you're being scammed. It works in the same way as 101 for the police or 111 for the NHS. It's the number you can trust to get you through to your bank, every time.

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

**CRIMES REPORTED IN SOUTH ANSTON IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER**

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Bank Street	Public order	Petrol Station	Other theft x 2
Crowgate	Anti-social behaviour	Petrol Station	Shoplifting
Crowgate	Violence offences x 3	Petrol Station	Vehicle crime
Laurel Close	Burglary	Petrol Station	Violence offences
Lidsters Lane	Violence offences	Pine Avenue	Criminal damage and arson
Lidsters Lane	Other crime	Sheffield Road	Violence offences x 2
Lockwood Avenue	Burglary	Sheffield Road	Other theft
Manor Farm Gardens	Other theft	Sports/Recn Area	Anti-social behaviour
Mill Lane	Violence offences	The Haven	Public order
Mill Lane	Vehicle crime	Wesley Place	Public order
Nemesia Close	Violence offences x 2	Wesley Place	Violence offences
Pembroke Rise	Anti-social behaviour	West Street	Anti-social behaviour
Pembroke Rise	Violence offences	Yeomans Way	Anti-social behaviour

**CRIMES REPORTED IN NORTH ANSTON IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER**

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Anston Close	Violence offences	Leeds Avenue	Burglary
Appleby Walk	Anti-social behaviour	Lindale Close	Anti-social behaviour
Bennett Croft	Violence offences x 2	Lindale Close	Other crime
Bennett Croft	Anti-social behaviour	Newcastle Close	Violence offences
Caldbeck Place	Anti-social behaviour	Oakdale Road	Anti-social behaviour
Caldbeck Place	Violence offences	Park Avenue	Anti-social behaviour
Caperns Road	Violence offences x 7	Patterdale Way	Violence offences x 2
Caperns Road	Criminal damage/arson x 2	Ryton Road	Anti-social behaviour
Caperns Road	Other theft	Sanctuary Fields	Anti-social behaviour
Caperns Road	Public order	Sikes Road	Other theft
Cramfit Close	Violence offences	Sikes Road	Burglary
Cramfit Road	Criminal damage/arson	Sports/Recn Area	Violence offences
Ennerdale Close	Violence offences x 2	The Green	Anti-social behaviour
Falcon Way	Anti-social behaviour	The Green	Violence offences
Falcon Way	Burglary	The Green	Burglary
Falcon Way	Vehicle crime	White Gate	Public order
Falcon Way	Violence offences	White Gate	Criminal damage/arson
Grasmere Close	Other crime	White Gate	Public order
Hanging Bank Court	Burglary	Windermere Court	Violence offences
Hanging Bank Court	Other crime	Windmill Road	Burglary
Hanging Bank Court	Anti-social behaviour x 2	Windmill Road	Violence offences
Keswick Way	Violence offences	Woodland Drive	Public order