



VILLAGE WATCH



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➤ CRIME IN 2021

❖ More or less?

❖ The tables below show that the total numbers of crimes recorded have fallen in both North and South Anston. In South Anston a drop of 13% from 193 in 2020 to 168. In North Anston a drop of 4% from 415 in 2020 to 398. Looking at previous years, the numbers have seen significant rises and falls when comparing 2016 with 2020 in South Anston, and 2018 with 2020 in North Anston.

❖ Highest Categories

The categories with the highest percentage of crime in both districts made up over two-thirds of the total. In South Anston the biggest changes were Anti-social behaviour down from 32 to 19; and Public Order up from 15 to 23.

SOUTH ANSTON Year>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total no. >	109	154	141	190	193	168
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Anti-social behaviour	33	24	12	9	17	11
Other theft	23	34	30	29	15	17
Public order	2	3	1	2	8	14
Violence offences	15	19	26	22	27	30
Total of above %'s >	72	79	68	63	66	71

In North Anston there was an increase in Criminal damage and arson from 31 to 38; and a decrease in Violence offences from 162 to 130.

NORTH ANSTON Year>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total no. >	386	336	335	346	415	398
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Anti-social behaviour	51	33	22	20	23	24
Criminal damage/arson	13	10	15	7	7	10
Violence offences	13	21	27	33	39	33
Total of above %'s >	78	64	64	60	70	67

➤ MORE SCAMS

❖ Gifts and Rewards

Scam e-mails offering gift cards, discount codes, rewards for Argos, Primark, John Lewis, fast food and restaurant chains or just about any well known outlet, are going around. They can also be found on social media sites and can be spread quickly as users forward them onto friends. They can look very much like the real thing, but do not click on any links or send a response.

❖ A Second Attack

Scammers can also act as organisations offering you protection against scammers, or that can act on your behalf to recover money lost to scammers, online traders, or to poor or illegal investment concerns. In the latter case they may even be the same criminals that set up the scam investment in the first place.

If you have lost money through an illegal operation, the perpetrators will probably already know your e-mail address, phone number, bank details etc., so it would not be difficult to use these again, or to pass them onto some other criminal to try another scam. E-mails and phone calls telling you that you are due a tax refund are definitely scams. HMRC contact you by letter. It's that simple.

➤ **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
- ❖ **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>
 The helpline will provide you with advice on your rights and pass details of your complaint on to Trading Standards where appropriate. Trading Standards may then contact you directly if they are able to offer you help or if they need further information from you. Even if Trading Standards do not contact you directly about your case, they use the information they receive from the helpline to make sure that businesses are behaving fairly and not breaking the law.
Rotherham & District Citizens Advice
<http://www.citizensadvicerotherham.org.uk/>
 The Rain Building, Market Hall, Eastwood Lane, Rotherham, S65 1EQ
 Advice Line: 03444 111 444 open Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm
- ❖ **South Anston Village Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:** Bryan Saunby: 01909 565194

CRIMES REPORTED IN SOUTH ANSTON IN DECEMBER

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Broom Grove	Criminal damage/arson	Petrol Station	Public order
Hawthorne Avenue	Public order	Sheffield Road	Burglary
Lilac Close	Vehicle crime	Sheffield Road	Public order
Lockwood Avenue	Public order	Sheffield Road	Violence offences x 3
Lockwood Avenue	Violence offences x 2	Wilberforce Road	Violence offences
Orchid Way	Vehicle crime		

CRIMES REPORTED IN NORTH ANSTON IN DECEMBER

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Abbey Way	Burglary x 2	Hanging Bank Court	Anti-social behaviour
Anston Close	Anti-social behaviour	Houghton Road	Violence offences
Back Lane	Vehicle crime	Oakdale Road	Violence offences
Borrowdale Cresc	Vehicle crime	Patterdale Way	Vehicle crime
Caperns Road	Anti-social behaviour	Sca Fell Place	Burglary
Caperns Road	Violence offences x 3	Sikes Road	Violence offences
Caperns Road	Other crime	Sports/Rec Area	Anti-social behaviour
Cramfit Road	Criminal damage/arson	The Green	Criminal damage/arson
Eastwood Avenue	Criminal damage/arson	The Green	Public order
Eastwood Avenue	Violence offences	Warwick Way	Violence offences
Ennerdale Close	Other crime	Warwick Way	Other crime
Falcon Way	Criminal damage/arson	Wright Street	Violence offences