



# VILLAGE WATCH



Newsletter of South Anston Village Neighbourhood Watch  
in conjunction with South Yorkshire Police

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## ➤ OUR BANK ACCOUNT

Although rarely mentioned in the Village Watch, the financial side of our Neighbourhood Watch is almost entirely concerned with the cost of printing the newsletter. It is printed at the Parish Council office, thanks to the benevolence of our Parish Council and the help and support of the Clerk to the Council, Chris Pilkington. The printing has to be paid for, however, and for that we depend on grants from Rotherham Borough Council, and the Parish Council itself.

From the inception of Neighbourhood Watch in South Anston, we have had a bank account with HSBC. During 2020, there was no financial activity, the reason for which seemed to have escaped the intelligence of HSBC, so the account was frozen. The bank then announced that it was going to start charging for use of their “community” accounts. Thousands of small societies, clubs and charities who, like us, could not afford these charges, complained and criticised HSBC for their callous treatment. We then had to unfreeze the account to close it! This meant embarking on long-winded, farcical procedures that took from around July to December to complete. The best option for a new account was with Lloyds bank. This has now been achieved and our closing cheque from HSBC has been deposited, along with the grant from RMBC. The grant from the Parish Council will be transferred shortly.

## ➤ SECURITY FOR PATIO AND FRENCH DOORS

- ❖ Around 40% of house burglaries are made through entering a door. Patio doors (double doors) usually open wider than a single door, so considerable amounts of property can be easily removed through them. Neighbourhood Watch partner, Patlock, provide a secure device for French doors and conservatories. It is easy to fit and works by clamping both door handles. This ensures that the doors cannot be opened, even if the locks are snapped or removed. They are now available to order at a discounted rate of £42.50 to Neighbourhood Watch members. Visit <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/patlock>
- ❖ Another method of entry used by burglars to break through patio or French doors is a spade levered under the bottom rail of the sliding panel. This lifts the door from the bottom channel and pulls the whole door away. Most modern patio doors have an anti-lift device fitted into the door's top channel that prevents the door from being lifted from the bottom channel. To check whether patio doors can be lifted, open the patio door and, holding the handles, lift the door upwards. If there is excessive movement, an anti-lift device needs to be fitted into the top channel.
- ❖ The sliding section of a patio door should be on the inside, not the outside. There are patio doors available that meet the requirements of British Standard PAS 24 for security. If looking for a new door, this is a must. To secure sliding glass panels, at least one, preferably two, patio door locks should be fitted to support the hook lock. If you have an existing patio door, additional bolts can improve the security.

## ➤ 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:** As an alternative to 101, you can report a non-emergency incident online at <https://www.reportingcrime.uk>, or from the main SYP web page under **Report something**

**Reporting domestic abuse** and **Advice for victims** are also the SYP site.

For general enquiries, you can email [enquiries@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto:enquiries@southyorks.pnn.police.uk)

Please do not use this email address to report crime – see above to report an incident online.

- ❖ **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)
- ❖ **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**  
<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
- ❖ **Village Watch newsletter:** view on the Anston Parish Council website: <https://www.anston.gov.uk> under **Community**

These tables contain crime reports for two months.

**CRIMES REPORTED IN SOUTH ANSTON IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY**

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Lobelia Court	Other theft	Sheffield Road	Other theft
Lockwood Avenue	Violence offences	Sheffield Road	Violence offences
Manor Farm Gdns	Drugs	Sheffield Road	Anti-social behaviour
Manor Farm Gdns	Robbery	Sheffield Road	Public order x 2
Nottingham Close	Burglary	St David's Drive	Violence offences
Petrol Station	Other theft x 2	The Haven	Criminal damage/arson
Petrol Station	Public order	The Haven	Violence offences x 3
Petrol Station	Criminal damage/arson	West Street	Vehicle crime x 2
Sheffield Road	Burglary	Wilberforce Road	Public order
Sheffield Road	Criminal damage/arson		

**CRIMES REPORTED IN NORTH ANSTON IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY**

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Abbey Way	Vehicle crime	Lindale Close	Violence offences
The Baulk	Violence offences	Netherthorpe Way	Violence offences
Back Lane	Violence offences	Plantation Avenue	Violence offences
Back Lane	Public order x 2	Sanctuary Fields	Violence offences
Back Lane	Violence offences	Sanctuary Fields	Criminal damage/arson
Buttermere Close	Anti-social behaviour	Sca Fell Place	Other theft
Buttermere Close	Public order	Shopping Area	Anti-social behaviour
Caperns Road	Criminal damage/arsonx2	Sikes Road	Violence offences
Caperns Road	Burglary	The Green	Drugs
Cramfit Road	Vehicle crime	The Green	Violence offences
Dukeries Drive	Violence offences x 2	The Oval	Burglary
Edinburgh Drive	Burglary	White Gate	Violence offences x 3
Falcon Way	Criminal damage/arson	Windmill Road	Vehicle crime
Hanging Bank Ct	Anti-social behaviour	Woodland Drive	Vehicle crime
Houghton Road	Criminal damage/arson	Woodland Drive	Violence offences x 4
Houghton Road	Vehicle crime	Wright Street	Vehicle crime