



# VILLAGE WATCH



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in conjunction with South Yorkshire Police

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View on the Anston Parish Council website: <https://www.anston.gov.uk> under **Community**

## ➤ YOUR RIGHTS AFTER A CRIME

There is information about your rights as a victim of crime, and help that is available at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/your-rights-after-crime>

- ❖ If you are the victim of a crime or a close relative of someone who died because of a crime - for example their partner, child or sibling - you have the right to contact the police and be kept informed about the investigation. The police must give you:
  - written confirmation of the crime you've reported
  - a crime reference number
  - contact details for the police officer dealing with your case
- ❖ They must also:
  - tell you clearly what will happen next
  - tell you how often they'll give you an update on their investigation
  - carry out a needs assessment to find out what support you should get
  - ask a victim support organisation to contact you within 2 days
  - ask if you want to write a statement about how the crime has affected you. This is called a 'victim personal statement'. It can be used later when the court is deciding on a punishment.
- ❖ During the police investigation the police must give you updates on their investigation, and tell you within 5 days when a suspect is:
  - arrested or charged
  - set free or released on bail
  - given a caution, reprimand, final warning, or penalty notice
- ❖ When the police have finished their investigation, they can pass the information to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) who then decide if there is enough evidence to take the case to court. If the police or the CPS decide to drop the charge, they must tell you within 5 days. You can ask for a review if you disagree with their decision.
- ❖ **Privacy**  
The police might give some information about the crime to the media to help with the investigation. They'll normally ask your permission before they do this. If you've been the victim of a sexual assault, it's against the law for anyone to publish your name, photo or anything else that could identify you.

There are links on the above web page to:

- Get support as a victim of crime
- Claim compensation if you were the victim of a violent crime
- Going to court to give evidence as a victim or witness

## ➤ NEXTDOOR APP

Leaflets have been delivered to houses in North and South Anston inviting residents to join an on-line community group called Nextdoor. This is not a Neighbourhood Watch initiative. In 2020 a number of community facing organisations including The National Lottery Community Fund, Nextdoor, Neighbourhood Watch and the Campaign to End Loneliness together launched the Community Action Response calling for everyone to take steps to help communities cope with the impacts of the virus pandemic.

## ➤ 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)
- A serious offence is actually in progress
- Violence to a person or damage to property is imminent
- A suspected offender is still 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

❖ **EmergencySMS:** <https://www.emergencysms.net>

The emergencySMS service lets deaf, hard of hearing and speech-impaired people in the UK send an SMS text message to the UK 999 service where it will be passed to the police, ambulance, fire rescue, or coastguard. You will need to register your mobile phone before using the emergencySMS service. Click on the **Registering your phone link** on the above web site for more information.

❖ **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.

### **Should I call 101?**

Each day there are approximately 2000 calls to 101. Only half of these calls are to report a crime, with the other calls asking for an update on investigations, or requests for a specific department. These calls have an impact and can delay people getting through to report a crime.

For on-line help go to: <https://www.southyorks.police.uk/contact-us/report-something/> and click on the link labelled '**Should I Call 101 page**'.

This will go to a page containing help on:

Inconsiderate parking, Abandoned vehicles, Noise pollution, Fly tipping, Boundary disputes, Fireworks, Alarms, Dogs, Road traffic collisions, Central ticket office (speeding ticket or fixed penalty notice), Lost mobile phone, Medical non-emergency, Fraud.

If you can't find the answer to your question on-line, call 101 or e-mail to:

[enquiries@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto:enquiries@southyorks.pnn.police.uk). Your e-mail will be answered within 24 hours.

Please do not use this e-mail address to report crime – see below to report an incident online.

Or you can write to:

Enquiry desk:

Rotherham Police Station, Main Street, Rotherham, S60 1QY

❖ **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.

❖ **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

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