



VILLAGE WATCH



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➤ CRIME IN 2022

- ❖ The tables below show the total numbers of crimes recorded in North and South Anston, with the three highest percentage categories – which typically make up about a half to two thirds of the total number.

In South Anston the total number of crimes increased by 27 (16%). Public Order and Anti-social behaviour dropped in percentage terms, but not much in numbers; whereas Criminal damage and arson increased from 14 in 2021 to 22 offences last year to become the third highest percentage category.

SOUTH ANSTON	Year>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total no. >		154	141	190	193	168	195
CRIME CATEGORY	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Violence offences	19	26	22	27	30	29	
Other theft	34	30	29	15	17	18	
Criminal damage/arson	4	5	8	8	8	11	
Total of above %'s >	57	61	59	50	55	58	

North Anston had the lowest total number recorded since the changes to crime reporting in 2014. All categories apart from Other Theft and Shoplifting were down in number. The largest decrease was in Violence offences from 130 to 105, but still the highest percentage.

NORTH ANSTON	Year>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total no. >		336	335	346	415	398	329
CRIME CATEGORY	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Violence offences	21	27	33	39	33	32	
Anti-social behaviour	33	22	20	23	24	21	
Criminal damage/arson	10	15	7	7	10	11	
Total of above %'s >	64	64	60	70	67	64	

➤ STREET HARASSMENT

In the national Neighbourhood Watch Crime and Community Survey 2022, of those who had experienced crime in the past 12 months, 36% reported being harassed, threatened or verbally abused in the street - this is more than any other crime. The national charity is calling on bystanders to do more to safely intervene when they witness it.

The crime-prevention charity launched a campaign encouraging bystanders, when it is safe to do so, to ask 'Are you okay?' of the victim when they witness street harassment. The 'are you okay?' campaign is now being used in a north London council area in addition to action carried out by the police and the councils, including joint patrols, new mobile CCTV, outreach work with the local population and drop-ins for the community.

➤ ARE YOU OK? - SAFE SPACES

Anyone can experience domestic abuse or sexual violence. If anyone is hurting your mind or your body, that's not OK. If you or your family are in immediate danger don't be afraid to call the police on 999. Otherwise use the non-emergency number.

• Find a safe space

If you need to contact the police or support services, but it is not safe to do so from home, there are safe spaces you can access to make a call or to be signposted to help. Always contact the police on 999 if you or your children are in immediate danger.

• National "Ask for ANI" Scheme (ANI means Action Needed Immediately)

The Government has launched a national scheme using Boots pharmacies and some independent pharmacies. Participating pharmacies will display an **ASK FOR ANI** poster and if you need help, ask a

member of staff for ANI and they will take you to a private consultation room where you can contact the police or support services. **UK Says No More** Safe Spaces and **Ask for ANI** are highly complementary. **UK Says No More** has 6,000 Safe Spaces in pharmacies and banks across the UK, where anyone can go to call the domestic abuse helpline, support service, or to phone a loved one. Safe Spaces can also be used just to have a space to think about next steps.

- ❖ Help, advice and support are available from <https://www.areyouok.co.uk>.
- ❖ If you are experiencing domestic abuse, you are not alone. Contact the Freephone 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline, run by Refuge: 0808 2000 247
You can also find support and information including opening hours and the live web chat service and secure web contact form at www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk
- ❖ More information and main national helpline details can be found on the Government website <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/victim-and-witness-services#victim-support>

➤ 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.
- ❖ **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**
- ❖ **Areyouok?** Information and advice on violence and abuse: <https://www.areyouok.co.uk>
- ❖ **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>
- **South Anston Village Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:** Bryan Saunby: 01909 565194

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CRIMES REPORTED IN SOUTH ANSTON IN DECEMBER

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Aster Close	Burglary	Manor Farm Gdns	Anti-social behaviour
Bank Street	Other theft	Orchid Way	Violence offences x 4
Church Farm Court	Anti-social behaviour	Petrol Station	Other theft
Crowgate	Burglary	The Haven	Violence offences
First Lane	Criminal/arson	Wesley Place	Violence offences
First Lane	Other crime	Windsor Walk	Anti-social behaviour
Lilac Close	Burglary		

CRIMES REPORTED IN NORTH ANSTON IN DECEMBER

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Bennett Croft	Other theft	Ryton Road	Possession of weapons
Bennett Croft	Violence offences	Sanctuary Fields	Anti-social behaviour
Buttermere Close	Anti-social behaviour	Sunnyside Close	Vehicle crime x 2
Caldbeck Place	Burglary	The Green	Criminal/arson
Caperns Road	Anti-social behaviour	The Green	Public order x 2
Caperns Road	Other theft	The Green	
Caperns Road	Violence offences x 2	The Green	Shoplifting x 4
Hanging Bank Ct	Violence offences	The Green	Violence offences
Main Street	Violence offences	The Green	Other crime
Mulberry Road	Criminal/arson	Town Wells Court	Other theft
Mulberry Road	Violence offences x 3	Town Wells Court	Other crime
Netherthorpe Way	Violence offences	Woodland Drive	Anti-social behaviour
Park Avenue	Burglary		