



VILLAGE WATCH



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➤ CYBER CRIME AND CYBER SECURITY

- ❖ Cyber security is important because smartphones, computers and the internet are now a fundamental part of life for many people. From online banking and shopping, to email and social media, it's more important than ever to take steps that can prevent cyber criminals getting hold of our accounts, data, and devices.
- ❖ From a survey of over 25,000 people by the National Neighbourhood Watch, one fifth have been a victim of cybercrime. From fraudulent text messages from scammers posing as the NHS, to the selling of personal data on the dark web, the last few years have seen a sharp increase in cybercriminals exploiting those who are most in need.
- ❖ With fraud and scams now making up 42% of all major crimes in the UK, the strategies cybercriminals use to exploit their victims have evolved. National Neighbourhood Watch works with partner colleagues at cybersecurity firm Avast to provide useful tips that will keep you safe online. These include regularly performing software updates across your devices, as these often include security patches that help to prevent data breaches. It is strongly advised to use a different password for each account and for each device. In this way, if one account or device becomes compromised, the rest are still secure. The use of three random words, numbers, and symbols helps to make passwords harder to decipher, while two-factor authentication (in which you receive a security code via phone message or email before logging in) adds a vitally important extra layer of security.
- ❖ Avast also recommends changing default passwords that come with new devices, and explains how using a password manager can help to manage passwords and keep them secure – particularly useful when they are more complicated and harder to remember.
- ❖ **Useful resources**
 - Cyber Aware - general advice on how to stay secure online from the UK's National Cyber Security Centre:
<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware/home>
 - Phishing - spot and report scam emails, texts, websites and calls:
<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/phishing-scams>
 - Support to young people - activities for parents/carers to use with young people at home (see 'The Game' and 'Home Activities'):
<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/cybersprinters>
 - Infographics: a set of one page summaries of how to prevent, recognise and deal with cyber attacks. It includes Backing up your data, Ransomware - prevention and recovery, Shopping online securely, Protect devices from viruses and malware, Phishing attacks: dealing with suspicious emails, Using passwords to protect your devices and data, Sextortion phishing scams: how to protect yourself, A guide to recovering your hacked online accounts, Buying and selling used devices, Data breaches guidance for individuals & families. These guides can be downloaded and printed:
<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/infographics-ncsc>
 - NCSC Guidance for Individuals and Families: - a very comprehensive guide that includes what is cybersecurity, dealing with common cyber problems, data breaches, buying and selling second-hand devices and more:
<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/information-for/individuals-families>
 - Have I been pwned? - check if your email address has been compromised at:
<https://haveibeenpwned.com>
 - Random Password Generator - automatically generate unique passwords for all of your online accounts
<https://www.avast.com/random-password-generator#pc>
 - No more ransom - learn more about ransomware at:
<https://www.nomoreransom.org/en/index.html>

➤ **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**
Advice for Victims: on the home page of SYP, information about support and useful contact details of other supporting agencies you can access.
 From the above page, there is a link to **Domestic Abuse: The Silent Solution**. This is when you call 999 but are unable to speak to the operator. The operator will ask you a series of questions - they may ask you to cough, or make a noise, or press a button on your phone, so they know you are listening to them. They will then ask you to press '55' on your keypad. This lets the operator know that you are in an emergency situation and require urgent help.
- ❖ **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>
- ❖ **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
National Cyber Security Centre NCSC: You can report a suspicious website link or URL using the form in this link: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/about-this-website/report-scam-website>
- ❖ **Advertising Standards Authority (ASA):** Report an online scam ad at: <https://www.asa.org.uk/make-a-complaint/report-an-online-scam-ad.html>
- ❖ **South Anston Village Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:** Bryan Saunby: 01909 565194

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CRIMES REPORTED IN SOUTH ANSTON IN FEBRUARY

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Bank Street	Anti-social behaviour	Pembroke Rise	Anti-social behaviour
Brookfield Mews	Anti-social behaviour	Petrol Station	Criminal damage/arson
Church Court	Burglary	Petrol Station	Other theft x 2
Freesia Close	Vehicle crime	Playground	Anti-social behaviour
Lidsters Lane	Other theft	Willow Close	Criminal damage/arson
Orchid Way	Violence offences	Willow Close	Public order

CRIMES REPORTED IN NORTH ANSTON IN FEBRUARY

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Brook Croft	Anti-social behaviour	Oakdale Road	Violence offences
Brook Croft	Burglary	Ryton Road	Violence offences
Brook Mews	Criminal damage/arson	Sanctuary Fields	Anti-social behaviour
Buttermere Close	Criminal damage/arson	Scarborough Close	Criminal damage/arson
Caperns Road	Burglary	The Green	Anti-social behaviour
Caperns Road	Violence offences x 2	The Green	Burglary
Granary Court	Vehicle crime	The Green	Criminal damage/arson
Greenland Close	Public order	The Orchard	Burglary
Greenlands Rise	Criminal damage/arson	White Gate	Criminal damage/arson
Lakeland Drive	Vehicle crime	Windmill Road	Criminal damage/arson
Limekilns	Anti-social behaviour	Woodland Avenue	Anti-social behaviour
Memory Lane	Vehicle crime	Wright Street	Anti-social behaviour
Mulberry Road	Violence offences	Yew Tree Avenue	Burglary
Newcastle Close	Burglary	Yew Tree Avenue	Violence offences