



# VILLAGE WATCH



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## ➤ NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND COMMUNITIES

- ❖ In a survey conducted by the National Neighbourhood Watch, from 20,000 responses from Neighbourhood Watch members and non-members, the presence of an active or visible Neighbourhood Watch local group helps people feel safer. The crime prevention and community charity has been established for over 40 years and is well recognised for being community focussed and neighbourly. Two-thirds of those in the survey thought that Neighbourhood Watch groups contribute to community health and wellbeing, strengthen community spirit, and represent our local community.
- ❖ There were still, however, many people who think it is part of or an extension of the police and not the independent charity it is. Neighbourhood Watch encourages neighbours to unite to create safer, stronger and more active communities. In most areas, but not all, this involves working closely with the police as partners to ensure the community's voice is heard.
- ❖ The 90,000 Neighbourhood Watch volunteer Coordinators across England and Wales are supported on a force area level by Associations run by dedicated volunteers and on a national level by Neighbourhood Watch Network – an independent umbrella charity.

## ➤ IMMOBILISE - THE UK'S NATIONAL PROPERTY REGISTER

- ❖ If you haven't already come across **Immobilise.com**, it's a free and invaluable tool against property crime. With close links to police and other law enforcement agencies, officers routinely check the database to try to match recovered lost or stolen items with their rightful owners.
- ❖ It has been 20 years since the site launched and it's now the world's largest free register of possession ownership details. Over 25 million users worldwide have registered over 35 million items of property.
- ❖ By logging your possessions, you can increase your chances of them being returned to you if they are recovered. Any updates you make – such as flagging an item as lost or stolen – are immediately available to police nationally and keeping a detailed log of your valuables can help to simplify insurance claims and police reports. The Immobilise register is also linked with CheckMEND (**checkmend.com/uk**), the second-hand stolen property database, which can help detect stolen items and prevent them from being traded. It is used by the UK's phone recycling industry to help protect them from accepting or handling stolen goods. It is recommended by eBay and is also used by consumers globally who wish to check that goods such as mobile devices, tablets and computers, etc. are not stolen, counterfeit or blocked.
- ❖ Any item with a unique identifier can be registered on Immobilise – from mobile phones and laptops to bikes, jewellery and musical instruments. If your item doesn't have a serial number, or anything else that might help to identify it, using a marking product like a UV pen or asset label could prove useful. Adding a touch of uniqueness will help to match the item back to you as the owner. A number of marking products are sold through the Immobilise online shop, but the system will accept any identifiers, from any third party. Visibly marking items as being registered – through labels or window stickers for your home, for example – can even help to deter thieves.
- ❖ How is Immobilise so popular? I'd not heard of it until now!  
Although Immobilise has been in operation for over two decades, the free nature of the service means advertising budgets have been all but non-existent. However, the ongoing support of police and other organisations that hold marking/registration events, plus the efforts of retailers offering free registration at the point of sale, have helped to make Immobilise the largest service of its kind in the world.
- ❖ Why do the police support Immobilise?  
For the police, the free Immobilise property registration service is a very powerful tool in the fight against crime. Immobilise, along with many other information sources, is linked directly to the police system, the NMPR. The system allows officers to search the serial numbers of recovered goods or suspected stolen property and then take action accordingly.
- ❖ Immobilise receives no central funding, but is primarily supported by revenue derived from sales of marking products that are available via the online shop **shop.immobilise.com** and several retail outlets.

➤ **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](http://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 MARCH**

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Petrol Sation	Criminal damage/arson	Mill Lane	Other crime
Petrol Sation	Other theft	Orchid Way	Violence offences
Petrol Sation	Public order	Second Lane	Anti-social behaviour
Petrol Sation	Robbery	Second Lane	Vehicle crime
First Lane	Anti-social behaviour	Sheffield Road	Shoplifting
First Lane	Criminal damage/arson	West Street	Vehicle crime
Lidsters Lane	Other theft x 2	Wilberforce Road	Violence offences x 2
Lobelia Court	Violence offences		

**CRIMES REPORTED IN NORTH ANSTON IN MARCH**

Brook Mews	Vehicle crime	Park Avenue	Burglary
Caperns Road	Burglary	Poplar View	Burglary
Caperns Road	Criminal damage/arson	The Green	Shoplifting x 6
Caperns Road	Violence offences	The Green	Violence offences x 3
Coniston Close	Violence offences	The Rise	Violence offences
Cramfit Close	Anti-social behaviour	The Rise	Other crime
Grasmere Close	Vehicle crime	Town Wells Court	Violence offences
Greenlands Rise	Burglary	Wellington Avenue	Vehicle crime
Leeds Avenue	Criminal damage/arson	White Gate	Public order
Limekilns	Anti-social behaviour	Willow Chase	Other theft
Limekilns	Criminal damage/arson	Wright Street	Criminal damage/arson
Memory Lane	Drugs	Wright Street	Robbery
Nursery Crescent	Vehicle crime		