



VILLAGE WATCH



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➤ FIRE IN YOUR HOME

In the year ending June 2019, 215 people lost their lives due to a fire at home. You are around eight times more likely to die from a fire if you don't have a working smoke alarm in your home.

❖ Would your smoke alarm save you?

- install smoke alarms on every floor of your home, including in each bedroom
- do not put a smoke alarm in a kitchen or bathroom
- test your smoke alarms at least once a month
- don't ever paint over a smoke alarm
- have a plan for how you'd leave your home if your smoke alarms go off, and make sure everyone in your home knows what it is

❖ Causes of house fires:

- cooking fires are the main causes of fire in the home
- every six days someone dies in a fire started by smoking materials
- two accidental dwelling fires a day are started by candles
- faulty electrics cause about 4,000 fires in the home each year

❖ Cut the risk of fire in your home

- never leave children in a kitchen cooking unattended – ideally, always stay in the kitchen, especially if you're cooking with fat
- do not pour water onto hot fat
- never, ever use a chip pan or any other pan filled with hot oil
- keep electrical appliances clean and in good working order to prevent them triggering a fire
- don't overload electric sockets – most can only take a maximum of 13 amps, any more can start a fire
- when you finish a cigarette make sure it is right out – take special care when putting out cigarettes on balconies – just because you are outside doesn't stop a fire starting
- put candles in a holder and keep them away from things that may burn – never leave them burning when you're not in the room
- keep matches and lighters away from children
- keep clothes well away from heaters and open fires
- put out cigarettes properly and dispose of them carefully
- don't charge mobile phones, tablets or e-cigs overnight, or longer than they need
- a lot of fires start at night – do some checks before you go to bed

➤ A LOOK AT 2019

❖ What happened in crime terms over the last 12 months?

South Anston saw a total increase of 35% to 190 crimes; the largest increase being in Burglary, almost doubling from 2018. The highest category remained Other theft 55 (29%), followed by Violence offences 42 (22%), and Burglary moving up to third at 28 (15%), with Anti-social behaviour 18 (9%).

North Anston saw an increase of just over 25% to 346, with the highest category remaining Violence offences 113 (33%), then Anti-social behaviour 68 (20%), and Burglary 39 moving into third at 11% even though the actual number decreased from 43 in 2018. The 2018 third category was Criminal damage and arson which dropped from 51 to 25.

Across Rother Valley South the total increase of 12% from 10,1571 in 2018 to 11,1878 in 2019
The highest three categories remained Violence offences 13,538 (30%), then Anti-social behaviour 2,301(19%), and Criminal damage and arson 1,225 (10%).

➤ **CONTACTS**

❖ **SY Police:**

- **Emergencies:** call 999: when there is a threat to life (including road 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 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. A crime can also be reported on the main SYP web page Report an incident online: As an alternative to 101, you can report a non-emergency incident online at <http://www.southyorks.police.uk> - click on **Report something**

South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue: offer Home Safety Checks to people who are considered to be particularly at risk of fire. Call 0114 272 7202 or see <http://www.syfire.gov.uk/safety-advice>

- ❖ **Crimestoppers:** you can 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 by completing an online form at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org>

- ❖ **Crime Prevention - police site:** <https://www.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice>

SYP: <https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk> - under **Useful links**

Crime Prevention - independent Crime Prevention and Home Security advice:

<https://thecrimepreventionwebsite.com>

- ❖ **Action Fraud:** the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cyber crime where you should report fraud if you have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cyber crime. To make a report contact the Action Fraud contact centre on 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 Specialist fraud advisers are available Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm; Saturday 9am to 5pm; Sunday 10am to 5pm

- ❖ **South Anston Village Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:** Bryan Saunby: 01909 565194

CRIMES REPORTED IN DECEMBER IN SOUTH ANSTON

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Bank Street	Criminal damage/arson	Lockwood Ave	Vehicle crime
Bank Street	Vehicle crime x 3	Mill Lane	Violence offences
High Ash Drive	Burglary	Pembroke Rise	Burglary
Lilac Close	Burglary	Petrol Station	Anti-social behaviour
Manor Farm Gdns	Criminal damage/arson	Petrol Station	Other theft
Manor Farm Gdns	Public order	The Haven	Criminal damage/arson
Lobelia Court	Burglary	The Haven	Vehicle crime
Lobelia Court	Criminal damage/arson	The Haven	Violence offences
Lobelia Court	Violence offences	West Street	Anti-social behaviour

CRIMES REPORTED IN DECEMBER IN NORTH ANSTON

Crime on or near	Crime Category	Crime on or near	Crime Category
Back Lane	Burglary	Oakdale Road	Violence offences
Brook Mews	Anti-social behaviour	Patterdale Way	Anti-social behaviour
Brook Mews	Vehicle crime	Rutland Avenue	Criminal damage/arson
Caperns Road	Robbery	Scarborough Cls	Burglary
Caperns Road	Violence offences	Sikes Road	Criminal damage/arson
Cramfit Close	Violence offences	Sports/rec Area	Anti-social behaviour
Cramfit Road	Burglary	The Green	Public order
Devonshire Drive	Vehicle crime	The Orchard	Vehicle crime
Eastwood Avenue	Vehicle crime	The Oval	Anti-social behaviour
Falcon Way	Anti-social behaviour	The Oval	Violence offences
Grasmere Close	Violence offences	Ullswater Close	Burglary
Hawkshead Cres	Burglary	Windmill Road	Violence offences
Houghton Road	Violence offences x 2	Woodland Drive	Violence offences
Mulberry Road	Other theft		