

Is newsandstar.co.uk legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

newsandstar.co.uk

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

newsandstar.co.uk appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-04 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Homepage of News & Star, an established Newsquest-owned local newspaper covering Cumbria news, crime, sport, business, property, events, and public notices. The page promotes subscriptions and newsletters and carries local advertising while clearly disclosing corporate ownership, registration details, address, policies, and IPSO editorial oversight.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	25 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by GeoTrust TLS RSA CA G1	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.
- The operator behind the site could not be independently connected to a real-world brand or person.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is an established local newspaper and digital news portal serving Cumbria, presenting regional news, crime and court reporting, sport, business, property, events, public notices, and community information through a subscription-, advertising-, and listings-supported publishing model.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No identity contradictions, phishing indicators, impersonation signals, or other substantive fraud indicators were observed. The long-established domain, significant readership footprint, consistent News & Star branding, and clean external threat reputation converge with the homepage's mature local-news content to support the site's legitimacy. Interactive testing identified no hidden forms, external password forms, wallet activity, clipboard interference, or cloaking.

- The domain registration record shows registration on 3 December 2001, making it approximately 24.68 years old; it is registered through Newsquest Media Group Limited t/a Newsquest Digital Media and currently expires on 3 December 2027.
- The homepage consistently identifies the service as News & Star and presents extensive Cumbria-focused editorial sections, including local news, courts, emergency services, sport, business, property, and public notices.
- External reputation checks recorded 0 malicious and 0 suspicious detections, no malicious safe-browsing finding, no reported abuse, and no matched threat signatures.
- The site holds an established traffic position at rank 50,962 globally and a mid-level page-authority footprint.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The website transparently presents Newsquest ownership, registered-company information, a physical address, editorial policies, and an established complaints process under IPSO oversight. These disclosures provide a coherent legal and editorial identity appropriate to a UK local-news publisher. The site does not present itself as a financial broker or other business requiring the type of investment licensing covered by broker-intelligence sources, and no conflicting legal-entity names were identified.

- The homepage identifies Newsquest as the corporate owner and provides registered-company details and a physical address.
- The site's policy and complaints disclosures identify IPSO editorial oversight and explain the available editorial complaint process.

- The homepage describes a conventional publishing model based on digital subscriptions, advertising, classifieds, public notices, and related local listings.
- Third-party broker-context data contains no match for the site, consistent with its disclosed role as a news publisher rather than a brokerage service.

What to Verify Next

Prospective subscribers should review the current subscription price, renewal and cancellation conditions before purchase. Users relying on published material for legal, financial, or safety-sensitive decisions should distinguish reported information from primary official records and use the disclosed editorial complaint route where accuracy is disputed.

- The homepage promotes digital subscriptions and a digital edition, making the associated commercial terms relevant before purchase.
- The homepage provides links to policies and a formal editorial complaint process.
- The site publishes time-sensitive reporting across crime, courts, emergency services, business, property, and local government, where primary-source confirmation may be appropriate for consequential decisions.

Summary Verdict

The site is a legitimate, established, and trustworthy local-news service with a coherent identity, mature publishing operation, clean reputation, and no observed contradictions. The combined identity, content, provenance, behavioral, and reputation evidence supports a high degree of confidence in normal use.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is served through Microsoft Corporation infrastructure with a trusted CDN/WAF configuration. The observed address was an edge server, while the origin remained shielded; this reduces direct infrastructure exposure but is treated as a security control rather than independent proof of legitimacy. Transport encryption is valid and uses standard domain validation.

- The hosting infrastructure is served from AS8075 (Microsoft Corporation), with the observed edge address located in the United States.
- The TLS certificate was issued by GeoTrust TLS RSA CA G1 with DV validation and is valid until 10 December 2026.
- All observed addresses were CDN edge infrastructure, with one edge IP and no exposed origin candidate.

Closing Assessment

Normal interaction, including account login, subscription management, and standard use of the service, is appropriate; routine review of commercial terms remains sufficient for paid engagement.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-04 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
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Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	50%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of newsandstar.co.uk.

- The request stayed on newsandstar.co.uk. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Newsquest Media Group Limited t/a Newsquest Digital Media [Tag = NEWSCOMM]. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by azure-dns.com, across 4 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-12-03. CLEAR
- It is hosted on MICROSOFT-CORP-MSN-AS-BLOCK, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Newsquest Media Group Limited t/a Newsquest Digital Media [Tag = NEWSCOMM]
Hosting	MICROSOFT-CORP-MSN-AS-BLOCK - Microsoft Corporation, US
Country	US
Server IP	20.90.133.1
Name servers	ns1-01.azure-dns.com, ns2-01.azure-dns.net, ns3-01.azure-dns.org, ns4-01.azure-dns.info
SSL issuer	GeoTrust TLS RSA CA G1
SSL expiry	2026-12-10
Domain age	24.7 years
Domain expiry	2027-12-03
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about newsandstar.co.uk at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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