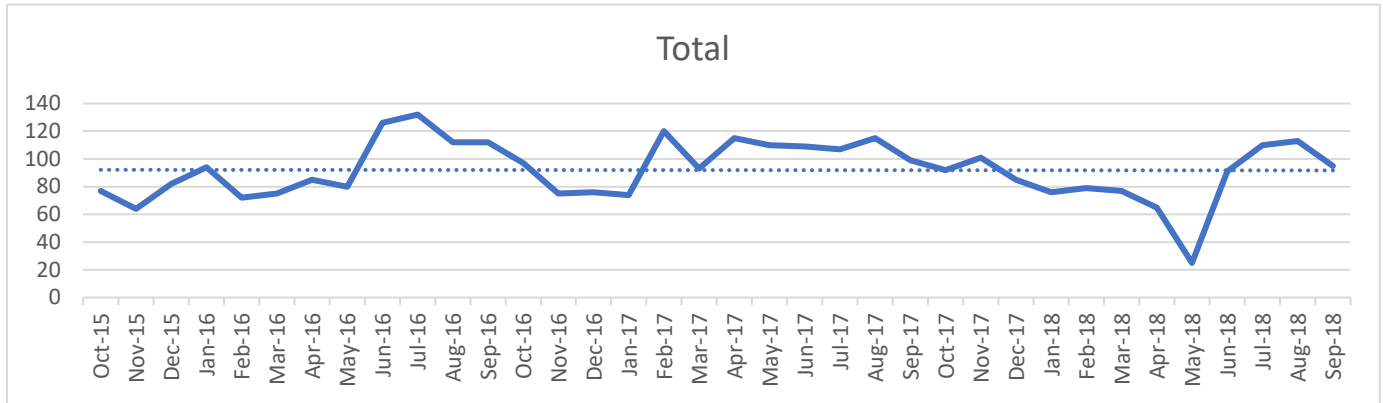




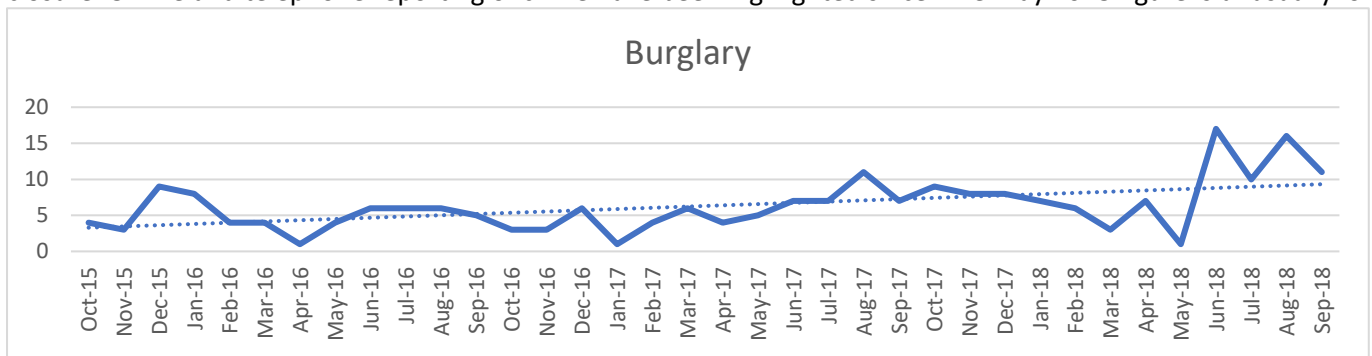
# Whittlesey and District Neighbourhood Watch

Crime Statistics for Whittlesey and District Area October 2015 – September 2018

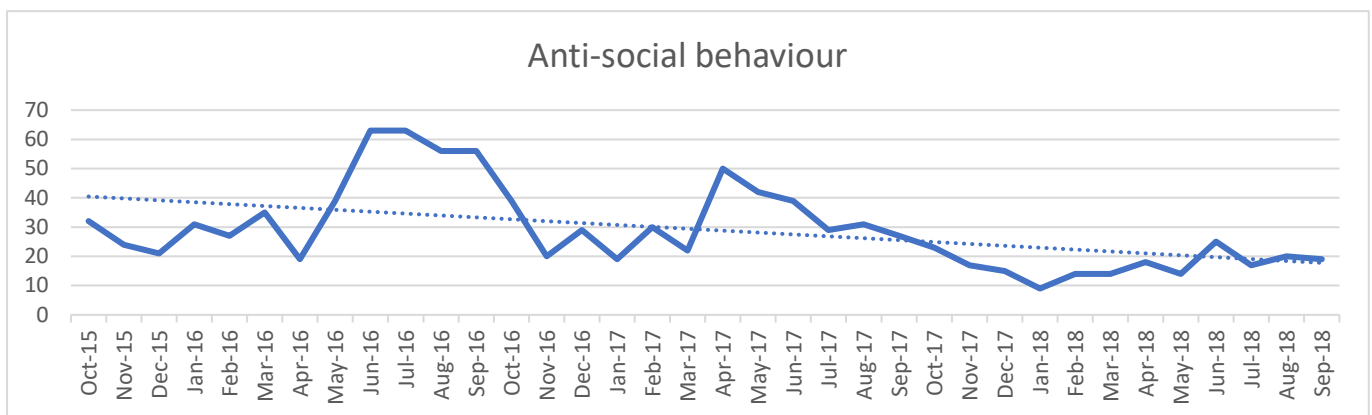
The source of these figures is the Police.Uk website. The figures are for reported crime in the area.



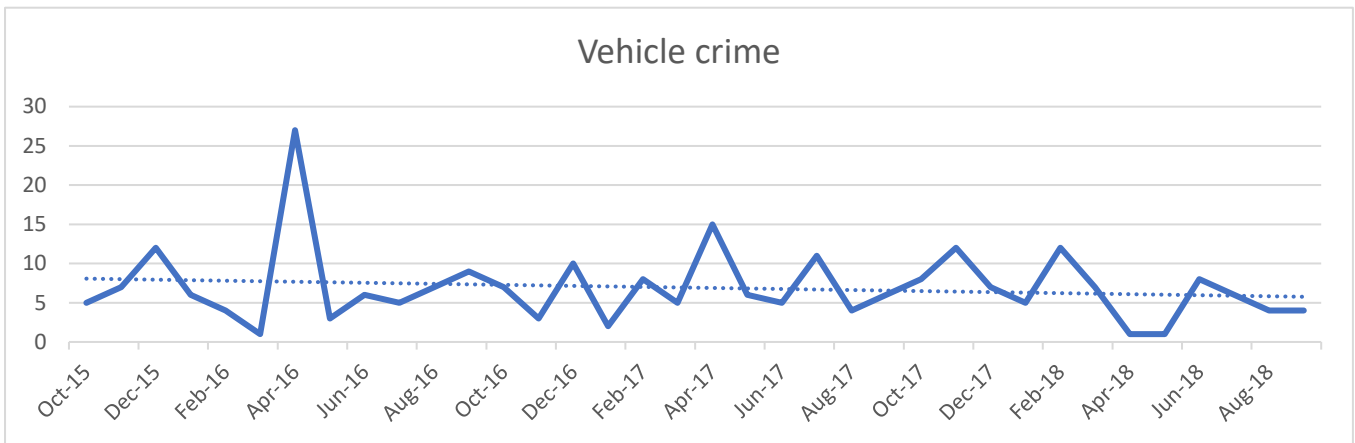
The overall crime rate is relatively static although there was a significant reduction in crime following the closure of the police station in August 2016. A heightened awareness of crime due to the publicity surrounding the closure could have contributed to this fall. The figures do not show an adverse impact on overall crime as a result of the closure. Online and telephone reporting of crime have been highlighted since. The May 2018 figure is unusually low.



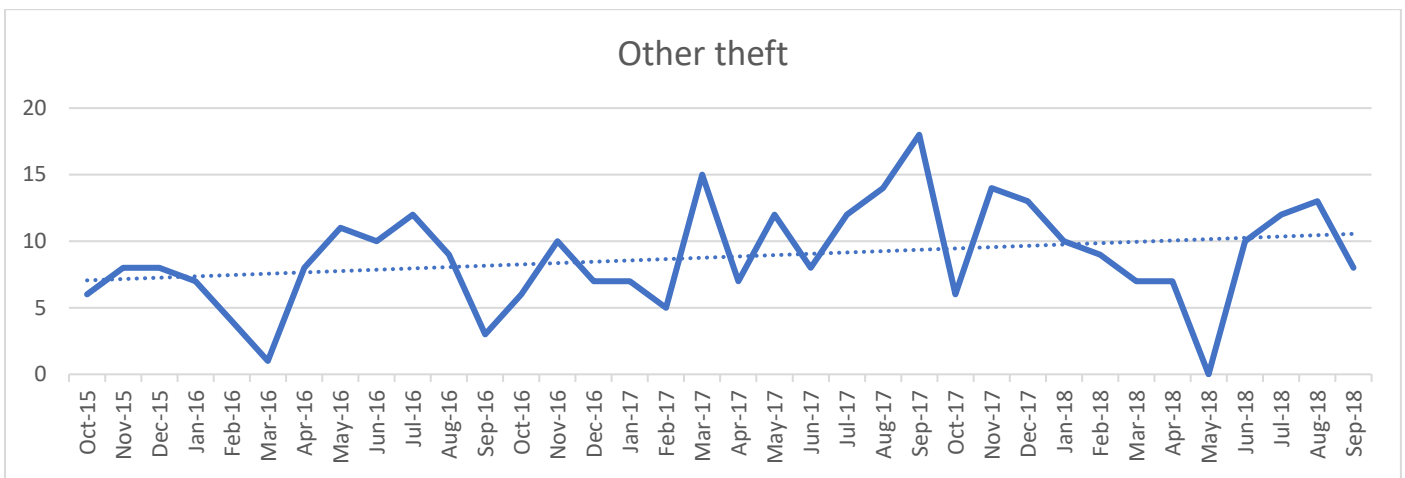
Burglary has seen a significant rise during May 2018 - August 2018 - overall the trend is rising. Neighbourhood Watch victim visits indicate that an improvement in simple security procedures taken by homeowners could reduce this figure.



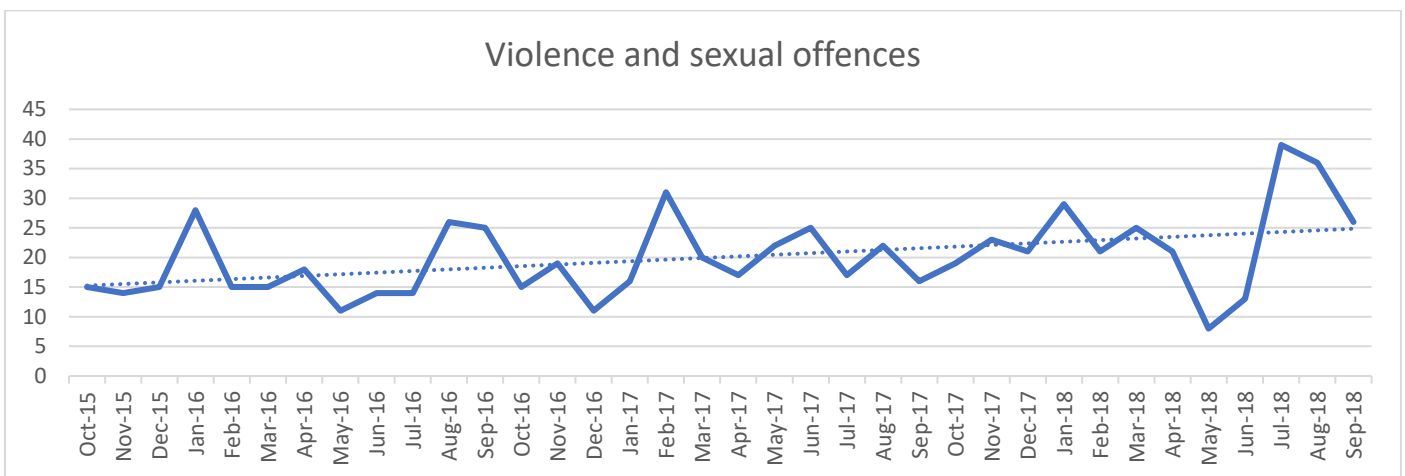
Reports of Anti-social behaviour have reduced - 2018 saw a lower than usual rise during the summer.



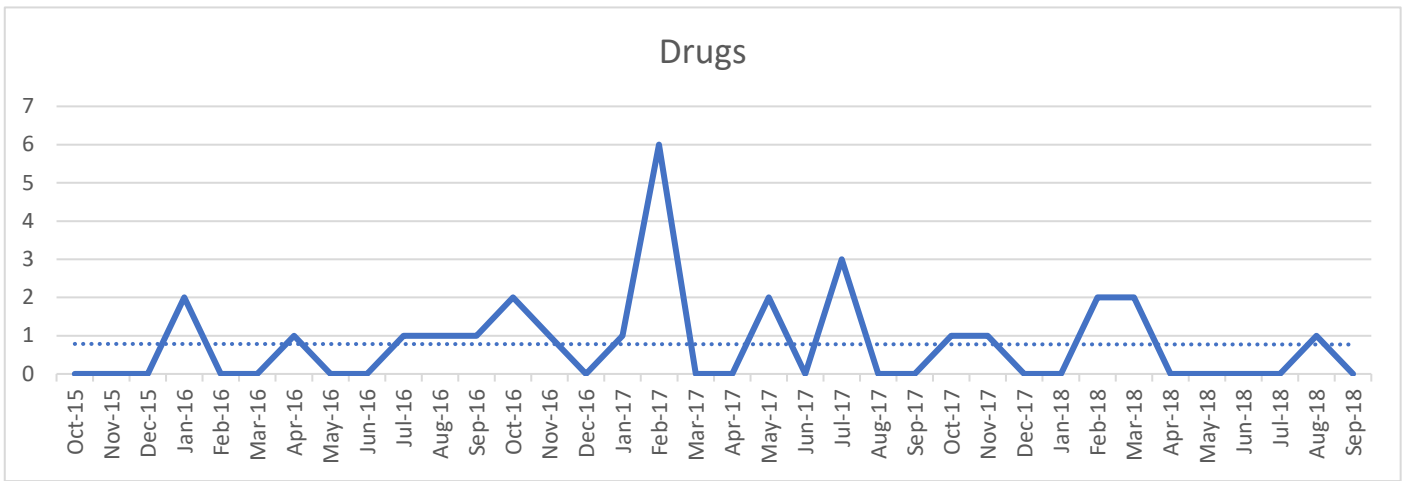
Vehicle crime: overall trend is falling and as this crime is usually reported this is a good indicator. It is likely that this could be reduced by owner action including more consideration of security and the removal of expensive items when parked.



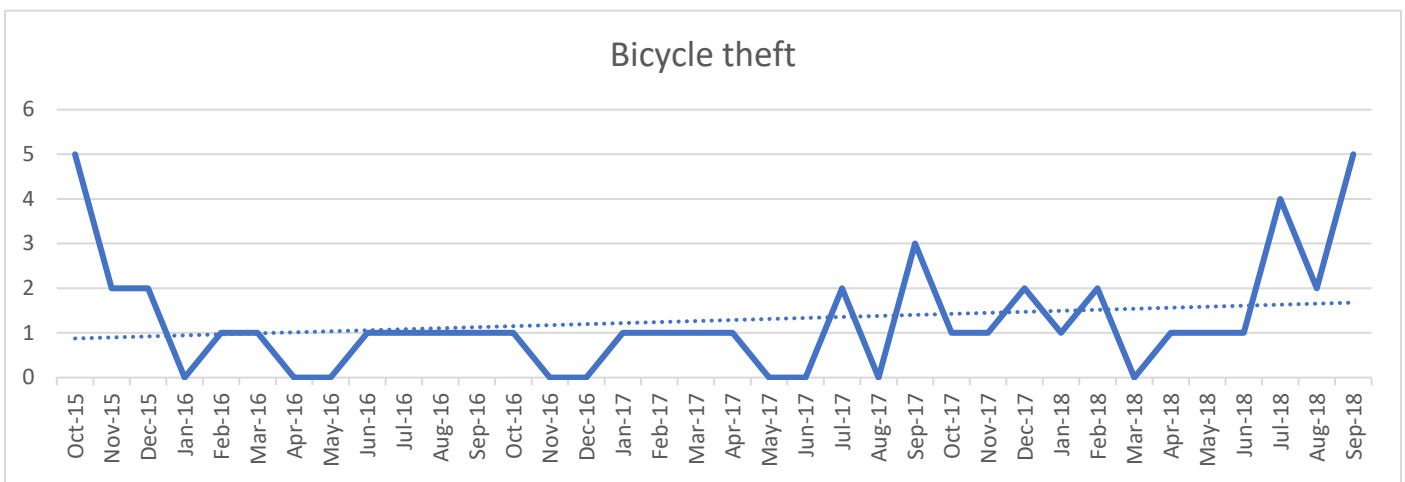
Other Theft includes theft by an employee, blackmail and making off without payment. Other theft is usually higher in May -Aug. Figures from 2018 lower than 2017 and peak later than usual. The trend is rising.



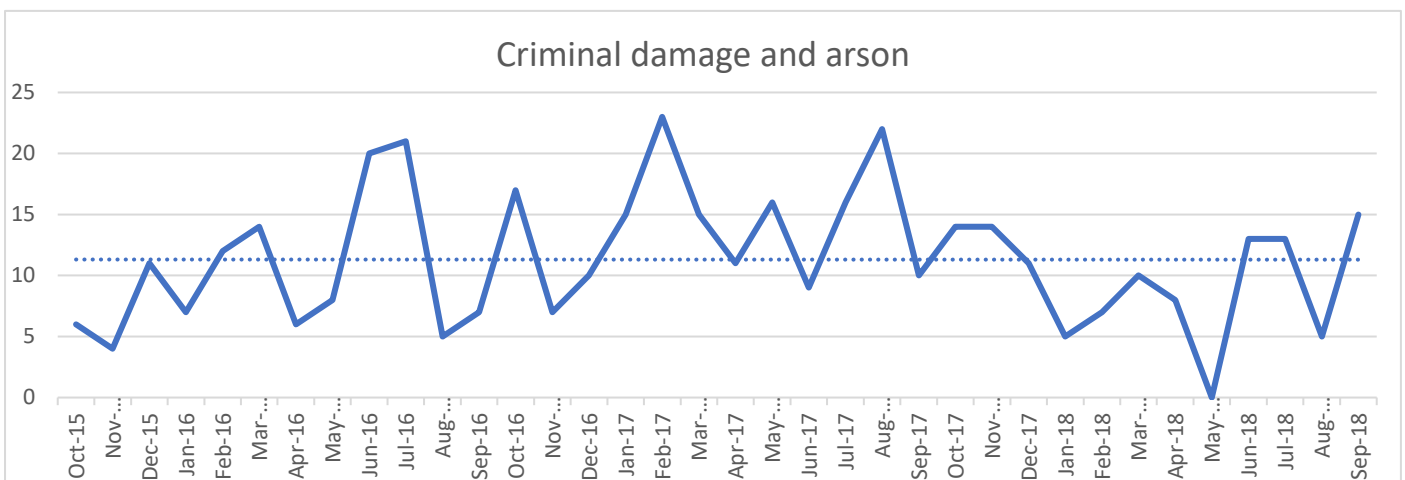
This category includes offences against the person such as common assaults, Grievous Bodily Harm and sexual offences. Violence and sexual offences usually peak Jan/Feb but this year unusual very high peak in July. The high peak affects the trend which is shown as rising but would be falling otherwise. Figures now falling.



The reported use of drugs is low. Anecdotal evidence would suggest that the use of cannabis is much higher but not reported.



Bicycle Theft has increased - the seasonal rise is higher than usual with an increased trend. Better owner security could reduce this figure.



Criminal damage to buildings includes damage to buildings and vehicles and deliberate damage by fire. The figure for 2018 did not show a June/July peak as marked as other years. Generally the figures are lower for 2018 than 2017.