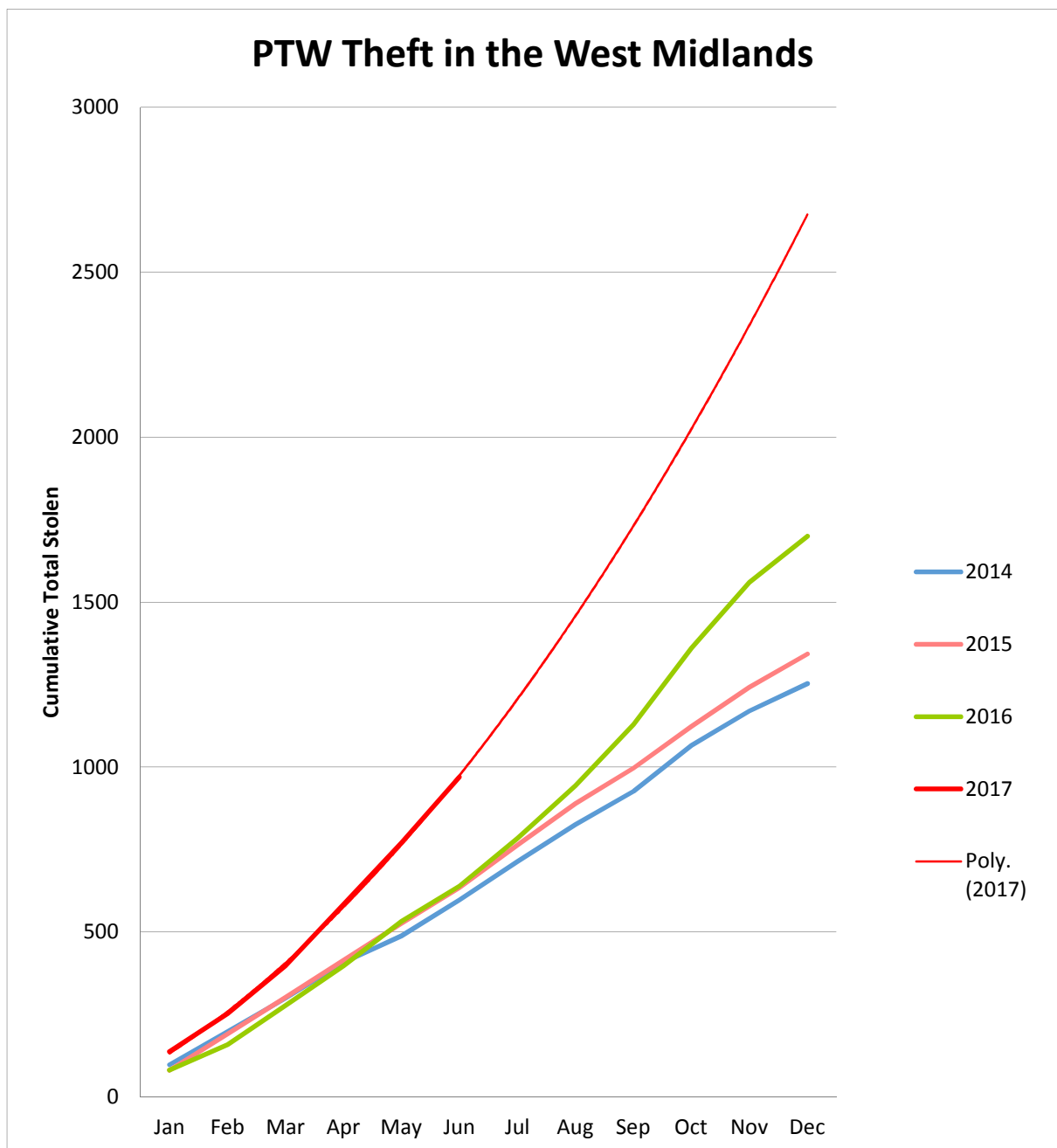
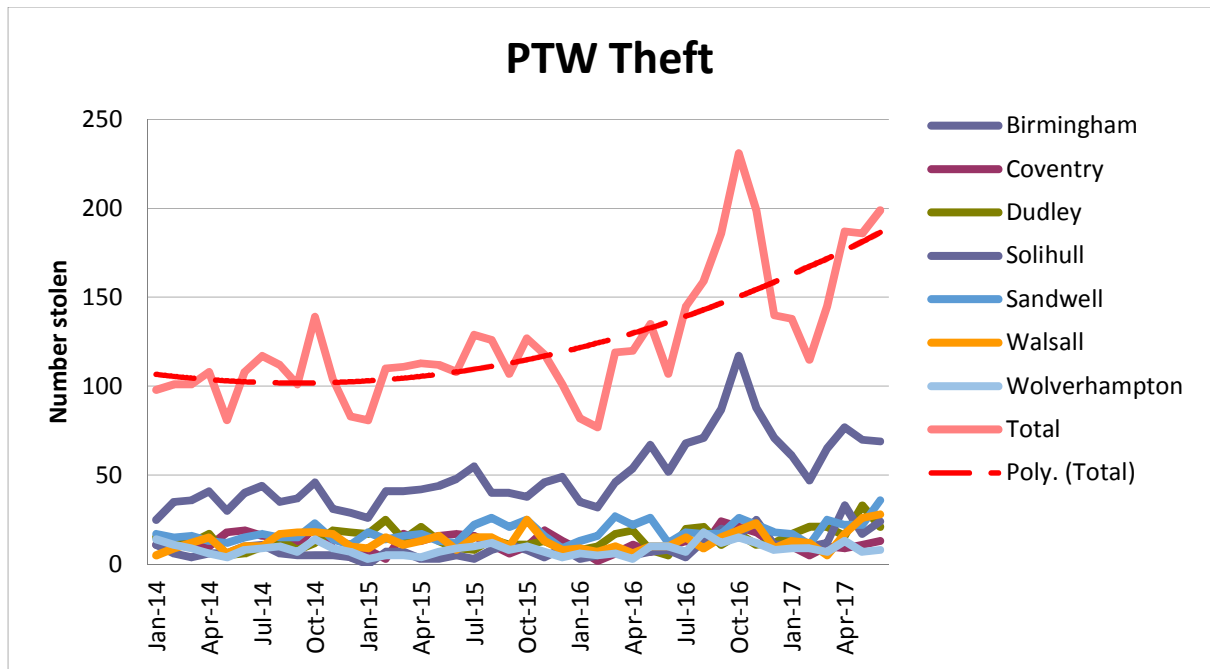


West Midlands PTW Theft: the Facts

Over the last 12 months the growth in PTW theft which was increasing steadily has accelerated.

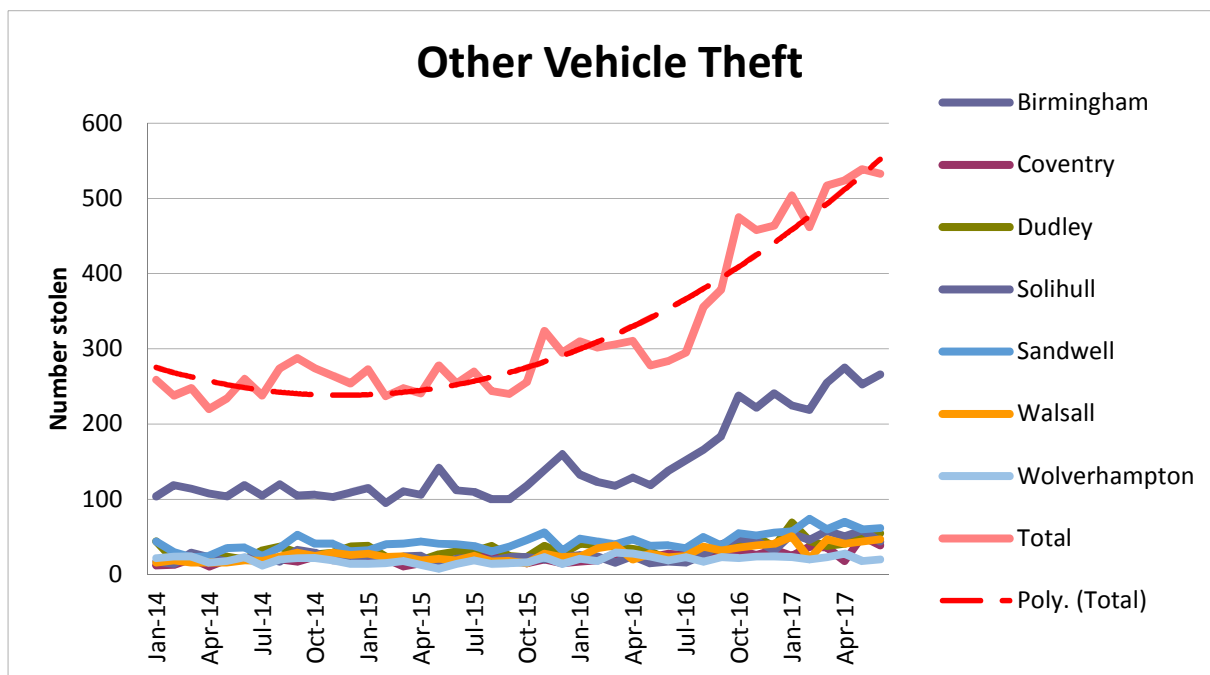
Numbers of motorcycles and scooters stolen in the West Midlands stood at 1,252 in 2014, rising to 1,343 in 2015. However, in 2016 numbers increased by over 26% to 1,700 and the first 6 months of 2017 show a 51% increase on the same period in 2016.



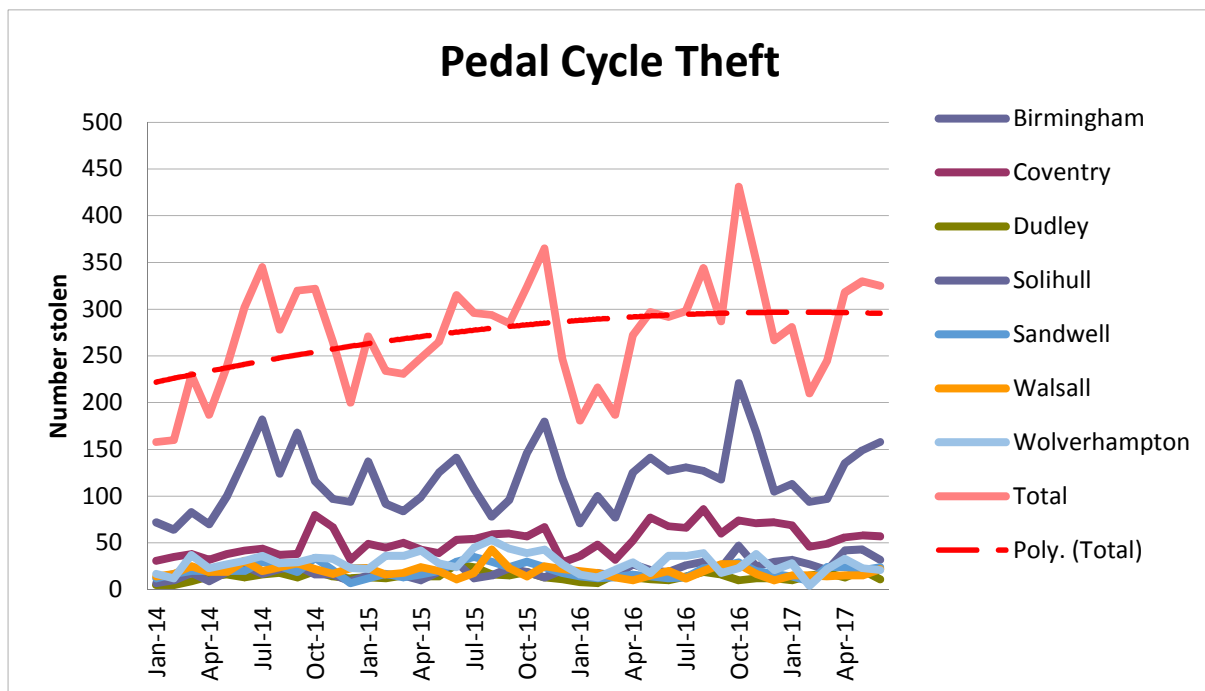


The graph above shows a significant spike in October 2016. One cannot help but assume there is a correlation here with the antisocial use of PTW's seen in the "Halloween Ride" of last year

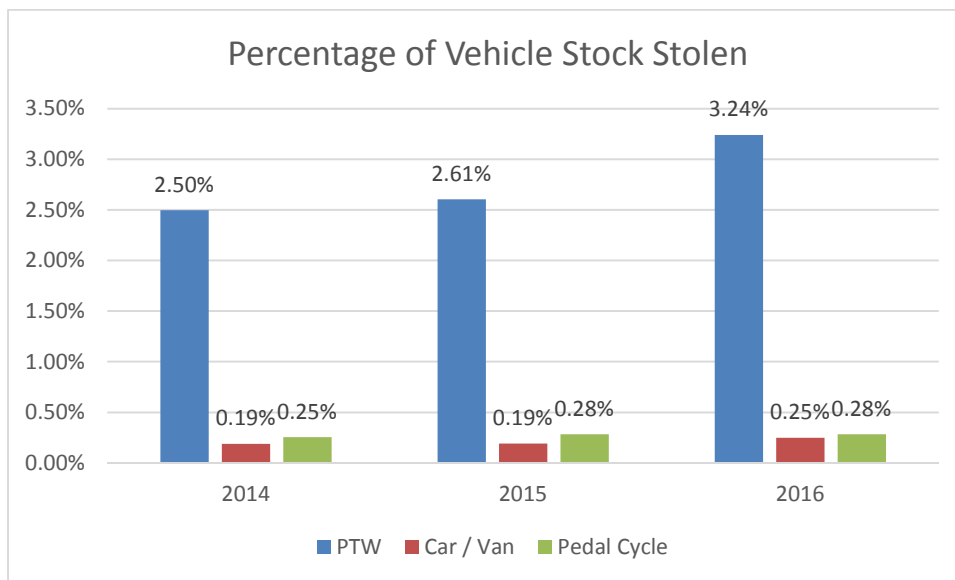
Theft of 4 wheeled vehicles in the West Midlands is also increasing:



Theft rates of pedal cycles by contrast seem to be relatively stable:



It is important to consider the scale of the problem in relative terms. When comparing the number of thefts as a proportion of the number of vehicles in the region a very worrying issue is revealed:



As can be seen the probability of a PTW being stolen in 2016 was 13 times more than for a car. On current figures for 2017 the likelihood of a PTW being stolen is over 16 times higher than for a car.

Urgent action is needed in the West Midlands to curb this trend which shows significant indications that it will follow London in terms of the scale of the issue.