

# The Walton Neighbourhood Watch Group

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# Newsletter



## AUTUMN / WINTER 2025

In this edition:

We send regular email details of burglaries and vehicle crimes, courtesy of Elmbridge police. We also have access to the underlying data for all neighbourhood crime, and so below is an update of *all* Neighbourhood crime types from Jan '22 to Mar '25, with a comparison between years and identifying trends.

*John Haberfield*

### Crime map review

As before, our crime data is grouped by electoral wards. *(For anyone uncertain of the boundaries of the wards, there's a map at the end of this article).* To provide a reasonable comparison, we have reviewed data in the new format dating back to Jan 2022 and up to the latest available data.

First, to set the scene for crime rates, let's view how Elmbridge compares with the rest of Surrey.

TOTAL No. CRIMES IN JAN-JUN 2025 PER 1,000 HOUSEHOLDS	Violence and sexual offences	Anti-social behaviour	Public order	Criminal damage and arson	Shoplifting	Other theft	Vehicle crime	Burglary	Drugs	Other crime	Possession of weapons	Bicycle theft	Theft from the person	Robbery	TOTAL
Spelthorne	41	19	11	9	9	8	7	4	5	3	1	1	1	1	119
Guildford	45	16	12	10	9	7	4	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	115
Woking	41	17	12	10	7	8	5	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	113
Runnymede	38	17	10	9	9	7	6	4	6	2	1	1	0	1	110
Epsom and Ewell	36	19	9	8	8	7	9	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	109
Reigate and Banstead	37	14	9	8	7	6	5	3	3	3	1	0	0	0	96
Tandridge	30	13	9	7	6	6	6	4	5	2	1	0	0	0	90
Mole Valley	29	14	7	8	7	6	4	5	3	2	1	0	1	0	86
Surrey Heath	30	12	8	7	5	6	4	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	80
<b>Elmbridge</b>	27	10	7	6	4	5	5	3	3	2	1	1	0	0	75
Waverley	21	8	6	5	4	5	3	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	57
SURREY	34	14	9	8	7	6	5	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	94

An analysis of the national crime data for Surrey for the half year Jan-Jun 2025 reveals that Elmbridge (*highlighted yellow*) continues to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest overall crime rate out of the 11 boroughs in Surrey!.

Of the 14 neighbourhood crime types, the 4 highest rates in previous years (*highlighted orange*) had been Violence & Sexual Offences, Anti-social Behaviour, Public Order, and Criminal Damage & Arson, accounting for 64.7% of the total crime.

These are also closely related, as often an ASB offence could easily become a violence offence (if the suspect pushes someone), or a public order offence (if the activities intimidate innocent bystanders), or a criminal damage offence (if the activities result in something being damaged).

Looking at these 4 crime types combined provides a much smoother crime trend. *(Within Elmbridge, Violence and Sexual Offences were rarely sexual and most violent crimes were common assault.)*

Next, let's compare the crime data for the 16 electoral wards within Elmbridge.

TOTAL No. CRIMES IN JAN-JUN 2025 PER 1,000 HOUSEHOLDS	Violence and sexual offences	Anti-social behaviour	Public order	Criminal damage and arson	Vehicle crime	Other theft	Shoplifting	Drugs	Burglary	Other crime	Bicycle theft	Possession of weapons	Robbery	Theft from the person	TOTAL
Walton Central	34.9	20.0	8.7	12.1	8.2	8.2	18.2	4.9	1.5	1.8	2.8	0.5	1.5	0.0	123.3
Cobham and Downside	33.5	17.5	10.8	14.2	7.4	6.5	10.2	3.1	3.4	1.5	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.0	108.9
Walton North	37.8	14.5	17.5	4.3	5.8	7.1	0.6	6.8	2.2	4.9	1.8	2.5	0.0	0.3	106.2
Weybridge Riverside	35.1	13.5	11.1	3.7	5.8	8.0	3.4	4.9	5.8	2.8	1.5	1.5	0.9	0.3	98.5
Weybridge St George's Hill	31.3	8.7	7.9	8.7	5.4	8.7	8.2	2.6	4.1	3.8	0.8	1.5	0.3	0.5	92.6
Esher	31.8	14.6	10.0	5.4	5.4	5.9	4.1	3.8	3.1	4.1	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.5	89.5
Hersham Village	31.9	13.5	5.4	4.2	2.7	4.2	6.9	3.1	2.7	1.5	1.9	1.2	0.0	1.2	80.4
Molesey East	23.1	13.2	8.3	7.4	6.8	5.8	5.2	3.7	1.8	1.5	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.0	79.1
Molesey West	33.8	7.2	6.7	4.1	4.4	6.2	1.3	3.8	2.8	2.6	0.3	1.0	0.5	0.3	74.9
Walton South	23.6	6.2	5.9	7.7	11.3	4.4	0.8	5.4	2.8	2.6	0.5	0.8	0.0	0.5	72.3
Long Ditton	29.2	7.1	7.1	3.4	3.4	1.5	0.3	1.5	3.7	2.2	1.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	61.2
Hinchley Wd & Weston Grn	15.4	6.2	3.8	4.2	3.1	3.5	2.7	1.9	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.4	0.8	0.8	45.8
Claygate	15.0	7.3	5.0	3.5	3.8	1.9	2.3	0.8	1.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	41.9
Thames Ditton	16.6	3.7	1.8	4.3	3.7	4.0	0.0	0.9	2.2	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.0	39.7
Oxshott / Stoke D'Abernon	12.3	7.4	3.8	1.5	2.1	2.6	0.0	1.3	4.1	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	37.4
Oatlands and Burwood Park	13.5	4.6	1.8	3.1	1.8	1.8	0.0	3.1	2.8	1.5	1.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	36.0
Elmbridge	26.5	10.4	7.3	5.9	5.2	5.2	4.1	3.3	2.9	2.3	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.3	75.4

These tables use data from the Office for National Statistics. Each electoral ward is made up of a number of smaller areas containing, on average, a similar numbers of households (650), and that data is used here to provide the number of crimes per 1,000 households for a reasonable comparison. This table suggests Walton Central has the highest overall crime rate of all wards in Elmbridge (nearly double the average), Walton North rising from 6<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in Elmbridge (being 40% above the average), and Walton South 4.1% below the average.

Looking at total crimes in Jan-Jun '25 we find a fairly similar breakdown of crime types across the 3 wards. The 'behavioural' crimes (referred to earlier) collectively account for about 60% to 70% of all crime, followed by other theft and vehicle crime.

Walton Central			Walton North			Walton South		
Violence and sexual offences	136	28%	Violence and sexual offences	123	36%	Violence and sexual offences	92	33%
Anti-social behaviour	78	16%	Public order	57	17%	Vehicle Crime	44	16%
Shoplifting	71	15%	Anti-social behaviour	47	14%	Criminal damage and arson	30	11%
Criminal damage and arson	47	10%	Other theft	23	7%	Anti-social behaviour	24	9%
Public order	34	7%	Drugs	22	6%	Public order	23	8%
Other theft	32	7%	Vehicle Crime	19	6%	Drugs	21	7%
Vehicle Crime	32	7%	Other Crime	16	5%	Other theft	17	6%
Drugs	19	4%	Criminal damage and arson	14	4%	Burglary	11	4%
Bicycle theft	11	2%	Possession of weapons	8	2%	Other Crime	10	4%
Other Crime	7	1%	Burglary	7	2%	Shoplifting	3	1%
Burglary	6	1%	Bicycle theft	6	2%	Possession of weapons	3	1%
Robbery	6	1%	Shoplifting	2	1%	Bicycle theft	2	1%
Possession of weapons	2	0%	Theft from the person	1	0%	Theft from the person	2	1%
Theft from the person	0	0%	Robbery	0	0%	Robbery	0	0%
TOTAL	481		TOTAL	345		TOTAL	282	
Behavioural crimes	317	66%	Behavioural crimes	222	64%	Behavioural crimes	174	62%

Now, we can compare annual crime data for this year with last year.

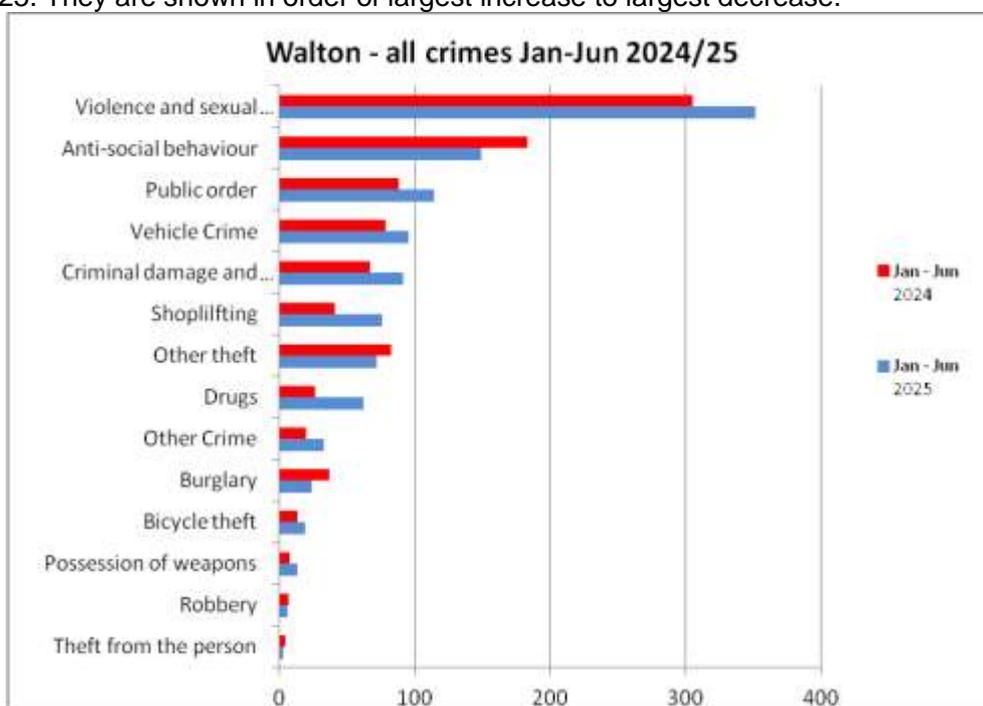
The table below shows, by ward, the variation in numbers of crimes between Jan-Jun 2024 and 2025, with crime types sorted from highest to lowest (top to bottom) numbers of crimes for the Walton region as a whole.

The next column shows, for comparison, the same figures for the whole of Elmbridge. The final 2 columns show the actual number of each crime type for Walton in 2025, and the % of each compared to the total. Walton had a 16% increase in overall crime in Jan-Jun '25 compared to Elmbridge with a 3.3% decrease.

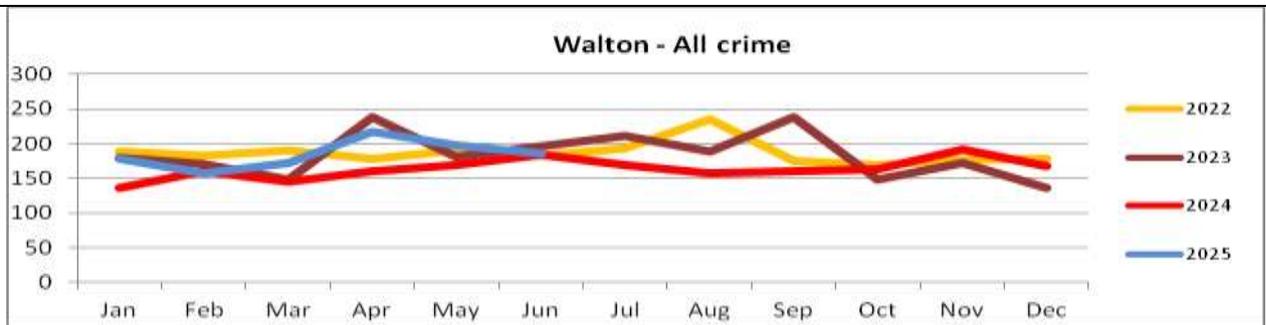
Walton NHW Variance in crimes Jan-Jun 2024/25	Walton Central	Walton North	Walton South	Walton Region	Elmbridge	Walton Total Crimes Jan-Jun 2025	Walton Total Crimes Jan-Jun 2024
Violence and sexual offences	30	14	2	46	35	351	31.7%
Anti-social behaviour	1	-24	-11	-34	-113	149	13.4%
Public order	-16	39	3	26	28	114	10.3%
Vehicle Crime	5	-1	13	17	-81	95	8.6%
Criminal damage and arson	19	-9	14	24	17	91	8.2%
Shoplifting	33	2	0	35	10	76	6.9%
Other theft	-2	-1	-7	-10	-53	72	6.5%
Drugs	9	12	15	36	70	62	5.6%
Other crime	0	5	8	13	29	33	3.0%
Burglary	-7	4	-10	-13	-92	24	2.2%
Bicycle theft	7	2	-3	6	1	19	1.7%
Possession of weapons	0	5	0	5	16	13	1.2%
Robbery	3	0	-4	-1	-1	6	0.5%
Theft from the person	-3	0	2	-1	-3	3	0.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>-137</b>	<b>1108</b>	

All 3 wards have increased overall crime numbers in Jan-Jun this year compared to Jan-Jun '24. There have been increases in some crime types, specifically Vehicle crime in Walton South, Shoplifting in Walton Central and Drugs across all 3 wards.

The following table gives a better picture of how the various crime types have changed between Jan-Jun 2024 and 2025. They are shown in order of largest increase to largest decrease.



For a better idea of annual trends we need to look in comparison with previous years' crime rates. First, we see that the overall crime rate started above and trended above 2024 levels.

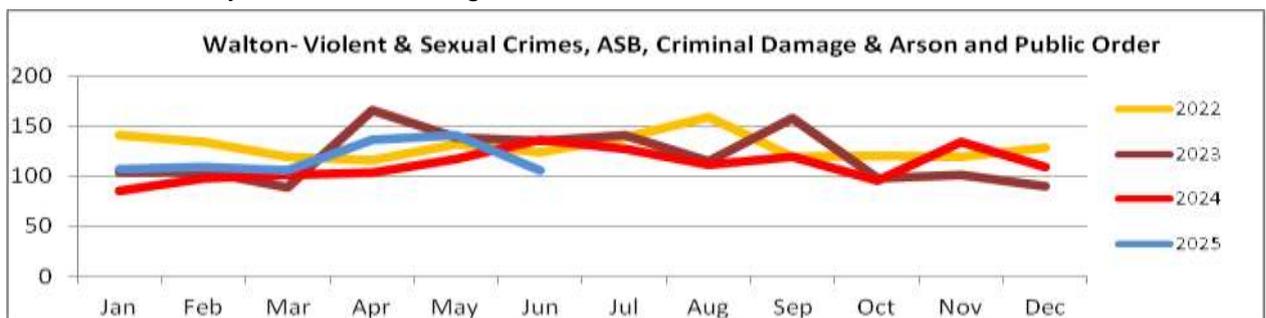


We saw (above) that in Jan-Jun '25 across Elmbridge, of the 14 neighbourhood crime types, the 4 highest rates (apart from Vehicle Crime) were Violence and Sexual Offences, Anti-social Behaviour (ASB), Public Order, and Criminal Damage and Arson, collectively accounting for 61.9% of the total crime. You see here the same trend as with total crime, suggesting that this is the main factor in that trend.

In Walton Central we have Increases in both Violence & Sexual Offences and Criminal Damage & Arson, with a decrease in Public Order, leading to an overall increase of 13% (+34 offences), but mostly in Q1 and trending down in Q2.

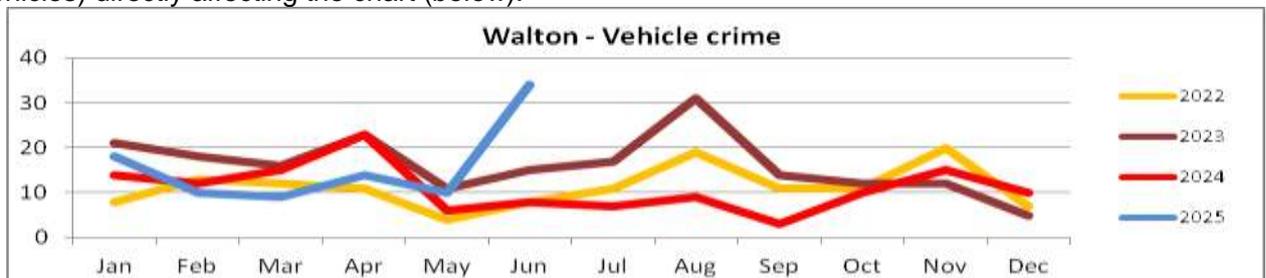
IN Walton North we have Increases in both Public Order and Violence & Sexual Offences, with a decrease in both Anti-Social Behaviour and Criminal Damage & Arson, leading to an overall increase of 9% (+20 offences), but currently trending down in June below '24 levels.

In Walton South we have an increase of 14 Criminal Damage & Arson, plus 3 Public Order and 2 Violence & Sexual Offences, but offset by a decrease of 11 Anti-Social Behaviour, so the net effect is a small increase of 8., mostly in Q1 and trending below or close to '24 levels in Q2.

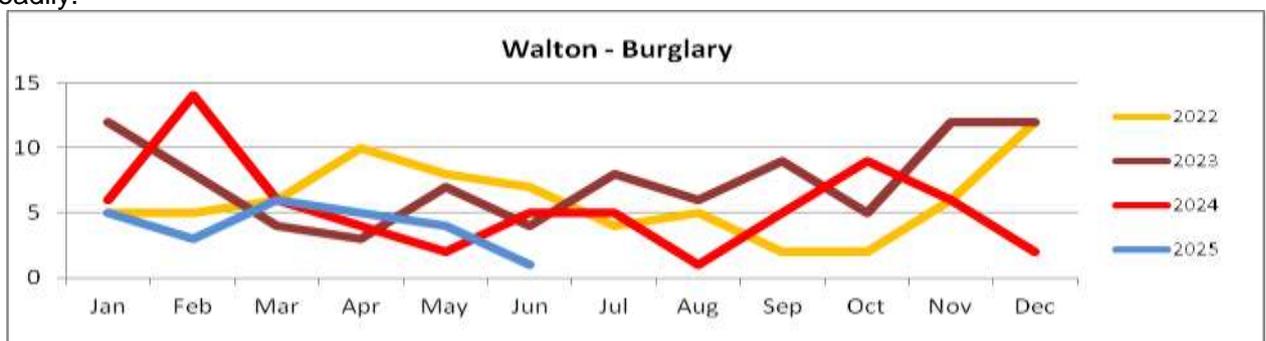


The crimes that most impact residents are Vehicle Crime and Burglary, accounting for 8.6% and 2.2% respectively of the total crime for the year. Vehicle crime decreased across Elmbridge (-22%), but Walton increased (+22%).

Walton North Vehicle Crime has been trending close to '24 levels, and Walton Central has been trending slightly above '24 levels. However, Walton South started above '24 levels in January, trended well below until June when it suffered a hefty increase, with a spate of 19 crimes in one night (29<sup>th</sup> June, all theft from vehicles) directly affecting the chart (below).

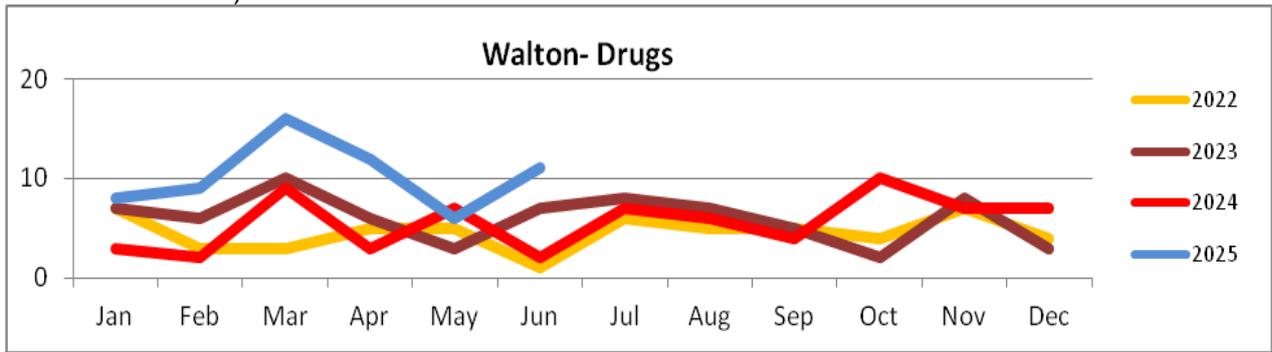


Burglary has decreased by 35% (-24) compared to 2024. now accounting for just 2.2% of the (increased) total of all crime. Walton Central has -7, Walton North has +4 and Walton South has -10, and all trending steadily.



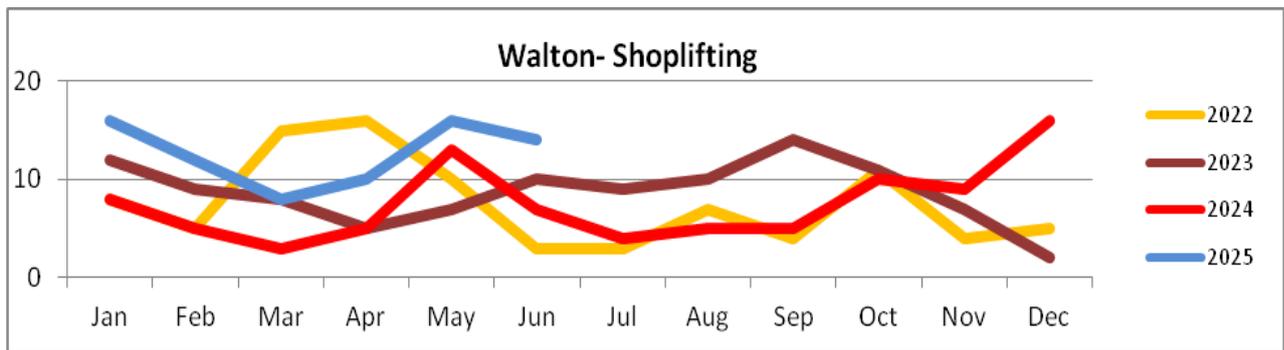
The remaining 8 crime types across Walton account for the remaining 25.6% of all crime this year. Most involve small numbers of increases or decreases, but 2 have significant increases; Drugs and Shoplifting.

**Drugs** - all 3 wards have been trending above '24 levels, but these are relatively small numbers (5.6% of total crime in Walton).

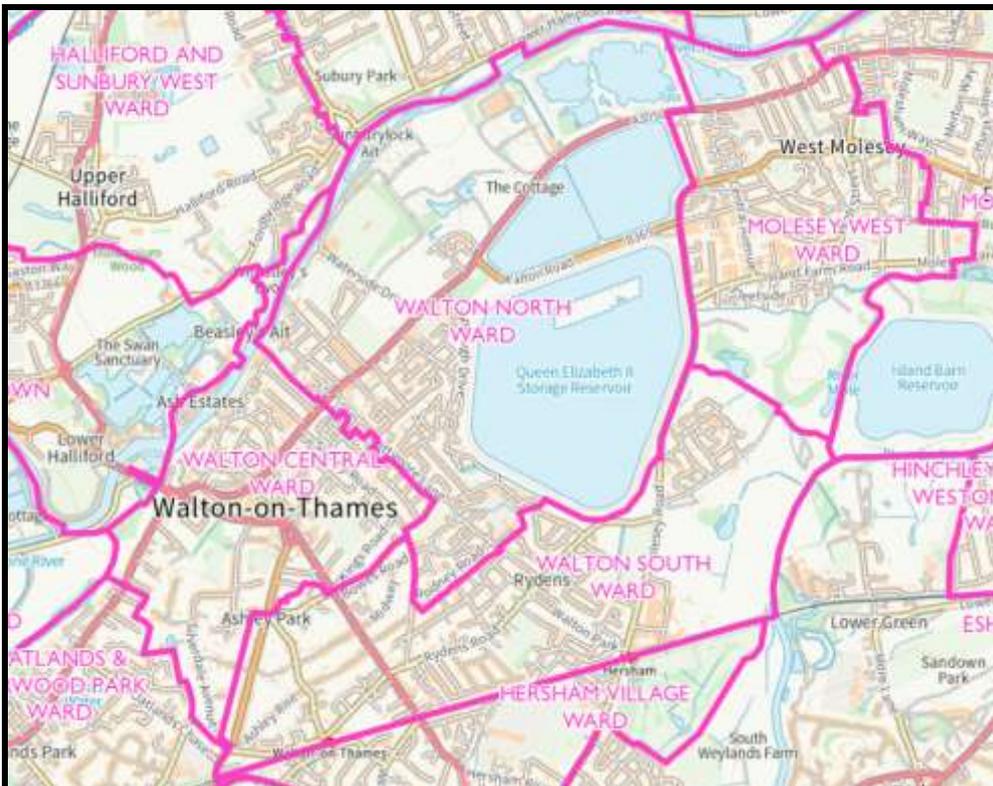


**Shoplifting** - currently accounting for 6.9% of total crime, solely from an increasing trend in Walton Central and also accounting for a third of shoplifting offences across Elmbridge.

Walton Central had the highest number of Shoplifting offences (71) of all wards in Elmbridge in Jan-Jun '25 and an increase of 87% compared with Jan-Jun '24. Across Elmbridge, Weybridge St George's Hill is the only other ward to have an increase in Shoplifting in this period.



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- **Remember** Lock your car at all times when parking, and don't leave valuables on view
- **Remember** leave lights on in your property if you're going to be out after dusk; as many properties targeted appeared unoccupied
- **Remember** Most burglars enter a premises from the rear, and many burglaries take place during the day



- **Remember** Burglars hate security deadlocks on doors because they can't open them from the inside, and have to leave through a window
- **Remember** Double check all windows and doors are securely locked before leaving home; on winter evenings keep lights on when out
- **Remember** Make sure sheds and gates are locked, and outside bins are not left where burglars could use them as a stepping stone.
- **Remember** If your vehicle is "keyless", keep the key in a "Faraday" pouch or metal tin and keep keys AWAY from front door or kitchen window