

## GIMA Pulse

a monthly snapshot of the UK Economy from www.barometeroftrade.com

Date of Report: 04/11/2016

### What's happened since last month?

Index			Period
£ to Euro	DOWN	3.3%	Oct-Nov
£ to \$	DOWN	4.8%	Oct-Nov
£ to Yen	DOWN	2.0%	Oct-Nov
FTSE 100	DOWN	1.0%	Oct-Nov
FTSE 250	DOWN	3.6%	Oct-Nov
CPI	UP	0.4%	Aug-Sep
RPI	UP	0.2%	Aug-Sep
Retail Sales	UP	1.9%	Jun-Sep
Mortgage Approvals	UP	3.3%	Aug-Sep
Unemployment	NONE	0.0%	Aug-Sep
Energy Prices	UP	0.2%	Aug-Sep
Crude Oil Prices	UP	2.8%	Aug-Sep
Petrol Prices	UP	0.6%	Sep-Oct
Diesel Prices	UP	0.5%	Sep-Oct

Figures show most recent month/period available

Bank Of England Base Rate: 0.25%

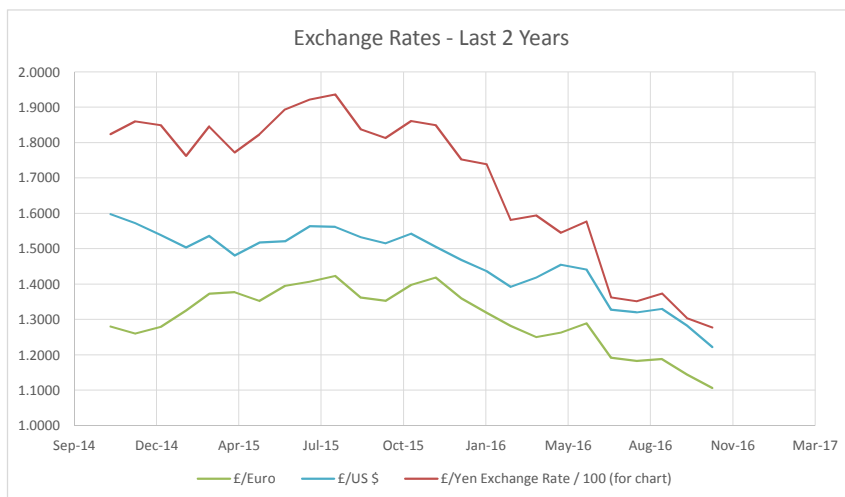
### Summary

This week the Bank of England revised its growth & inflation forecasts upwards (see latest CPI/RPI trends below) and, as a result, hinted that interest rates are unlikely to be reduced further.

Exchange rates have rallied slightly in the last week or two (see below) but the Euro is still down 13% since 23rd June and the dollar is down 15%.

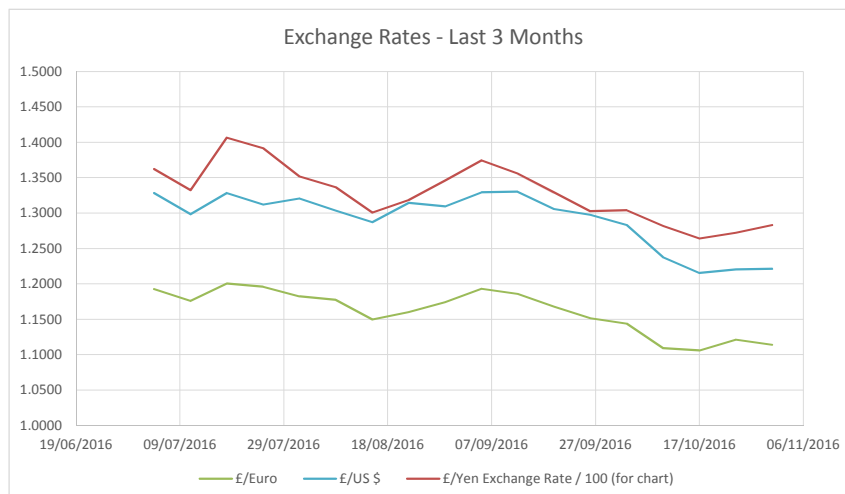
Conversely the FTSE indices have weakened slightly in the last fortnight but the FTSE 100 is 9% higher than on the date of the Brexit vote. In summary, aside from exchange rates, most indices indicate strong growth for the UK.

## Exchange Rates



What £1 buys in Euros / \$ / Yen  
Figures from 1st of each month

Source: Bank Of England

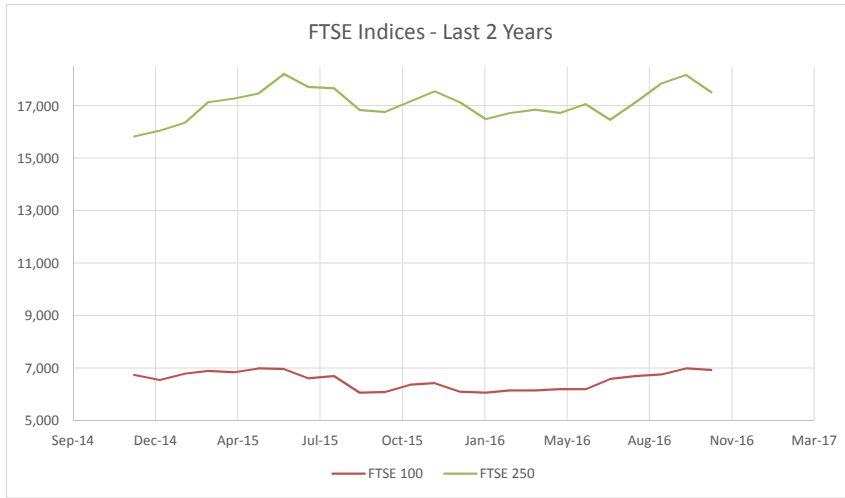


Source: Bank Of England

Month	£/Euro	£/US \$	£/Yen
Nov-14	1.2799	1.5978	182.4528
Dec-14	1.2602	1.5722	186.0227
Jan-15	1.2790	1.5388	184.9638
Feb-15	1.3256	1.5035	176.3004
Mar-15	1.3723	1.5362	184.5437
Apr-15	1.3773	1.4816	177.2734
May-15	1.3527	1.5177	182.2909
Jun-15	1.3955	1.5207	189.3728
Jul-15	1.4072	1.5633	192.2077
Aug-15	1.4234	1.5619	193.5975
Sep-15	1.3615	1.5325	183.7468
Oct-15	1.3526	1.5155	181.2993
Nov-15	1.3980	1.5428	186.1542
Dec-15	1.4191	1.5054	184.9685
Jan-16	1.3598	1.4689	175.2398
Feb-16	1.3191	1.4366	173.8861
Mar-16	1.2822	1.3925	158.1471
Apr-16	1.2503	1.4185	159.4252
May-16	1.2634	1.4551	154.5316
Jun-16	1.2898	1.4414	157.7324
Jul-16	1.1920	1.3270	136.2431
Aug-16	1.1823	1.3206	135.1898
Sep-16	1.1883	1.3299	137.3122
Oct-16	1.1442	1.2834	130.4191
Nov-16	1.1066	1.2220	127.7968
Last Month %	-3.3%	-4.8%	-2.0%

Date	£/Euro	£/US \$	£/Yen
04/07/2016	1.1929	1.3287	136.2316
11/07/2016	1.1759	1.2987	133.2726
18/07/2016	1.2006	1.3286	140.6589
25/07/2016	1.1961	1.3122	139.1982
01/08/2016	1.1823	1.3206	135.1898
08/08/2016	1.1774	1.3038	133.6656
15/08/2016	1.1499	1.2875	130.0761
22/08/2016	1.1604	1.3146	131.8675
29/08/2016	1.1744	1.3096	134.6138
05/09/2016	1.1931	1.3293	137.4629
12/09/2016	1.1861	1.3303	135.6108
19/09/2016	1.1680	1.3061	132.9349
26/09/2016	1.1515	1.2976	130.2920
03/10/2016	1.1442	1.2834	130.4191
10/10/2016	1.1093	1.2377	128.2010
17/10/2016	1.1060	1.2155	126.4485
24/10/2016	1.1215	1.2205	127.2615
31/10/2016	1.1142	1.2214	128.3325

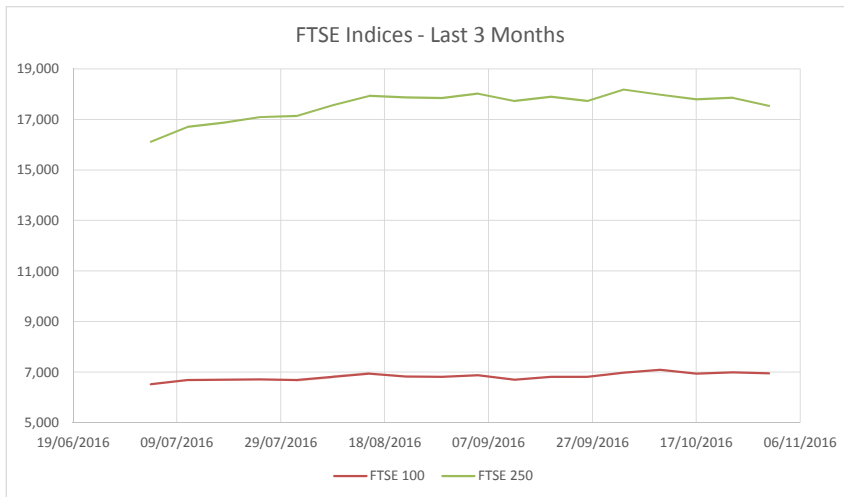
## FTSE 100 & FTSE 250



Value at 23 Jun 2016: 6,338 & 17,333

Source: London Stock Exchange

Month	FTSE 100	FTSE 250
Dec-14	6,742	15,833
Jan-15	6,548	16,052
Feb-15	6,783	16,356
Mar-15	6,889	17,146
Apr-15	6,833	17,269
May-15	6,986	17,468
Jun-15	6,954	18,220
Jul-15	6,609	17,717
Aug-15	6,689	17,670
Sep-15	6,059	16,840
Oct-15	6,076	16,764
Nov-15	6,362	17,167
Dec-15	6,421	17,554
Jan-16	6,093	17,122
Feb-16	6,060	16,489
Mar-16	6,147	16,729
Apr-16	6,146	16,844
May-16	6,186	16,730
Jun-16	6,192	17,061
Jul-16	6,578	16,465
Aug-16	6,694	17,139
Sep-16	6,746	17,850
Oct-16	6,984	18,184
Nov-16	6,917	17,523
Last Month %	-1.0%	-3.6%

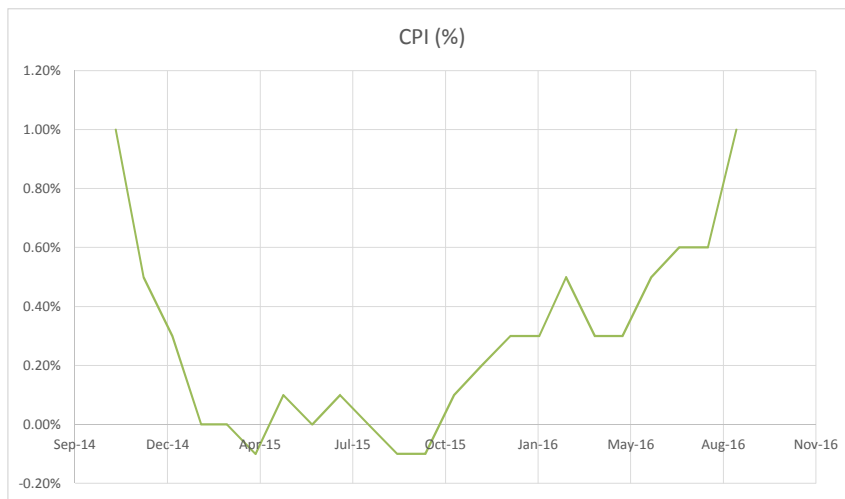


FTSE 100 - an index of the top 100 companies in UK  
FTSE 250 - an index of the top 250 companies in UK

Source: London Stock Exchange

Date	FTSE 100	FTSE 250
04/07/2016	6,522	16,117
11/07/2016	6,683	16,706
18/07/2016	6,695	16,868
25/07/2016	6,710	17,091
01/08/2016	6,694	17,139
08/08/2016	6,809	17,558
15/08/2016	6,941	17,929
22/08/2016	6,829	17,872
29/08/2016	6,821	17,847
05/09/2016	6,879	18,026
12/09/2016	6,701	17,730
19/09/2016	6,814	17,890
26/09/2016	6,818	17,723
03/10/2016	6,984	18,184
10/10/2016	7,098	17,979
17/10/2016	6,948	17,793
24/10/2016	6,986	17,861
31/10/2016	6,954	17,544

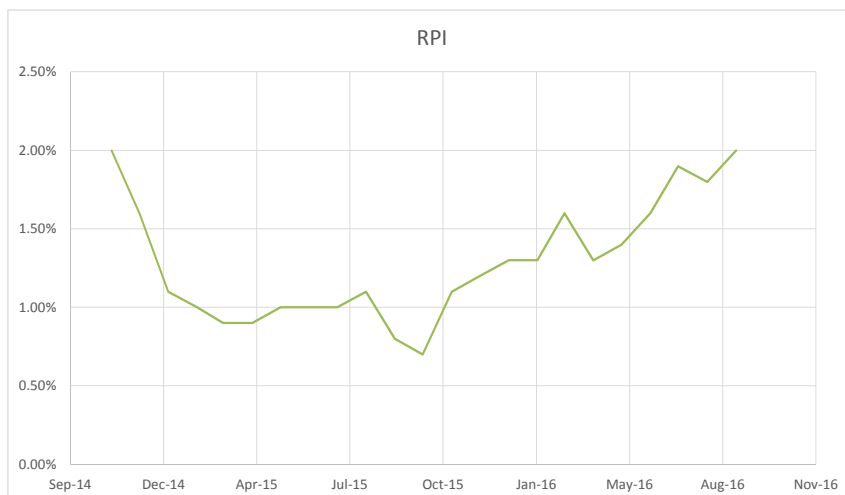
## CPI - Consumer Price Index



CPI - inflation measure which examines weighted average of prices of a basket of consumer goods & services, such as transportation, food & medical care  
Source: Office of National Statistics

Month	CPI (%)
Nov-14	1.00%
Dec-14	0.50%
Jan-15	0.30%
Feb-15	0.00%
Mar-15	0.00%
Apr-15	-0.10%
May-15	0.10%
Jun-15	0.00%
Jul-15	0.10%
Aug-15	0.00%
Sep-15	-0.10%
Oct-15	-0.10%
Nov-15	0.10%
Dec-15	0.20%
Jan-16	0.30%
Feb-16	0.30%
Mar-16	0.50%
Apr-16	0.30%
May-16	0.30%
Jun-16	0.50%
Jul-16	0.60%
Aug-16	0.60%
Sep-16	1.00%

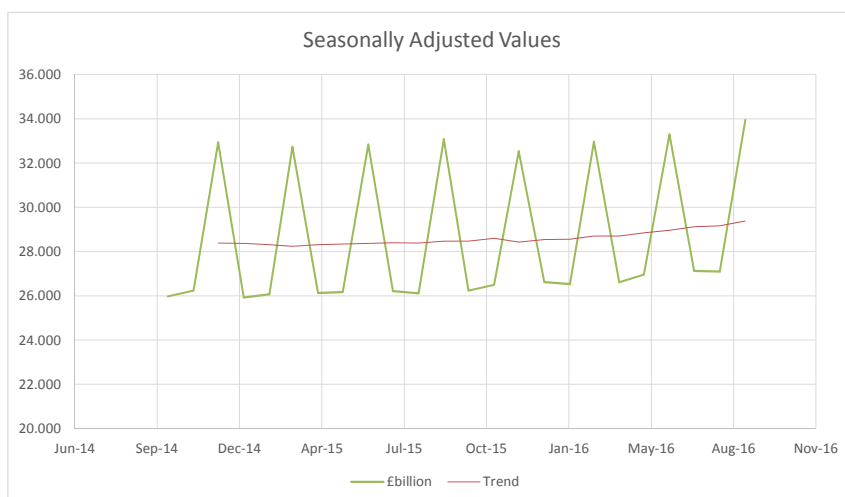
## RPI - Retail Price Index



RPI - inflation measure which is broadly the same as CPI but also includes home costs e.g. mortgage repayments/rent/council tax  
Source: Office of National Statistics

Month	RPI
Nov-14	2.00%
Dec-14	1.60%
Jan-15	1.10%
Feb-15	1.00%
Mar-15	0.90%
Apr-15	0.90%
May-15	1.00%
Jun-15	1.00%
Jul-15	1.00%
Aug-15	1.10%
Sep-15	0.80%
Oct-15	0.70%
Nov-15	1.10%
Dec-15	1.20%
Jan-16	1.30%
Feb-16	1.30%
Mar-16	1.60%
Apr-16	1.30%
May-16	1.40%
Jun-16	1.60%
Jul-16	1.90%
Aug-16	1.80%
Sep-16	2.00%

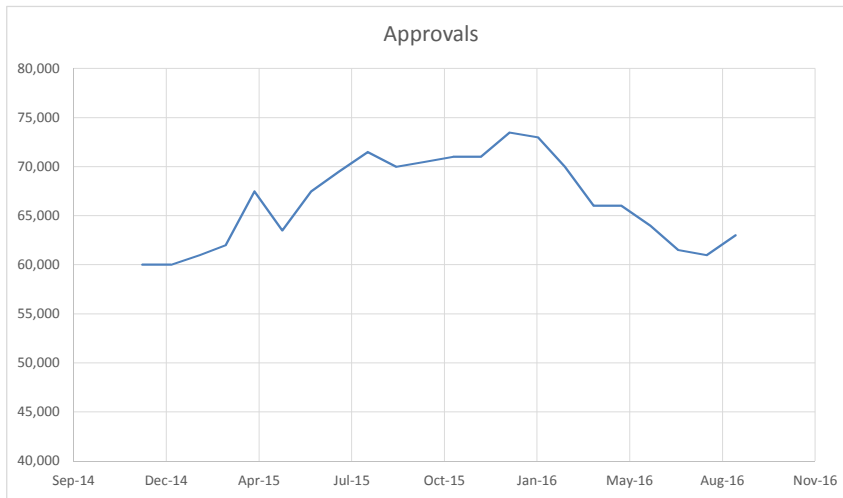
## Retail Sales



Total Retail Sales Excluding Automotive Fuel  
Figures based on weeks; every 3rd month is a 5-week month  
Source: Office of National Statistics

Month	£billion
Oct-14	25.982
Nov-14	26.240
Dec-14	32.939
Jan-15	25.929
Feb-15	26.066
Mar-15	32.744
Apr-15	26.131
May-15	26.170
Jun-15	32.844
Jul-15	26.218
Aug-15	26.115
Sep-15	33.077
Oct-15	26.242
Nov-15	26.500
Dec-15	32.539
Jan-16	26.613
Feb-16	26.532
Mar-16	32.967
Apr-16	26.616
May-16	26.969
Jun-16	33.303
Jul-16	27.118
Aug-16	27.092
Sep-16	33.945

## Mortgage Approvals



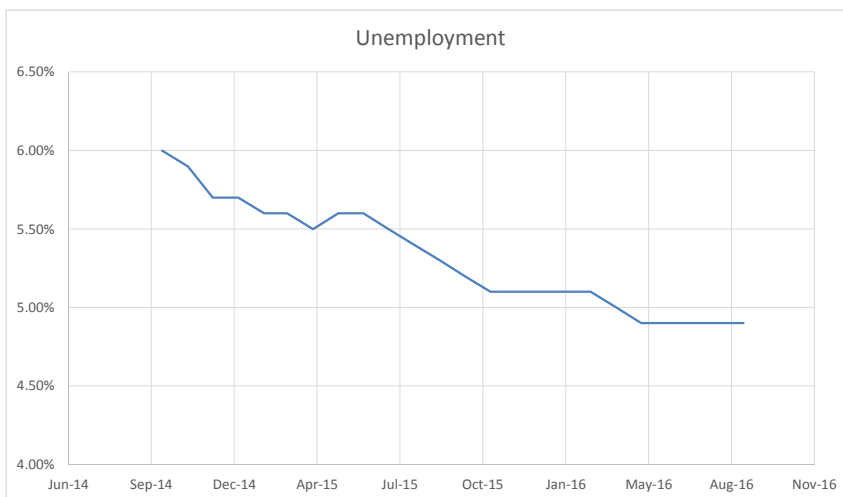
Total number of mortgage approvals by banks in UK

Source: Bank of England

Month	Approvals
Dec-14	60,000
Jan-15	60,000
Feb-15	61,000
Mar-15	62,000
Apr-15	67,500
May-15	63,500
Jun-15	67,500
Jul-15	69,500
Aug-15	71,500
Sep-15	70,000
Oct-15	70,500
Nov-15	71,000
Dec-15	71,000
Jan-16	73,500
Feb-16	73,000
Mar-16	70,000
Apr-16	66,000
May-16	66,000
Jun-16	64,000
Jul-16	61,500
Aug-16	61,000
Sep-16	63,000

Last Month % 3.3%

## Unemployment

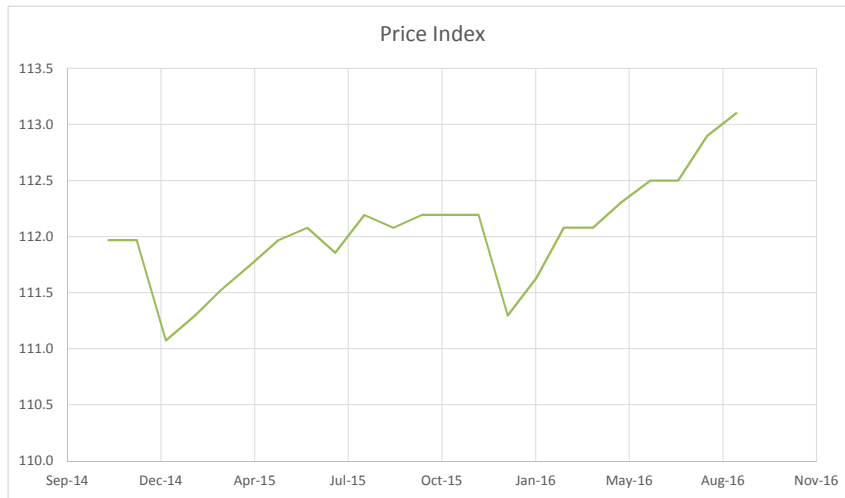


Unemployment as percentage of available workforce; figures relating to quarter ending in month shown

Source: Office of National Statistics

Month	Unemployment
Oct-14	6.00%
Nov-14	5.90%
Dec-14	5.70%
Jan-15	5.70%
Feb-15	5.60%
Mar-15	5.60%
Apr-15	5.50%
May-15	5.60%
Jun-15	5.60%
Jul-15	5.50%
Aug-15	5.40%
Sep-15	5.30%
Oct-15	5.20%
Nov-15	5.10%
Dec-15	5.10%
Jan-16	5.10%
Feb-16	5.10%
Mar-16	5.10%
Apr-16	5.00%
May-16	4.90%
Jun-16	4.90%
Aug-16	4.90%
Sep-16	4.90%

## Energy Prices



Based on starting index of 100 in 2010

Source: National Statistics

Month	Price Index
Nov-14	112.0
Dec-14	112.0
Jan-15	111.1
Feb-15	111.3
Mar-15	111.5
Apr-15	111.7
May-15	112.0
Jun-15	112.1
Jul-15	111.9
Aug-15	112.2
Sep-15	112.1
Oct-15	112.2
Nov-15	112.2
Dec-15	112.2
Jan-16	111.3
Feb-16	111.6
Mar-16	112.1
Apr-16	112.1
May-16	112.3
Jun-16	112.5
Jul-16	112.5
Aug-16	112.9
Sep-16	113.1
Last Month %	0.2%

## Crude Oil Prices

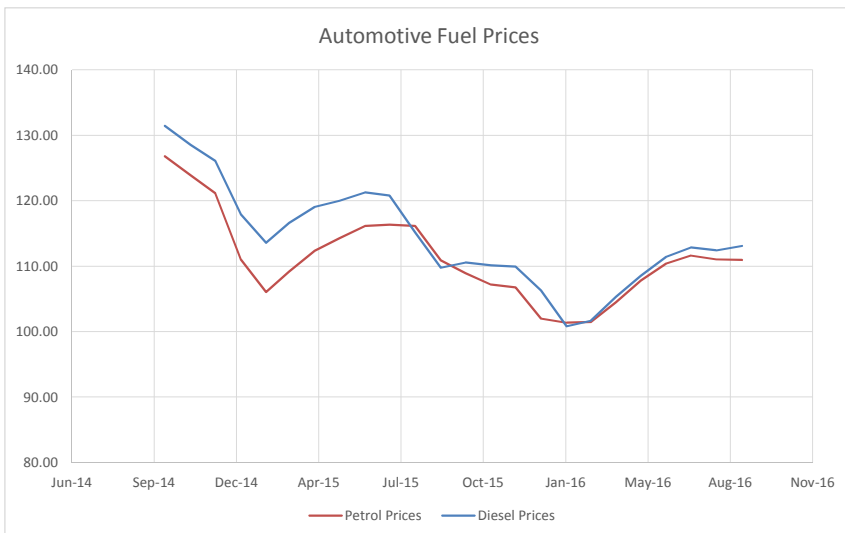


Crude Oil Price Index; 2010=100

Source: Office of National Statistics

Month	Oil Prices
Oct-14	106.4
Nov-14	98.7
Dec-14	80.5
Jan-15	64.6
Feb-15	70.0
Mar-15	73.8
Apr-15	76.2
May-15	80.4
Jun-15	76.8
Jul-15	71.6
Aug-15	59.9
Sep-15	60.0
Oct-15	61.5
Nov-15	57.1
Dec-15	50.8
Jan-16	44.1
Feb-16	43.0
Mar-16	51.9
Apr-16	55.7
May-16	62.0
Jun-16	67.1
Jul-16	68.8
Aug-16	67.3
Sep-16	69.2
Last Month %	2.8%

## Automotive Fuel Prices



Road fuel prices; pump price pence/litre  
First week of each month

Source: gov.co.uk

Month	Petrol Prices	Diesel Prices
Oct-14	126.78	131.43
Nov-14	123.94	128.56
Dec-14	121.18	126.11
Jan-15	111.06	117.93
Feb-15	106.04	113.61
Mar-15	109.20	116.64
Apr-15	112.37	119.09
May-15	114.27	120.00
Jun-15	116.13	121.30
Jul-15	116.34	120.76
Aug-15	116.12	115.17
Sep-15	110.90	109.78
Oct-15	108.94	110.57
Nov-15	107.21	110.14
Dec-15	106.75	109.92
Jan-16	102.00	106.32
Feb-16	101.36	100.84
Mar-16	101.46	101.67
Apr-16	104.51	105.32
May-16	107.82	108.58
Jun-16	110.40	111.43
Jul-16	111.65	112.86
Aug-16	111.05	112.43
Sep-16	110.97	113.10
Oct-16	111.65	113.71
Last Month %	0.6%	0.5%