

Allotments

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 5 April 2011

The management of Allotments include:-

Customer Services – manages rental/waiting lists/issue new contracts.

The Depot – administers the maintenance.

Accounts – manages the rent and income of the sites.

Environment Services – manages day to day, liaise with allotment holders and answer any queries, deal with non-cultivation issues.

Liaise with Customer Services re bookings and Streetscene re maintenance issues.



Spelthorne Borough Council has currently 14 allotment sites in the borough.

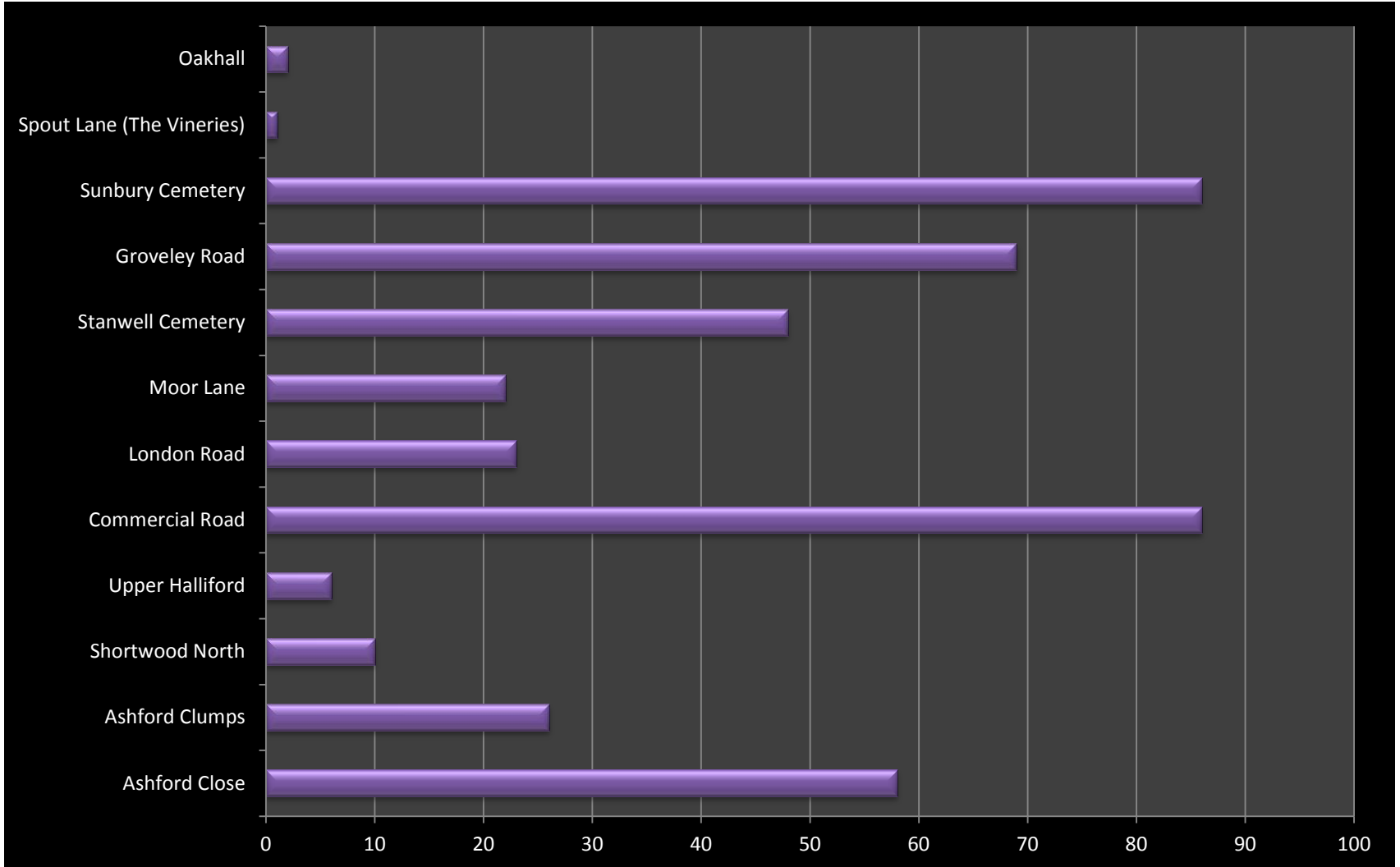
The largest site is Commercial Road with 261 plots and the smallest is Ashford Close with 12 plots.

Total of 965 plots in the Borough.

The sizes of individual plots vary between 5 rods (126 square metres) to larger plots of 10 rods (253 square metres).

All the allotment sites in the borough have a waiting list which currently stands at 437 (as at 23/03/11). The waiting list may comprise of duplicate names requesting specific plots.

Previously, we have had various problems which included a long waiting list, non cultivation and no clear process in managing allotments.



Current rent 2011/2012

SBC

£7.00 per rod with water.

£5.50 per rod without water.

If you live outside the borough - it is double the price.

Discount 50% available to over 60's

Income generated for allotments
in 2009/10 was £14241.72

Income generated for allotments
in 2010/11 was £18229.57

28% increase

The Depot have identified that in some of our cemeteries we only have enough room to bury people for a further 8-10 years.

The report was just advisory to update members of the current situation, further reports will be submitted should the situation change.