

Overview of Spelthorne

The Borough of Spelthorne lies to the south west of London and is a relatively small Borough, just six miles long and two and a half miles wide. It is densely populated and has five main urban areas - Ashford, Shepperton, Staines, Stanwell and Sunbury. Adjacent to the northern boundary is Heathrow Airport whilst the River Thames marks the southern boundary.

Outside the urban areas, the majority of the area is designated as Green Belt. This area includes five major water supply reservoirs and Staines Common, which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Risk of flooding is significant.

The population of approximately 92,000 (2006) live in about 39,500 dwellings of which only 12% are social housing. The mix of dwellings and density makes Spelthorne more similar to the adjoining London boroughs than the rest of Surrey. The population is relatively older than average with a projection that it will get older over the next 20 years. The ethnic minority population is 5.7%.

The Borough is economically active with just 1.3% unemployed and it is adjacent to some major employment centres including Heathrow Airport, which alone employs over 4,800 Spelthorne residents. There are small pockets of deprivation in the Borough in parts of Stanwell, Ashford, Staines and Sunbury Common. The main issues in these areas are low income, unemployment, poor health, poor educational attainment and higher levels of crime and disorder. Recreational facilities include two leisure centres, three golf courses, over 80 parks and open spaces, water sports and Kempton Park racecourse. Staines is the major shopping centre, which has been pedestrianised and significantly modernised. Further developments in the town centre are planned over the next few years.

Working with the County on our priorities

Safer Spelthorne

Our aim and vision is to build a safer community. Priorities:

- Alcohol and related violent crime
- Theft of and from motor vehicles
- Crime prevention and reassurance

(NI 4, NI 5, NI 7, NI 21, NI 30, NI 32, NI 36, NI 39, NI 111, NI 141)

Young People's Spelthorne

Our aim is to involve all young people so that they are engaged and given every opportunity to succeed. Priorities:

- Places to go and transport
- Safety
- Information

(NI 56, NI 65, NI 112)

Healthy Spelthorne

Our aim is to improve health and social care with access to appropriate services for everyone. Priorities:

- Helping older people remain independent
- Facilitating integrated working between all stakeholders delivering mental health in the community
- Respite for carers

(NI 39, NI 112, NI123, NI 125, NI130, NI135, NI 145, NI 156)

Economic Development

Our aim is to promote the local economy and to provide opportunities for life long learning for all people to achieve their full potential. Priorities:

- Mapping learning needs
- Widening basic skills in the community
- Introducing community adult learning in selected schools
- Promoting the local economy

(NI 79, NI 117, NI 163, NI 164, NI 171)

Housing, Environment and Infrastructure.

Our aim is to make Spelthorne a thriving place where all people feel proud to live, work and play. Priorities:

- Meeting housing requirements
- Reducing waste
- Develop an integrated sustainable and effective transport system for all.
- Reduce congestion in Staines Town Centre
- Maximise opportunities for use of community transport

(NI 125, NI 154, NI 155, NI 169 NI 186, NI 192)