



# Surrey Covid-19 Community Impact Assessment

Spelthorne Impacts



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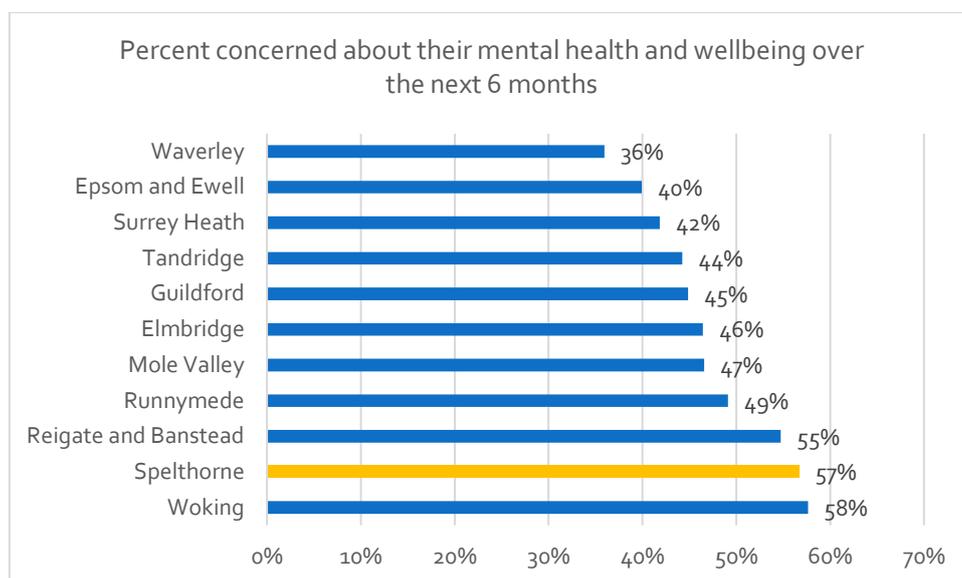
Our data on Spelthorne is sourced from the Local Recovery Index (LRI), our Temperature Check survey of 168 households in Spelthorne, our Geographical Impact Assessment and ethnographic research in Ashford and Laleham.

Looking at the period from April to June 2020, the Local Recovery Index (LRI) shows that Spelthorne has been the 3<sup>rd</sup> most impacted district and borough in Surrey. When looking at more local level, some areas such as Stanwell North & Stanwell Moor, Sunbury Common and Ashford Common have been disproportionately impacted. Similarly, on themes such as mental health and use of council services, Spelthorne residents have seen worse outcomes than the Surrey average.

## Health

Spelthorne has the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest health impact out of the 11 District and Boroughs, however, 6<sup>th</sup> highest Covid-19 death rate (0.86 deaths per 1,000 compared to 0.9 deaths per 1,000 across Surrey) between April-June 2020.

The Temperature Check Survey found Spelthorne smokers were less likely to report smoking more tobacco than normal during the Coronavirus crisis than the average Surrey smoker (24% smoking more in Spelthorne compared to 38% of all Surrey smokers). However, Spelthorne residents were 10% more concerned about their mental health and wellbeing in the next 6 months than average (57% of Spelthorne residents compared to 47% of all Surrey Residents).



## Economy

For the economic dimension of the LRI Spelthorne ranks lowest in the period from April to June 2020. Spelthorne had the highest number percentage of residents furloughed with 32% of eligible jobs compared to the Surrey average of 28%. Spelthorne also had the highest increase in claimant rate (rising by 62% compared to the Surrey average of 46%)

The Geographical Impact Assessment found certain areas of Spelthorne were disproportionately impacted. Stanwell North & Stanwell Moor, Sunbury Common and Ashford Common MSOAs all ranked in the top 5 MSOAs for economic impacts in Surrey. This driven by a high number of people furloughed (31% in Stanwell North & Stanwell Moor, 26% in Sunbury Common and 32% in Ashford Common) and % point increase in unemployment (3.2% in Stanwell North & Stanwell Moor, 3.5% in Sunbury Common and 2.6% in Ashford Common).

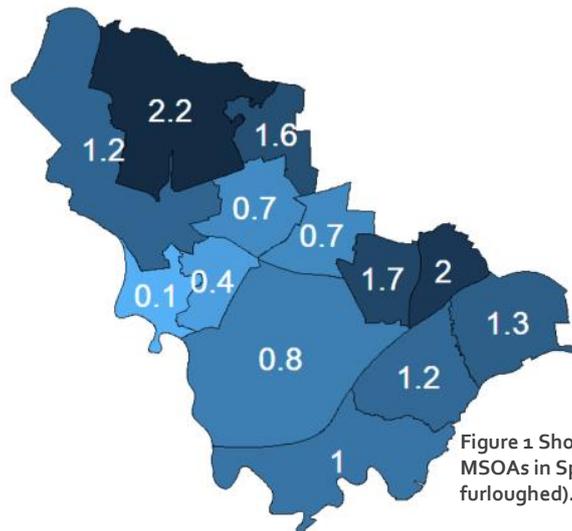


Figure 1 Shows the distribution of Covid Economic Impact across MSOAs in Spelthorne (unemployment increases, and people furloughed). A higher score indicates greater impact

Similarly, The Temperature Check Survey found that 50% of residents were concerned about their financial situation in the next 6 months, and 44% concerned about employment. While the ethnographic research found that residents were already noticing the demise of the high street as a result of Covid-19.

### Society

Spelthorne ranks 10<sup>th</sup> for the society dimension in the period from April to June 2020, ranking 10<sup>th</sup> for rate increase of noise related antisocial behaviour (rising from 0.29 incidences per 1,000 people in 2019 to 0.53 per 1,000 people). The ethnographic research found residents were more appreciative of the greenspaces nearby since covid-19.

### Services and Communication

Spelthorne stands out as the only Borough and District to report mostly negative views on services provided by Surrey County Council since the coronavirus crisis, with 51% of residents describing them as poor compared to 2% across Surrey.