

## Allotment Rent Survey

I carried out two similar brief surveys between 2007 and 2010. As I understand that the council is considering some changes, e.g. possible replacement of the deer fence, I thought that it might be useful to repeat the process. The data, which is shown on the following page, has been primarily obtained from council websites, along with a number from freedom of information requests.

### Summary of Findings

On a UK level, Sunningdale's current rent is comfortably lower than the national average.

However, it is largely in line with neighbouring councils. The relatively low rents around this area seem slightly counterintuitive, given house prices.

When viewed historically, Sunningdale's rent in 2024 is cheaper than it was in 1895, when taking into account the relative worth of currency at those dates.

### Confidence in Results

Although the sample size is modest, it is considered that the results, which are broadly in line with my previous surveys, provide a strong indication of the current picture. However, this is a snapshot in time. Beware that a number of councils, most notably Glasgow and Bristol, are contemplating significant increases in rent, as much as two and possibly even threefold in the short to medium term. In part, this reflects the precarious financial situation in which many councils find themselves.

### Notes

The figures in the chart on the following page relate to the estimated cost of plot 22 at Sunningdale on other sites. I am the tenant of this plot which is approximately 105 square metres and the rent was £31 in the 2024-2025 allotment year. Note that the figures are shown in descending order, i.e. the highest rent is at the top of the table.

Beware that different councils have different charging mechanisms. For example,

- some charge by the square metre, some by the pole (an area of approximately 25 square metres), and some simply by broad category (small, medium and large)
- some charge separately for water, as certain sites may have no supply. I have assumed a water supply
- most have concessions for old fogies like me. I have ignored concessions.
- many have increased charges for people who live outside the area. I have ignored them.

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<b>Location</b>	<b>Estimated equivalent Rent for plot 22</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Wandsworth	£140.70	10 sites
Greenwich	£88.41	
Runnymede	£88.41	12 sites
Plymouth	£87.00	
Bath & NE Somerset Council	£79.69	24 sites
Poole	£77.70	
South Tyneside	£76.60	30 sites
Spelthorne (Staines, Ashford)	£75.18	10 council sites
Birmingham	£74.00	7,000 plots over 113 sites .. Rent by size category
Stoke-on-Trent	£70.00	average rent .. No details given
St. Helens	£63.00	
Warfield	£61.49	medium size plot
Hounslow	£54.73	28 sites
Bristol	£50.00	4,500 plots
Wokingham	£47.61	8 sites
Reading	£45.00	1,321 plots over 20 sites .. Rent for 125 square metres
Aldershot	£45.00	
Norwich	£43.05	2,000+ plots over 18 sites
Maidenhead	£42.10	3 sites
Brighton	£42.00	
Southampton	£37.50	1,800 plots over 27 sites
St. Albans	£33.00	10 sites
Manchester	£31.50	2,500 plots over 42 sites
Glasgow	£30.10	32 sites
Liverpool	£30.00	20 sites .. Rent guestimate based on 10 pole figure
Slough	£29.47	913 plots over 13 sites .. Averaged rent
Woking	£28.00	9 sites .. Typical rent
Gloucester	£26.80	11 sites
Winkfield	£26.10	5 pole plots only
Basingstoke Borough	£25.20	1143 plots over 43 sites
Windsor	£25.00	400 plots over 10 sites .. Independent
Windlesham	£25.00	
South Swindon Parish Council	£23.00	14 sites
Bracknell	£23.00	5 pole plots only
Ipswich	£22.94	2,100 plots over 16 sites
Sunninghill Trust	£14.00	45 plots over 3 sites. Guestimate as all plots are full size
<b>Average</b>	<b>£49.51</b>	