

1983 No. 468

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE**The Returning Officers (Parliamentary Constituencies)
(England and Wales) Order 1983***Made - - - - - 24th March 1983**Coming into operation in accordance with Article 1(2)*

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by sections 24(1)(c) and (e) and 28(1)(b) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(a), I hereby make the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Returning Officers (Parliamentary Constituencies) (England and Wales) Order 1983.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the issue of a proclamation by Her Majesty summoning a new Parliament, except that for the purposes of proceedings preliminary or relating to a parliamentary election held after the issue of that proclamation this Order shall come into operation on 1st April 1983.

(3) Except in Article 2(2), references to constituencies in this Order are references to the constituencies in England and Wales which are established by the Parliamentary Constituencies (England) Order 1983(b) and the Parliamentary Constituencies (Wales) Order 1983(c).

2.—(1) Subject to the savings in paragraph (2) below, the Returning Officers (Parliamentary Constituencies) Order 1974(d) (“the 1974 Order”) is hereby revoked.

(2) Where a returning officer designated for a parliamentary constituency by the 1974 Order is designated as a returning officer for a constituency for elections to the Assembly of the European Communities by the European Assembly Elections (Returning Officers) (England and Wales) Order 1979(e), the 1974 Order shall continue to have effect for the purposes of the designation in that Order of 1979.

3. In the case of a county constituency in England or Wales specified in column 1 of Part I or, as the case may be, Part II of Schedule 1 to this Order (which is a constituency wholly outside Greater London and not coterminous with or wholly contained in a county), the returning officer for a parliamentary election shall be the sheriff of the county specified in column 2 of that Schedule opposite to the name of the constituency.

(a) 1983 c. 2.
(c) S.I. 1983/418.

(b) S.I. 1983/417.
(d) S.I. 1974/243.

(e) S.I. 1979/220.

4. In the case of a borough constituency in England or Wales specified in column 1 of Part I or, as the case may be, Part II of Schedule 2 to this Order (which is a constituency wholly outside Greater London and not coterminous with or wholly contained in a district), the returning officer for a parliamentary election shall be the chairman of the council of the district specified in column 2 of that Schedule opposite to the name of the constituency.

5. In the case of the constituency named The City of London and Westminster South, which is a constituency situated partly in one London borough (for the purposes of section 24(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983) and partly in another, the returning officer for a parliamentary election shall be the mayor of the City of Westminster.

6. In the case of a county constituency in England and Wales specified in column 1 of Part I or, as the case may be, Part II of Schedule 3 to this Order (which is a constituency wholly outside Greater London), the duties of the returning officer for a parliamentary election shall be discharged, as acting returning officer, by the officer of the council appointed to be the electoral registration officer by the council of the district specified in column 2 of that Schedule opposite to the name of the constituency.

Home Office.
24th March 1983.

W. S. I. Whitelaw,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3.

PART I

RETURNING OFFICERS FOR COUNTY CONSTITUENCIES IN ENGLAND

Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 County of which sheriff is returning officer
Keighley	West Yorkshire
Sedgefield	Durham
Wells	Somerset
Weston-Super-Mare	Avon

PART II

RETURNING OFFICERS FOR COUNTY CONSTITUENCIES IN WALES

Column 1	Column 2
Name of County Constituency	County of which sheriff is returning officer
Brecon and Radnor	Powys
Caerphilly	Mid Glamorgan
Ceredigion and Pembroke North	Dyfed
Clwyd North West	Clwyd
Clwyd South West	Clwyd
Conwy	Gwynedd
Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	Gwynedd
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	Mid Glamorgan
Neath	West Glamorgan
Newport West	Gwent

Article 4.

SCHEDULE 2

PART I

RETURNING OFFICERS FOR BOROUGH CONSTITUENCIES IN ENGLAND

Column 1	Column 2
Name of Borough Constituency	District of which chairman is returning officer
Bournemouth West	Bournemouth
Bristol North West	Bristol
Broxbourne	Broxbourne
Cheltenham	Cheltenham
Chertsey and Walton	Elmbridge
Crawley	Crawley
Denton and Reddish	Tameside

PART I (continued)

RETURNING OFFICERS FOR BOROUGH CONSTITUENCIES IN ENGLAND

Column 1 Name of Borough Constituency	Column 2 District of which chairman is returning officer
Eastbourne	Eastbourne
Eastleigh	Eastleigh
Epsom and Ewell	Epsom and Ewell
Esher	Elmbridge
Gillingham	Gillingham
Glanford and Scunthorpe	Scunthorpe
Gloucester	Gloucester
Gosport	Gosport
Kingswood	Kingswood
Lincoln	Lincoln
Luton South	Luton
Northampton South	Northampton
Norwich North	Broadland
Oxford East	Oxford
Portsmouth North	Portsmouth
Rossendale and Darwen	Rossendale
Stoke-on-Trent North	Stoke-on-Trent
Stockton North	Stockton-on-Tees
Stockton South	Stockton-on-Tees
Stretford	Trafford
Tyne Bridge	Newcastle upon Tyne
Warrington South	Warrington
Watford	Watford
Worcester	Worcester

PART II

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Column 1	Column 2
Name of Borough Constituency	District of which chairman is returning officer
Cardiff South and Penarth	Cardiff
Swansea East	Swansea
Swansea West	Swansea

Article 6.

SCHEDULE 3

PART I

ACTING RETURNING OFFICERS FOR COUNTY CONSTITUENCIES IN ENGLAND

Column 1	Column 2
Name of County Constituency	District of which registration officer is acting returning officer
Aldershot	Rushmoor
Amber Valley	Amber Valley
Arundel	Arun
Ashfield	Ashfield
Ashford	Ashford
Aylesbury	Aylesbury Vale
Banbury	Cherwell
Barnsley West and Penistone	Barnsley
Barrow and Furness	Barrow-in-Furness
Basingstoke	Basingstoke and Deane
Bassetlaw	Bassetlaw
Beaconsfield	South Bucks
Berwick-upon-Tweed	Alnwick

PART I (continued)

ACTING RETURNING OFFICERS FOR COUNTY CONSTITUENCIES IN ENGLAND

Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 District of which registration officer is acting returning officer
Beverley	Beverley
Bexhill and Battle	Rother
Billericay	Basildon
Bishop Auckland	Sedgefield
Blaby	Blaby
Bolsover	Bolsover
Bolton West	Bolton
Boothferry	Boothferry
Bosworth	Hinckley and Bosworth
Braintree	Braintree
Brentwood and Ongar	Brentwood
Bridgwater	Sedgemoor
Bridlington	East Yorkshire
Brigg and Cleethorpes	Cleethorpes
Bromsgrove	Bromsgrove
Broxtowe	Broxtowe
Buckingham	Aylesbury Vale
Burton	East Staffordshire
Bury St. Edmunds	St. Edmundsbury
Calder Valley	Calderdale
Cannock and Burntwood	Cannock Chase
Canterbury	Canterbury
Central Suffolk	Mid Suffolk

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Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 District of which registration officer is acting returning officer
Chelmsford	Chelmsford
Chesham and Amersham	Chiltern
Chichester	Chichester
Chorley	Chorley
Christchurch	Christchurch
Cirencester and Tewkesbury	Cotswold
City of Chester	Chester
City of Durham	Durham
Colne Valley	Kirklees
Congleton	Congleton
Copeland	Copeland
Corby	Corby
Crewe and Nantwich	Crewe and Nantwich
Dartford	Dartford
Daventry	Daventry
Devizes	Kennet
Dewsbury	Kirklees
Doncaster North	Doncaster
Don Valley	Doncaster
Dover	Dover
Easington	Easington
East Berkshire	Bracknell

PART I (continued)

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Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 District of which registration officer is acting returning officer
East Hampshire	East Hampshire
East Lindsey	East Lindsey
East Surrey	Tandridge
Eddisbury	Vale Royal
Ellesmere Port and Neston	Ellesmere Port and Neston
Elmet	Leeds
Epping Forest	Epping Forest
Erewash	Erewash
Falmouth and Camborne	Kerrier
Fareham	Fareham
Faversham	Swale
Folkestone and Hythe	Shepway
Fylde	Fylde
Gainsborough and Horncastle	West Lindsey
Gedling	Gedling
Grantham	North Kesteven
Gravesham	Gravesham
Great Yarmouth	Great Yarmouth
Guildford	Guildford
Halton	Halton
Harborough	Oadby and Wigston
Harlow	Harlow

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ACTING RETURNING OFFICERS FOR COUNTY CONSTITUENCIES IN ENGLAND

Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 District of which registration officer is acting returning officer
Harrogate	Harrogate
Harwich	Tendring
Hastings and Rye	Hastings
Hazel Grove	Stockport
Hemsworth	Wakefield
Henley	South Oxfordshire
Hereford	Hereford
Hertford and Stortford	East Hertfordshire
Hertsmere	Hertsmere
Hexham	Tynedale
Heywood and Middleton	Rochdale
High Peak	High Peak
Holland with Boston	Boston
Honiton	East Devon
Horsham	Horsham
Huntingdon	Huntingdon
Isle of Wight	Medina
Keighley	Bradford
Kettering	Kettering
Knowsley North	Knowsley
Knowsley South	Knowsley
Lancaster	Lancaster

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ACTING RETURNING OFFICERS FOR COUNTY CONSTITUENCIES IN ENGLAND

Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 District of which registration officer is acting returning officer
Langbaugh	Langbaugh
Leominster	Leominster
Lewes	Lewes
Littleborough and Saddleworth	Oldham
Loughborough	Charnwood
Ludlow	Bridgnorth
Macclesfield	Macclesfield
Maidstone	Maidstone
Makerfield	Wigan
Mansfield	Mansfield
Medway	Rochester upon Medway
Meriden	Solihull
Mid Bedfordshire	Mid Bedfordshire
Mid Kent	Rochester upon Medway
Mid Norfolk	Broadland
Mid Staffordshire	Lichfield
Mid Sussex	Mid Sussex
Mid Worcestershire	Redditch
Milton Keynes	Milton Keynes
Mole Valley	Mole Valley
Morecambe and Lunesdale	Lancaster
Newark	Newark

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ACTING RETURNING OFFICERS FOR COUNTY CONSTITUENCIES IN ENGLAND

Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 District of which registration officer is acting returning officer
Newbury	Newbury
New Forest	New Forest
Normanton	Wakefield
Northavon	Northavon
North Bedfordshire	North Bedfordshire
North Colchester	Colchester
North Cornwall	North Cornwall
North Devon	North Devon
North Dorset	North Dorset
North Durham	Chester-le-Street
North East Cambridgeshire	Fenland
North East Derbyshire	North East Derbyshire
North Hertfordshire	North Hertfordshire
North Luton	Luton
North Norfolk	North Norfolk
North Shropshire	North Shropshire
North Thanet	Thanet
North Warwickshire	North Warwickshire
North West Durham	Derwentside
North West Hampshire	Test Valley
North West Leicestershire	North West Leicestershire
North West Norfolk	King's Lynn and West Norfolk

PART I (continued)

ACTING RETURNING OFFICERS FOR COUNTY CONSTITUENCIES IN ENGLAND

Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 District of which registration officer is acting returning officer
North West Surrey	Surrey Heath
North Wiltshire	North Wiltshire
Nuneaton	Nuneaton and Bedworth
Oxford West and Abingdon	Vale of White Horse
Penrith and The Border	Eden
Pontefract and Castleford	Wakefield
Reading East	Reading
Reading West	Reading
Richmond (Yorks)	Hambleton
Ribble Valley	Ribble Valley
Rochford	Rochford
Romsey and Waterside	New Forest
Rother Valley	Rotherham
Rugby and Kenilworth	Rugby
Rushcliffe	Rushcliffe
Rutland and Melton	Melton
Ryedale	Ryedale
Saffron Walden	Uttlesford
Salisbury	Salisbury
Scarborough	Scarborough
Sedgefield	Sedgefield
Selby	Selby

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ACTING RETURNING OFFICERS FOR COUNTY CONSTITUENCIES IN ENGLAND

Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 District of which registration officer is acting returning officer
Sevenoaks	Sevenoaks
Sheffield, Hallam	Sheffield
Sheffield, Hillsborough	Sheffield
Sherwood	Newark
Shipley	Bradford
Shoreham	Adur
Shrewsbury and Atcham	Shrewsbury and Atcham
Skipton and Ripon	Craven
Somerton and Frome	Yeovil
South Colchester and Maldon	Colchester
South Derbyshire	South Derbyshire
South Dorset	Weymouth and Portland
South East Cambridgeshire	South Cambridgeshire
South East Cornwall	Caradon
South East Staffordshire	Tamworth
South Hams	South Hams
South Norfolk	South Norfolk
South Ribble	South Ribble
South Staffordshire	South Staffordshire
South Suffolk	Babergh
South Thanet	Thanet
South West Bedfordshire	South Bedfordshire

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Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 District of which registration officer is acting returning officer
South West Cambridgeshire	South Cambridgeshire
South West Hertfordshire	Three Rivers
South West Norfolk	Breckland
South West Surrey	Waverley
South Worcestershire	Wychavon
St. Albans	St. Albans
Stalybridge and Hyde	Tameside
Stafford	Stafford
Staffordshire Moorlands	Staffordshire Moorlands
Stamford and Spalding	South Kesteven
Stevenage	Stevenage
St. Ives	Penwith
Stratford-on-Avon	Stratford-on-Avon
Stroud	Stroud
Suffolk Coastal	Suffolk Coastal
Tatton	Macclesfield
Taunton	Taunton Deane
Teignbridge	Teignbridge
Tiverton	Mid Devon
Tonbridge and Malling	Tonbridge and Malling
Torrige and West Devon	Torrige
Truro	Carrick
Tunbridge Wells	Tunbridge Wells

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Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 District of which registration officer is acting returning officer
Wansbeck	Wansbeck
Wansdyke	Wansdyke
Wantage	Vale of White Horse
Warwick and Leamington	Warwick
Waveney	Waveney
Wealden	Wealden
Wellingborough	Wellingborough
Wells	Mendip
Welwyn Hatfield	Welwyn Hatfield
Wentworth	Rotherham
Westbury	West Wiltshire
West Derbyshire	West Derbyshire
West Dorset	West Dorset
West Gloucestershire	Forest of Dean
West Hertfordshire	Dacorum
West Lancashire	West Lancashire
Westmorland and Lonsdale	South Lakeland
Weston-Super-Mare	Woodspring
Winchester	Winchester
Windsor and Maidenhead	Windsor and Maidenhead
Wirral South	Wirral
Wirral West	Wirral
Witney	West Oxfordshire

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Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 District of which registration officer is acting returning officer
Woking	Woking
Wokingham	Wokingham
Woodspring	Woodspring
Workington	Allerdale
Worsley	Salford
Wycombe	Wycombe
Wyre	Wyre
Wyre Forest	Wyre Forest
Yeovil	Yeovil

PART II

ACTING RETURNING OFFICERS FOR COUNTY CONSTITUENCIES IN WALES

Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 District of which registration officer is acting returning officer
Aberavon	Afan
Alyn and Deeside	Alyn and Deeside
Blaenau Gwent	Blaenau Gwent
Brecon and Radnor	Brecknock
Bridgend	Ogwy
Caernarfon	Arfon
Caerphilly	Rhymney Valley
Carmarthen	Carmarthen

PART II (continued)

ACTING RETURNING OFFICERS FOR COUNTY CONSTITUENCIES IN WALES

Column 1 Name of County Constituency	Column 2 District of which registration officer is acting returning officer
Ceredigion and Pembroke North	Ceredigion
Clwyd North West	Colwyn
Clwyd South West	Glyndŵr
Conwy	Aberconwy
Cynon Valley	Cynon Valley
Delyn	Delyn
Gower	Lliw Valley
Islwyn	Islwyn
Llanelli	Llanelli
Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	Meirionnydd
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	Merthyr Tydfil
Monmouth	Monmouth
Montgomery	Montgomery
Neath	Neath
Newport East	Newport
Newport West	Newport
Ogmore	Ogwr
Pembroke	Preseli
Pontypridd	Taff-Ely
Rhondda	Rhondda
Torfaen	Torfaen
Vale of Glamorgan	Vale of Glamorgan
Wrexham	Wrexham Maelor
Ynys Môn	Ynys Môn – Isle of Anglesey

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order designates the returning officers for the constituencies established by the Parliamentary Constituencies (England) Order 1983 and the Parliamentary Constituencies (Wales) Order 1983 in cases where the appointment of returning officers is not determined under paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) of section 24(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (Articles 3, 4 and 5). It also designates acting returning officers for those constituencies where the appointment of an acting returning officer is not determined by section 28(1)(a) of that Act (Article 6). This Order does not come into full operation until the constituencies established by those Orders come into full operation at the next parliamentary general election (Article 1(2)). At that time, the Order designating the present returning officers and acting returning officers is revoked (Article 2). This Order takes account of the changes to the boundaries of certain counties and districts which are made by various orders under Part IV of the Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70) and which come into effect on 1st April 1983.

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