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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 2347**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The District of Alnwick (Electoral Changes) Order 1998**

*Made - - - - 21st September 1998*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)*

Whereas the Local Government Commission for England, acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992(1), has submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated March 1997 on its review of the district of Alnwick together with its recommendations:

And whereas the Secretary of State has decided to give effect, with modifications, to those recommendations:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 17(2) and 26 of the Local Government Act 1992, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the District of Alnwick (Electoral Changes) Order 1998.

(2) This Order shall come into force for all purposes on 6th May 1999, except that for the purpose of all proceedings preliminary or relating to an election to be held on or after that date this Order shall come into force on 10th October 1998.

(3) In this Order—

“the district” means the district of Alnwick;

“existing”, in relation to a ward, means the ward as it exists on the date this Order is made;

any reference to “the map” is a reference to the map prepared by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, marked “Map of the District of Alnwick (Electoral Changes) Order 1998”, and deposited in accordance with regulation 27 of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994(3).

**Wards of Alnwick**

2.—(1) The existing wards of the district(4) shall be abolished.

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(1) 1992 c. 19.

(2) Section 17 is amended by section 39(4) and (5) of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act 1994 (c. 29).

(3) S.I.1994/867, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

(4) *see* The District of Alnwick (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1976 (S.I. 1976/764).

(2) The district shall be divided into sixteen wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 1.

(3) The wards shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of that Schedule by reference to parishes, or, where no area is so described, the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by red lines; and the number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be the number specified in respect of the ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

(4) Where a boundary is shown on the map as running along a road, railway line, footway, waterway or other similar geographical feature, it shall be treated as running along the centre line of the feature.

#### **Wards of the parish of Alnwick**

3.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Alnwick shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into three parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 2; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward specified in respect of that parish ward in column (2) of that Schedule and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be the number specified in respect of that parish ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

#### **Wards of the parish of Amble**

4.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Amble shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into three parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 3; the parish wards shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of that Schedule by reference to wards of the district and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be three.

#### **Revocation**

5. The District of Alnwick (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1976 is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

*Hilary Armstrong*  
Minister of State,  
Department of the Environment, Transport and  
the Regions

21st September 1998

## SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

DISTRICT OF ALNWICK: NAMES AND AREAS  
OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

(1) <i>Name of ward</i>	(2) <i>Area of ward</i>	(3) <i>Number of councillors</i>
Alnmouth and Lesbury	The parishes of Alnmouth, Denwick and Lesbury	2
Alnwick Castle		3
Alnwick Clayport		2
Alnwick Hotspur		2
Amble Central		2
Amble East		2
Amble West		2
Embleton	The parishes of Embleton and Newton-by-the-Sea	1
Harbottle and Elsdon	The parishes of Alwinton, Biddlestone, Elsdon, Harbottle, Hepple and Netherton	1
Hedgeley	The parishes of Edlingham, Eglingham and Hedgeley	1
Longframlington	The parishes of Brinkburn and Longframlington	1
Longhoughton with Craster and Rennington	The parishes of Craster, Longhoughton and Rennington	2
Rothbury and South Rural	The parishes of Hesleyhurst, Hollinghill, Nunnykirk, Rothbury, Rothley, Snitter, Thropton and Whitton and Tosson	3
Shilbottle	The parishes of Felton, Newton-on-the-Moor and Swarland and Shilbottle	3
Warkworth	The parishes of Acklington and Warkworth	2
Whittingham	The parishes of Alnham, Callaly, Cartington, Glanton and Whittingham	1

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## SCHEDULE 2

Article 3

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF ALNWICK: NAMES,  
AREAS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

(1) <i>Name of ward</i>	(2) <i>Description of area</i>	(3) <i>Number of councillors</i>
Castle	The Alnwick Castle ward	8
Clayport	The Alnwick Clayport ward	5
Hotspur	The Alnwick Hotspur ward	5

## SCHEDULE 3

Article 4

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF AMBLE: NAMES AND AREAS

(1) <i>Name of ward</i>	(2) <i>Description of area</i>
Central	That part of the parish of Amble which lies within the district ward of Amble Central
East	That part of the parish of Amble which lies within the district ward of Amble East
West	That part of the parish of Amble which lies within the district ward of Amble West

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order gives effect to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England for electoral changes in the district of Alnwick.

Article 2 abolishes all of the existing wards of the district and provides for the creation of 16 new wards. That article and Schedule 1 also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new wards.

Articles 3 and 4 make electoral changes in the parishes of Alnwick and Amble.

The areas of the new district and parish wards are demarcated on the map described in article 1(3). Prints of the map may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of Alnwick District Council and at the offices of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions which are located at 2nd Floor, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE.

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