
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2000 No. 2490

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The County of Northumberland (Electoral Changes) Order 2000

*Made - - - - 11th September 2000
Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and
(3)*

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 November 1999 on its review of the county of Northumberland 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 County of Northumberland (Electoral Changes) Order 2000.

(2) This article and articles 2 and 5 shall come into force—

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on 3rd May 2001, on 10th October 2000;
- (b) for all other purposes, on 3rd May 2001.

(3) Articles 3 and 4 of this Order shall come into force—

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election of a parish councillor for the parish of Hexham or Morpeth on 1st May 2003, on 10th October 2002;
- (b) for all other purposes, on 1st May 2003.

(4) In this Order—

“county” means the county of Northumberland;

(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).

“existing”, in relation to a division or ward, means the division or ward as it exists on the date this Order is made; references to wards, unless the context otherwise requires, are references to district and borough wards in the county(3); and

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 County of Northumberland (Electoral Changes) Order 2000”, and deposited in accordance with regulation 27 of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994(4).

Divisions of the county of Northumberland

2.—(1) The existing divisions of the county(5) shall be abolished.

(2) The county shall be divided into sixty-seven divisions which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 1.

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

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

Wards of the parishes of Hexham

3.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Hexham(6) shall be abolished.

(2) The parish of Hexham shall be divided into six 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 or county division specified in respect of the 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 the parish ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

Wards of the parish of Morpeth

4.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Morpeth(7) shall be abolished.

(2) The parish of Morpeth shall be divided into seven parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 3; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward or county division specified in respect of the 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 the parish ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

Revocation

5. The County of Northumberland (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980, article 3 of the District of Tynedale (Electoral Changes) Order 1998 and article 2 of the Borough of Castle Morpeth (Electoral Changes) Order 1998 are hereby revoked.

(3) See the Borough of Berwick-upon-Tweed (Electoral Changes) Order 1998 (S.I.1998/2346), the Borough of Blyth Valley (Electoral Changes) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/2345), the Borough of Castle Morpeth (Electoral Changes) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/2344), the District of Tynedale (Electoral Changes) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/2343) and the District of Wansbeck (Electoral Changes) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/2342).

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

(5) See the County of Northumberland (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/738).

(6) See article 3 of the District of Tynedale (Electoral Changes) Order 1998.

(7) See article 2 of the Borough of Castle Morpeth (Electoral Changes) Order 1998.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions

11th September 2000

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

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SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

NAMES AND AREAS OF ELECTORAL DIVISIONS

| <i>(1)</i> <i>Name of Division</i> | <i>(2)</i> <i>Area of Division</i> |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| | In the district of Alnwick |
| Alnwick | The Alnwick Clayport and Alnwick Hotspur wards |
| Amble | The Amble Central and Amble East wards |
| Amble West with Warkworth | The Amble West and Warkworth wards |
| Lesbury | The Alnwick Castle and Alnmouth and Lesbury wards |
| Longhoughton | The Embleton, Hedgeley, and Longhoughton with Craster and Rennington wards |
| Rothbury | The Harbottle and Elsdon, Rothbury and South Rural, and Whittingham wards |
| Shilbottle | The Longframlington and Shilbottle wards |
| | In the borough of Berwick-Upon-Tweed |
| Bamburgh | The Bamburgh, Beadnell, Belford and North Sunderland wards |
| Berwick East | The Seton and Spittal wards |
| Berwick North | The Edward and Elizabeth wards |
| Berwick West with Ord | The Prior and Shielfield wards and the parish of Ord |
| Norham and Islandshires | The Lowick and Norhamshire ward and the parishes of Ancroft, Ford, Holy Island and Kyloe |
| Wooler | The Cheviot, Flodden and Wooler wards and the parishes of Doddington, Ewart and Milfield |
| | In the borough of Blyth Valley |
| Cowpen | |
| Cramlington East | The Cramlington East ward |
| Cramlington Eastfield | |
| Cramlington North | The Cramlington North ward |
| Cramlington South East | The Cramlington South East ward |
| Cramlington Village | The Cramlington Village ward |
| Cramlington West | |
| Croft | The Croft ward |
| Hartley | The Hartley ward |

| <i>(1)</i> <i>Name of Division</i> | <i>(2)</i> <i>Area of Division</i> |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Holywell | |
| Isabella | |
| Kitty Brewster | |
| Newsham | The Newsham and New Delavel ward |
| Plessey | |
| Seghill with Seaton Delaval | |
| South Blyth | |
| Wensleydale | |
| | In the borough of Castle Morpeth |
| Chevington with | The Chevington and Longhorseley wards |
| Longhorseley | |
| Lynemouth | The Ellington and Lynemouth wards |
| Morpeth Kirkehill | The Morpeth Kirkehill and Morpeth South wards |
| Morpeth North | |
| Morpeth Stobhill | |
| Pegswood | |
| Ponteland East | The Ponteland East and Stannington wards |
| Ponteland North | The Hartburn and Ponteland North wards |
| Ponteland South with Heddon | The Heddon-on-the-Wall and Ponteland South wards |
| Ponteland West | The Ponteland West and Stamfordham wards |
| Ulgham | The Hebron, Hepscoth and Mitford, and Ulgham wards |
| | In the district of Tynedale |
| Bellingham | The Bellingham, Redesdale, Upper North Tyne and Wanney wards |
| Bywell | The East Tynedale, Ovingham and Wylam wards |
| Corbridge | The Corbridge and Sandhoe with Dilston wards |
| Haltwhistle | The Haltwhistle and West Tynedale wards |
| Haydon and Hadrian | The Hadrian and Haydon wards |
| Hexham Central with Acomb | |
| Hexham East | |
| Hexham West | |

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| Humshaugh | The Chollerton with Whittington, Humshaugh and Wall, Warden and Newbrough, and Wark wards |
| Prudhoe East | The Prudhoe North and Prudhoe South wards |
| Prudhoe West | The Prudhoe Castle and Prudhoe West wards |
| South Tynedale | The Allendale, Slaley and Hexhamshire, and South Tynedale wards |
| Stocksfield and Broomhaugh | The Broomhaugh and Riding, and Stocksfield with Mickley wards |
| In the district of Wansbeck | |
| Ashington Central | |
| Bedlington Central | The Bedlington Central ward |
| Bedlington East | The Bedlington East ward |
| Bedlington West | The Bedlington West ward |
| Bothal | The Bothal ward |
| Choppington | |
| College | |
| Haydon | The Haydon ward |
| Hirst | |
| Newbiggin Central and East | |
| Seaton with Newbiggin West | |
| Sleekburn | The Sleekburn ward |
| Stakeford | |

SCHEDULE 2

Article 3

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF HEXHAM

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

| <i>(1)</i> <i>Name of Ward</i> | <i>(2)</i> <i>Area of Ward</i> | <i>(3)</i> <i>Number of Councillors</i> |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Gilesgate | The district ward of Hexham Gilesgate | 2 |
| Hexham Central | So much of the county division of Hexham Central with Acomb as comprises the parish of Hexham | 2 |

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|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Hexham Elvaston | So much of the county division of Hexham East as comprises the parish of Hexham | 1 |
| Hexham South | So much of the county division of Hexham West as comprises the parish of Hexham | 1 |
| Leazes | The district ward of Hexham Leazes | 4 |
| Priestpopple | The district ward of Hexham Priestpopple | 4 |

SCHEDULE 3

Article 4

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF MORPETH

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

| <i>(1)</i> <i>Name of Ward</i> | <i>(2)</i> <i>Area of Ward</i> | <i>(3)</i> <i>Number of Councillors</i> |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Kirkhill | The district ward of Morpeth Kirkhill | 3 |
| East | So much of the county division of Pegswood as comprises the parish of Morpeth | 1 |
| Old Town | So much of the county division of Morpeth North as comprises the parish of Morpeth | 1 |
| Station | So much of the county division of Morpeth Stobhill as comprises the parish of Morpeth | 1 |
| North | The district ward of Morpeth North | 3 |
| South | The district ward of Morpeth South | 3 |
| Stobhill | The district ward of Morpeth Stobhill | 3 |

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect, with modifications, to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England for electoral changes in the county of Northumberland. The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after 3rd May 2001.

The modifications relate to names of divisions and wards. The Secretary of State has decided that the divisions and wards shown in the first column of the Table below with the names proposed by the Commission should be named in accordance with the second column.

| <i>Proposed Division Name</i> | <i>Division Name</i> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Norham and Islandshire | Norham and Islandshires |
| Ponteland South | Ponteland South with Heddon |
| Seghill | Seghill with Seaton Delaval |
| Warkworth | Amble West with Warkworth |
| <i>Proposed Parish Ward Name</i> | <i>Ward Name</i> |
| Morpeth East | East |
| Morpeth Old Town | Old Town |
| Morpeth Station | Station |

Article 2 abolishes the existing divisions of the county and provides for the creation of 67 new divisions. That article and Schedule 1 also make provision for the names and areas of the new divisions. One councillor is to be elected for each division.

Articles 3 and 4 make electoral changes in the parishes of Hexham and Morpeth. The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on or after 1st May 2003.

Article 5 revokes the County of Northumberland (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1980, article 3 of the District of Tynedale (Electoral Changes) Order 1998 and article 2 of the Borough of Castle Morpeth (Electoral Changes) Order 1998.

The areas of the new divisions are demarcated on the map described in article 1(4). Prints of the map may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of Northumberland County Council and at the offices of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, 2nd Floor, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE.