

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(a), 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(b) 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;

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

(a) 1992 c. 19.

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

references to wards, unless the context otherwise requires, are references to district and borough wards in the county(a); 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(b).

Divisions of the county of Northumberland

2.—(1) The existing divisions of the county(c) 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(d) 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(e) 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.

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

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

11th September 2000

(a) 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).

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

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

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

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

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>
	<i>In the district of Alnwick</i>
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 Almouth 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
	<i>In the borough of Berwick-Upon-Tweed</i>
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 Kyle
Wooler	The Cheviot, Flodden and Wooler wards and the parishes of Doddington, Ewart and Milfield
	<i>In the borough of Blyth Valley</i>
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
Holywell	
Isabella	
Kitty Brewster	
Newsham	
Plessey	The Newsham and New Delaval ward
Seghill with Seaton Delaval	
South Blyth	
Wensleydale	
	<i>In the borough of Castle Morpeth</i>
Chevington with Longhorseley	The Chevington and Longhorseley wards
Lynemouth	The Ellington and Lynemouth wards
Morpeth Kirkhill	The Morpeth Kirkhill 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

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name of Division</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Area of Division</i>
Ponteland West Ulgham	The Ponteland West and Stamfordham wards The Hebron, Hepscott and Mitford, and Ulgham wards
	<i>In the district of Tynedale</i>
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	
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
	<i>In the district of Wansbeck</i>
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
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

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.

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