

Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 59(9) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009; draft to lie for forty days pursuant to section 6(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, during which period either House of Parliament may resolve that the Order be not made.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Shropshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2024

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*Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and
(3)*

Under section 58(4) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009⁽¹⁾ (“the Act”) the Local Government Boundary Commission for England⁽²⁾ (“the Commission”) published a report dated October 2023⁽³⁾ stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for Shropshire. The Commission has decided to give effect to the recommendations.

A draft of the instrument has been laid before Parliament and a period of forty days has expired since the day on which it was laid and neither House has resolved that the instrument be not made.

The Commission makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 59(1) of the Act.

Citation, commencement, extent and application

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Shropshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2024.
- (2) This article and article 2 come into force on 15th October 2024.
- (3) Articles 3 and 4 come into force—
 - (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on 15th October 2024;
 - (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in England⁽⁴⁾ in 2025.

(1) 2009 c. 20.

(2) The Local Government Boundary Commission for England was established on 1st April 2010 by section 55(1) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

(3) The report is available for inspection at reasonable times at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 1st Floor, Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL. It is also accessible online at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/shropshire>.

(4) The ordinary day of election of councillors in England is prescribed by section 37(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2), as amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50), renumbered by paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29), and further amended by section 6(16) of the Wales Act 2017 (c. 4).

(4) This Order extends to England and Wales but applies in relation to England only.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order, “the map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the Shropshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2024”, held by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England⁽⁵⁾.

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

Divisions of Shropshire and number of councillors

3.—(1) The existing divisions of Shropshire are abolished.

(2) Shropshire is divided into the 72 divisions listed in the first column of the table in Schedule 1.

(3) Each division comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the division.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each division is the number specified in relation to that division in the second column of the table in Schedule 1.

Parish wards of the parishes of Adderley, Albrighton, Atcham, Bicton, Bridgnorth, Donington with Boscobel, Great Hanwood, Ludford, Ludlow, Market Drayton, Oswestry, Pimhill, Shifnal, Shrewsbury, Uffington and Whitchurch Urban, and number of councillors

4.—(1) The existing parish wards of the parishes of Adderley, Albrighton, Atcham, Bicton, Bridgnorth, Donington with Boscobel, Great Hanwood, Ludford, Ludlow, Market Drayton, Oswestry, Pimhill, Shifnal, Shrewsbury, Uffington and Whitchurch Urban are abolished.

(2) The parish of Adderley is divided into the two parish wards listed in the first column of Table 1 in Schedule 2.

(3) The parish of Albrighton is divided into the two parish wards listed in the first column of Table 2 in Schedule 2.

(4) The parish of Atcham is divided into the two parish wards listed in the first column of Table 3 in Schedule 2.

(5) The parish of Bicton is divided into the two parish wards listed in the first column of Table 4 in Schedule 2.

(6) The parish of Bridgnorth is divided into the four parish wards listed in the first column of Table 5 in Schedule 2.

(7) The parish of Donington with Boscobel is divided into the three parish wards listed in the first column of Table 6 in Schedule 2.

(8) The parish of Great Hanwood is divided into the two parish wards listed in the first column of Table 7 in Schedule 2.

(9) The parish of Ludford is divided into the two parish wards listed in the first column of Table 8 in Schedule 2.

(10) The parish of Ludlow is divided into the seven parish wards listed in the first column of Table 9 in Schedule 2.

(5) Prints of the map are available for inspection at reasonable times at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 1st Floor, Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL. It is also accessible online at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/shropshire>.

(11) The parish of Market Drayton is divided into the three parish wards listed in the first column of Table 10 in Schedule 2.

(12) The parish of Oswestry is divided into the seven parish wards listed in the first column of Table 11 in Schedule 2.

(13) The parish of Pimhill is divided into the five parish wards listed in the first column of Table 12 in Schedule 2.

(14) The parish of Shifnal is divided into the three parish wards listed in the first column of Table 13 in Schedule 2.

(15) The parish of Shrewsbury is divided into the 17 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 14 in Schedule 2.

(16) The parish of Uffington is divided into the two parish wards listed in the first column of Table 15 in Schedule 2.

(17) The parish of Whitchurch Urban is divided into the three parish wards listed in the first column of Table 16 in Schedule 2.

(18) Each parish ward comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(19) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that parish ward in the second column of the relevant table in Schedule 2.

Sealed with the seal of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Date

Name
Chief Executive
Local Government Boundary Commission for
England

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

Divisions of Shropshire and number of councillors

<i>(1) Name of division</i>	<i>(2) Number of councillors</i>
Abbey	1
Albrighton	1
Bagley	1
Battlefield	1
Bayston Hill	1
Belle Vue	1
Bicton Heath	1
Bishop's Castle	1
Bridgnorth Castle	1
Bridgnorth East	1
Bridgnorth South & Alveley	1
Bridgnorth West & Tasley	1
Broseley	1
Brown Clee	1
Burnell	1
Castlefields & Ditherington	1
Cheswardine	1
Chirbury & Worthen	1
Claverley & Worfield	1
Clee	1
Cleobury Mortimer	1
Clun	1
Column & Sutton	1
Copthorne	1
Corvedale	1
Craven Arms	1
Ellesmere Urban	1
Harlescott	1
Highley	1
Hodnet	1
Llanymynech	1
Longden	1

<i>(1) Name of division</i>	<i>(2) Number of councillors</i>
Loton	1
Ludlow East	1
Ludlow North	1
Ludlow South	1
Market Drayton East & Rural	1
Market Drayton North	1
Market Drayton South	1
Meole	1
Monkmoor	1
Much Wenlock	1
Oswestry North	1
Oswestry North East	1
Oswestry South	1
Oswestry South East	1
Oteley & Reabrook	1
Porthill	1
Prees	1
Quarry & Coton Hill	1
Radbrook	1
Rea Valley	1
Ruyton & Baschurch	1
Selattyn & Gobowen	1
Severn Valley	1
Shawbury	1
Shifnal North	1
Shifnal Rural	1
Shifnal South	1
St Martin's	2
St Oswald	1
Stottesdon, Kinlet & Hopton Wafers	1
Sundorne & Old Heath	1
Tern	1
The Meres	1
The Strettons	1

<i>(1) Name of division</i>	<i>(2) Number of councillors</i>
Underdale	1
Wem	2
Whitchurch North	1
Whitchurch South	1
Whitchurch West	1
Whittington	1

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

Name of parish wards and number of councillors

Table 1

Parish wards of the parish of Adderley

<i>(1) Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2) Number of councillors</i>
Adderley Rural	5
Western Way	2

Table 2

Parish wards of the parish of Albrighton

<i>(1) Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2) Number of councillors</i>
Albrighton Rural	1
Albrighton Village	14

Table 3

Parish wards of the parish of Atcham

<i>(1) Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2) Number of councillors</i>
Atcham Rural	3
Hendrick Crescent	4

Table 4

Parish wards of the parish of Bicton

<i>(1) Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2) Number of councillors</i>
Bicton Rural	6
Bicton Urban	3

Table 5

Parish wards of the parish of Bridgnorth

<i>(1) Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2) Number of councillors</i>
Bridgnorth Castle	6
Bridgnorth East	5
Bridgnorth Morfe	2
Bridgnorth West	3

Table 6

Parish wards of the parish of Donington with Boscobel

<i>(1) Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2) Number of councillors</i>
Boscobel	1
Cosford	6
Windsor Road	3

Table 7

Parish wards of the parish of Great Hanwood

<i>(1) Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2) Number of councillors</i>
Hanwood Bank & Hanwood	8
Upper Edgebold	1

Table 8

Parish wards of the parish of Ludford

<i>(1) Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2) Number of councillors</i>
Ludford Rural	5
Rockgreen	2

Table 9

Parish wards of the parish of Ludlow

<i>(1) Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2) Number of councillors</i>
Bringewood	2
Clee View	2
Corve	2
Gallows Bank	3

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<i>(1) Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2) Number of councillors</i>
Hayton	2
Rockspring	2
Whitcliffe	2

Table 10

Parish wards of the parish of Market Drayton

<i>(1) Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2) Number of councillors</i>
Market Drayton East	2
Market Drayton North	5
Market Drayton South	5

Table 11

Parish wards of the parish of Oswestry

<i>(1) Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2) Number of councillors</i>
Cabin Lane	2
Cambrian	2
Carreg Llwyd	4
Castle	3
Gatacre	3
Maserfield	2
Victoria	2

Table 12

Parish wards of the parish of Pimhill

<i>(1) Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2) Number of councillors</i>
Bomere Heath	8
Fitz	2
Leaton	1
Preston Gubbals	1
Walford Heath	1

Table 13

Parish wards of the parish of Shifnal

<i>(1) Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2) Number of councillors</i>
Shifnal North	7
Shifnal Rural	1
Shifnal South	7

Table 14

Parish wards of the parish of Shrewsbury

<i>(1) Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2) Number of councillors</i>
Abbey	1
Bagley	1
Battlefield	1
Belle Vue	1
Bowbrook	1
Castlefields & Ditherington	1
Column	1
Copthorne	1
Harlescott	1
Meole	1
Monkmoor	1
Porthill	1
Quarry & Coton Hill	1
Radbrook	1
Sundorne	1
Sutton & Reabrook	1
Underdale	1

Table 15

Parish wards of the parish of Uffington

<i>(1) Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2) Number of councillors</i>
Pimley Manor	2
Uffington Rural	3

Table 16**Parish wards of the parish of Whitchurch Urban**

<i>(1) Name of parish ward</i>	<i>(2) Number of councillors</i>
Whitchurch North	6
Whitchurch South	3
Whitchurch West	6

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes changes to electoral arrangements for the unitary authority of Shropshire (“The Authority”) following recommendations made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. This Order does not change the boundary of the Authority itself.

Article 3 abolishes the existing electoral divisions of Shropshire and replaces them with 72 new ones for the purpose of elections held on or after the ordinary day of election of councillors in England in 2025. It establishes the names and areas of the new electoral divisions and the number of councillors for each.

Article 4 makes changes to parish wards that are consequential on the changes made by article 3.

The area covered by each division created by this Order is identified on a map which is available for inspection at reasonable times at the offices of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 1st Floor, Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL.

The map may also be accessed at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/shropshire>.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.