
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No. 2473

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Borough of West Devon (Electoral Changes) Order 1999

Made - - - - 6th September 1999

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 January 1999 on its review of the borough of West Devon⁽²⁾ together with its recommendations:

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

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 17⁽³⁾ 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 Borough of West Devon (Electoral Changes) Order 1999.

(2) This Order shall come into force—

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

(3) In this Order—

“the borough” means the borough of West Devon;

“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 Borough of West Devon (Electoral Changes) Order 1999”, and deposited in accordance with regulation 27 of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994⁽⁴⁾; and

any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number.

(1) 1992 c. 19.

(2) The non-metropolitan district of West Devon has the status of a borough.

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

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

Wards of West Devon

2.—(1) The existing wards of the borough⁽⁵⁾ shall be abolished.

(2) The borough shall be divided into twenty-two wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of the Schedule.

(3) The wards shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of the 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 the Schedule.

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

The parish of Buckland Monachorum

3.—(1) The parish of Buckland Monachorum shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names Buckland Harrowbeer and Buckland Monachorum.

(2) The Buckland Harrowbeer parish ward shall comprise so much of the borough ward of Walkham as comprises the parish of Buckland Monachorum, and the Buckland Monachorum parish ward shall comprise so much of the borough ward of Buckland Monachorum as comprises the parish of Buckland Monachorum.

(3) The number of parish councillors to be elected for the Buckland Harrowbeer parish ward shall be one and the number of parish councillors to be elected for the Buckland Monachorum parish ward shall be eleven.

Wards of the parish of Drewsteignton

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into four parish wards which shall bear the names Crockernwell, Drewsteignton, Venton and Whiddon Down; and the wards shall comprise the areas designated on sheet 7 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for the Crockernwell parish ward shall be two; the number of councillors to be elected for each of the Drewsteignton and Whiddon Down parish wards shall be three and the number of councillors to be elected for the Venton parish ward shall be one.

The parish of Meavy

5.—(1) The parish of Meavy shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names Dousland Meavy and Meavy Village and the wards shall comprise the areas designated on sheet 8 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(2) The number of councillors to be elected for the Dousland Meavy parish ward shall be four and the number of councillors to be elected for the Meavy Village parish ward shall be three.

The parish of Okehampton

6.—(1) The parish of Okehampton shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names Okehampton East and Okehampton West.

(2) The Okehampton East parish ward shall be coterminous with the borough ward of the same name and the Okehampton West parish ward shall consist of the rest of the parish.

(5) See the District of West Devon (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977 (S.I. [1977/866](#)).

- (3) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be seven.

The parish of Okehampton Hamlets

7.—(1) The parish of Okehampton Hamlets shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names Okehampton Brightleigh and Okehampton Park.

(2) The Okehampton Brightleigh parish ward shall comprise so much of the borough ward of Lew Valley as comprises the parish of Okehampton Hamlets and the Okehampton Park parish ward shall comprise so much of the borough ward of Okehampton West as comprises the parish of Okehampton Hamlets.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for the Okehampton Brightleigh parish ward shall be three and the number of councillors to be elected for the Okehampton Park parish ward shall be five.

The wards of the parish of Tavistock

8.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Tavistock shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into three parish wards which shall bear the names Tavistock North, Tavistock South and Tavistock South West and each ward shall comprise the area of the ward of the borough bearing the same name.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for the Tavistock North parish ward shall be eight; the number of councillors to be elected for the Tavistock South parish ward shall be seven and the number of councillors to be elected for the Tavistock South West parish ward shall be two.

The parish of Walkhampton

9.—(1) The parish of Walkhampton shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names Dousland Walkhampton and Walkhampton Village; and the wards shall comprise the areas designated on sheet 9 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(2) The number of councillors to be elected for the Dousland Walkhampton parish ward shall be four and the number of councillors to be elected for the Walkhampton Village parish ward shall be three.

Revocation

10. The District of West Devon (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977 is hereby revoked.

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

Beverley Hughes
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of the Environment, Transport and
the Regions

6th September 1999

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SCHEDULE

Article 2

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

(1) <i>Name of ward</i>	(2) <i>Description of area</i>	(3) <i>Number of councillors</i>
Bere Ferrers	The parish of Bere Ferrers	2
Bridestowe	The parishes of Bratton Clovelly, Bridestowe, Germansweek and Sourton and also lands common to the parishes of Bridestow and Sourton	1
Buckland Monachorum		2
Burrator	The parishes of Meavy, Sheepstor and Walkhampton	1
Chagford	The parish of Chagford	1
Drewsteignton	The parishes of Drewsteignton, Gidleigh, Spreyton and Throwleigh	1
Exbourne	The parishes of Broadwoodkelly, Exbourne, Idlesleigh, Jacobstowe, Monkokehampston and Sampford Courtenay	1
Hatherleigh	The parishes of Hatherleigh, Highampton and Meeth	1
Lew Valley		1
Lydford	The parishes of Dartmoor Forest and Lydford	1
Mary Tavy	The parishes of Brentor, Mary Tavy and Peter Tavy	1
Milton Ford	The parishes of Coryton, Dunterton, Kelly, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Milton Abbot	1
Okehampton East		2
Okehampton West		2
Tamarside	The parishes of Gulworthy, Lamerton and Sydenham Damerel	1
Tavistock North		3
Tavistock South		3
Tavistock South West		1

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North Tawton	The parishes of Bondleigh and North Tawton	1
South Tawton	The parishes of South Tawton and Sticklepath	1
Thrushel	The parishes of Lifton, Stowford and Thrushelton	1
Walkham		2

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect, subject to the modification detailed below, to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England for electoral changes in the borough of West Devon. The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after 1st May 2003.

The modification alters the name proposed for one of the wards of the parish of Buckland Monachorum, and the number of parish councillors to be elected for each ward of that parish. The proposed Buckland Village parish ward will be known as the Buckland Monachorum parish ward and will be represented by eleven, rather than ten, parish councillors. The Buckland Harrowbeer parish ward will be represented by one, rather than two, parish councillors.

Article 2 abolishes the existing wards of the borough and provides for the creation of 22 new wards. That article and the Schedule make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new wards.

Articles 3 to 9 make electoral changes in the parishes of Buckland Monachorum, Drewsteignton, Meavy, Okehampton, Okehampton Hamlets, Tavistock and Walkhampton.

Article 10 revokes the District of West Devon (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1977.

The areas of the new borough 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 the West Devon Borough 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.