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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2004 No. 2812**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND**

**The County of Devon (Electoral Changes) Order 2004**

*Made - - - - 28th October 2004  
Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and  
1(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 recommendations dated August 2000 on its review of the county of Devon:

And whereas the Electoral Commission(2) have decided to give effect, with modifications, to those recommendations:

And whereas a period of not less than six weeks has expired since the receipt of those recommendations:

Now, therefore, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 17(3) and 26(4) of the Local Government Act 1992, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the County of Devon (Electoral Changes) Order 2004.
- (2) This Order, with the exception of article 4, shall come into force –
  - (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2005, on the day after that on which it is made;
  - (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2005.
- (3) Article 4 shall come into force –

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(1) 1992 c. 19. This section has been amended by the Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/2962).

(2) The Electoral Commission was established by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41). The functions of the Secretary of State, under sections 13 to 15 and 17 of the Local Government Act 1992 (c. 19), to the extent that they relate to electoral changes within the meaning of that Act, were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission on 1st April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(3) This section has been amended by section 89(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 (c. 22), S.I. 2001/3962 and also otherwise in ways not relevant to this Order.

(4) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of a parish councillor for the parish of Sidmouth to be held on the ordinary day of elections in 2007, on 15th October 2006;
- (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of elections in 2007.

## **Interpretation**

### **2. In this Order –**

“county” means the county of Devon;

“existing”, in relation to an electoral division or ward, means the electoral 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, borough and city wards in the county<sup>(5)</sup>;

any reference to the map is a reference to the map marked “Map referred to in the County of Devon (Electoral Changes) Order 2004”, of which prints are available for inspection at –

- (a) the principal office of the Electoral Commission; and
- (b) the offices of Devon County Council; and

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

## **Electoral divisions of the county of Devon**

**3.—(1)** The existing electoral divisions of the county<sup>(6)</sup> shall be abolished.

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

(3) The electoral divisions shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of the Schedule by reference to wards, parishes, or parish wards and the number of councillors to be elected for each electoral 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 parish of Sidmouth**

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into eight parish wards which shall bear the names East, North, Primley, Salcombe Regis, Sidbury, Sidmouth Village, South and West; and the wards shall comprise the areas designated on sheet 1 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each of the North, South and West parish wards shall be three and for each of the East, Primley, Salcombe Regis, Sidbury and Sidmouth Village parish wards shall be two.

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(5) See the District of East Devon (Electoral Changes) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/2467), the City of Exeter (Electoral Changes) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/2468), the District of Mid Devon (Electoral Changes) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/2470), the District of North Devon (Electoral Changes) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/2469), the District of South Hams (Electoral Changes) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/2487), the District of Teignbridge (Electoral Changes) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/2471), the District of Torridge (Electoral Changes) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/2472), and the Borough of West Devon (Electoral Changes) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/2473) as amended by the Borough of West Devon (Electoral Changes) (Amendment) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2678).

(6) See the County of Devon (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/1748). The area of the county of Devon was altered by the Devon (City of Plymouth and Borough of Torbay) (Structural Change) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/1865).

## Maps

5. Devon County Council shall make a print of the map marked “Map referred to in the County of Devon (Electoral Changes) Order 2004” available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

## Electoral registers

6. The Electoral Registration Officer<sup>(7)</sup> for each district, borough or city in the county shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

## Revocation

7. The County of Devon (Electoral Arrangements) Order (1981)<sup>(8)</sup> is revoked, save for article 5.

Sealed with the seal of the Electoral Commission on the 28th day of October 2004

L.S.

28th October 2004

*Sam Younger*  
Chairman of the Commission

28th October 2004

*Jacqui Dixon*  
Secretary to the Commission

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(7) As to electoral registration officers and the register of local government electors, *see* sections 8 to 13 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2).

(8) S.I. 1981/1748.

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## SCHEDULE

article 3

## NAMES AND AREAS OF ELECTORAL DIVISIONS

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Name of Electoral Division</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Area of Electoral Division</i>
<b>In the district of East Devon</b>	
Axminster	Axminster Rural ward; Axminster Town ward; Newbridges ward; Yarty ward
Broadclyst and Whimble	Broadclyst ward; Clyst Valley ward; Exe Valley ward; Whimble ward
Budleigh	Budleigh ward; Newton Poppleford and Harpford ward; Raleigh ward; Aylesbeare parish
Exmouth Brixington and Withycombe	Exmouth Brixington ward; Exmouth Withycombe Raleigh ward
Exmouth Halsdon and Woodbury	Exmouth Halsdon ward; Woodbury and Lympstone ward
Exmouth Littleham and Town	Exmouth Littleham ward; Exmouth Town ward
Honiton St Michael's	Coly Valley ward; Honiton St Michael's ward
Honiton St Paul's	Dunkeswell ward; Honiton St Paul's ward; Otterhead ward; Tale Vale ward
Ottery St Mary Rural	Feniton and Buckerell ward; Ottery St Mary Town ward; North, Tipton St John and West Hill parish wards of Ottery St Mary parish; Sidbury parish ward of Sidmouth parish
Seaton Coastal	Beer and Branscombe ward; Seaton ward; Trinity ward
Sidmouth Sidford	Sidmouth Sidford ward; Sidmouth Town ward; Salcombe Regis parish ward of Sidmouth parish
<b>In the city of Exeter</b>	
Alphington and Cowick	Alphington ward; Cowick ward
Duryard and Pennsylvania	Duryard ward; Pennsylvania ward
Exwick and St Thomas	Exwick ward; St Thomas ward
Heavitree and Whipton and Barton	Heavitree ward; Whipton and Barton ward
Newtown and Polsloe	Newtown ward; Polsloe ward
Pinhoe and Mincinglake	Mincinglake ward; Pinhoe ward
Priory and St Leonard's	Priory ward; St Leonard's ward
St David's and St James	St David's ward; St James ward
St Loyes and Topsham	St Loyes ward; Topsham ward

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<b>In the district of Mid Devon</b>	
Crediton Rural	Boniface ward; Lawrence ward; Upper Yeo ward; Yeo ward
Cullompton Rural	Bradninch ward; Cullompton North ward; Cullompton Outer ward; Cullompton South ward; Silverton ward
Newton St Cyres and Sandford	Canonsleigh ward; Lower Culm ward; Upper Culm ward
Tiverton East	Cranmore ward; Halberton ward; Lowman ward
Tiverton West	Castle ward; Clare and Shuttern ward; Westexe ward
Willand and Uffculme	Cadbury ward; Newbrooke ward; Sandford and Creedy ward; Taw ward; Taw Vale ward; Way ward
<b>In the district of North Devon</b>	
Barnstaple North	Central Town ward; Pilton ward; Yeo Valley ward
Barnstaple South	Forches and Whiddon Valley ward; Longbridge ward; Newport ward
Braunton Rural	Braunton East ward; Braunton West ward; Heanton Punchardon ward; Georgeham parish
Chulmleigh and Swimbridge	Bratton Fleming ward; Chittlehampton ward; Chulmleigh ward; Landkey, Swimbridge and Taw ward
Combe Martin Rural	Combe Martin ward; Lynton and Lynmouth ward; Marwood ward; Mortehoe parish; West Down parish
Fremington Rural	Bickington and Roundswell ward; Fremington ward; Instow ward
Ilfracombe	Ilfracombe Central ward; Ilfracombe East ward; Ilfracombe West ward
South Molton Rural	Bishop's Nympton ward; North Molton ward; South Molton ward; Witheridge ward
<b>In the district of South Hams</b>	
Bickleigh and Wembury	Bickleigh and Shaugh ward; Cornwood and Sparkwell ward; Wembury and Brixton ward
Dartmouth and Kingswear	Dartmouth and Kingswear ward; Dartmouth Townstal ward; West Dart ward
Ivybridge	Ivybridge Central ward; Ivybridge Filham ward; Ivybridge Woodlands ward

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Kingsbridge and Stokenham	Kingsbridge East ward; Kingsbridge North ward; Saltstone ward; Skerries ward; Stokenham ward
South Brent and Dartington	Dartington ward; East Dart ward; Eastmoor ward; Marldon ward; South Brent ward
Thurlestone, Salcombe and Allington	Allington and Loddiswell ward; Salcombe and Malborough ward; Thurlestone ward; Westville and Alvington ward
Totnes Rural	Avon and Harbourne ward; Totnes Bridgetown ward; Totnes Town ward
Yealmpton	Charterlands ward; Erme Valley ward; Newton and Noss ward; Yealmpton ward
<b>In the district of Teignbridge</b>	
Ashburton and Buckfastleigh	Ashburton and Buckfastleigh ward; Haytor ward; Ogwell parish
Bovey Tracey Rural	Bovey ward; Moorland ward
Chudleigh Rural	Chudleigh ward; Teignbridge North ward; Teign Valley ward
Dawlish	Dawlish Central and North East ward; Dawlish South West ward
Exminster and Kenton	Kenn Valley ward; Kenton with Starcross ward
Kingsteignton	Kingsteignton East ward; Kingsteignton West ward
Newton Abbot North	Bradley ward; Bushell ward
Newton Abbot South	Buckland and Milber ward; College ward
Teignbridge South	Ipplepen ward; Abbotskerswell parish; Broadhempston parish; Coffinswell parish; Denbury and Torbryan parish; Kingskerswell parish; Woodland parish
Teign Estuary	Bishopsteignton ward; Shaldon and Stokeinteignhead ward; Teignmouth West ward; Hacombe Rural parish ward of Hacombe with Combe parish
Teignmouth	Teignmouth Central ward; Teignmouth East ward
<b>In the district of Torridge</b>	
Bideford East	Bideford East ward; Bideford North ward; Monkleigh and Littleham ward
Bideford South and Hartland	Bideford South ward; Clovelly Bay ward; Kenwith ward; Waldon ward; Hartland parish; Welcombe parish

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Holsworthy Rural	Broadheath ward; Coham Bridge ward; Forest ward; Holsworthy ward; Tamarside ward; Bradworthy parish; Newton St Petrock parish; Shebbear parish
Northam	Appledore ward; Northam ward; Orchard Hill ward; Westward Ho! ward
Torrington Rural	Clinton ward; Three Moors ward; Torrington ward; Two Rivers ward; Winkleigh ward; Langtree parish
<b>In the borough of West Devon</b>	
Hatherleigh and Chagford	Chagford ward; Drewsteignton ward; Exbourne ward; Hatherleigh ward; Lew Valley ward; North Tawton ward; South Tawton ward
Okehampton Rural	Bridestowe ward; Mary Tavy ward; Milton Ford ward; Okehampton East ward; Okehampton West ward; Thrushel ward
Tavistock	Tamarside ward; Tavistock North ward; Tavistock South ward; Tavistock South West ward
Yelverton Rural	Bere Ferrers ward; Buckland Monachorum ward; Burrator ward; Lydford ward; Walkham ward

## 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 Devon. The recommendations were submitted to the Secretary of State, but the functions of the Secretary of State under sections 13 to 15 and 17 of the Local Government Act 1992 so far as they relate to electoral changes were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission under the Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I.2001/3962), with effect from 1st April 2002. That Order provides that recommendations submitted to the Secretary of State before 1st April 2002 would have effect as if they had been submitted to the Electoral Commission.

The modifications concern the names of Seaton Coastal, Heavitree and Whipton and Barton, Newton St Cyres and Sandford, Willand and Uffculme, Teignbridge South, Teign Estuary, and Teignmouth electoral divisions.

The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2005.

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Article 3 abolishes the existing electoral divisions of the county and provides for the creation of 62 new electoral divisions. That article and the Schedule also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new electoral divisions. The number of councillors for each electoral division shall be one.

Article 4 makes electoral changes in the parish of Sidmouth.

Article 6 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer in each district, borough or city in the county of Devon to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register for that district, borough or city to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 7 revokes the County of Devon (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1981, with the exception of article 5.

The areas of the new parish wards of the parish of Sidmouth are demarcated on the map described in article 2. Prints of the map may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of Devon County Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.