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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2004 No. 2814**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND**

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

Made - - - - 28th October 2004

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

Whereas the Boundary Committee for England(1), acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992(2), has submitted to the Electoral Commission(3) recommendations dated April 2004 on its review of the county of Gloucestershire:

And whereas the Electoral Commission have decided to give effect 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(4) and 26(5) 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 Gloucestershire (Electoral Changes) Order 2004.

(2) This Order 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.

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- (1) The Boundary Committee for England is a committee of the Electoral Commission, established by the Electoral Commission in accordance with section 14 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41). The Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I.2001/3962) transferred to the Electoral Commission the functions of the Local Government Commission for England.
- (2) 1992 c. 19. This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.
- (3) 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).
- (4) 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.
- (5) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

## Interpretation

### 2. In this Order –

“county” means the county of Gloucestershire;

“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>(6)</sup>; and

any reference to the map is a reference to the map marked “Map referred to in the County of Gloucestershire (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 Gloucestershire County Council.

## Electoral divisions of the county of Gloucestershire

3.—(1) The existing electoral divisions of the county<sup>(7)</sup> shall be abolished.

(2) The county shall be divided into fifty-three 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 or, where an area is not so described, the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the electoral division and demarcated by red lines; and the number of councillors to be elected for each electoral division shall be the number specified in respect of the electoral division in column (3) of the Schedule.

(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.

## Maps

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

## Electoral registers

5. The Electoral Registration Officer<sup>(8)</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.

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(6) See the Borough of Cheltenham (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3882), the District of Cotswold (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3885), the District of Forest of Dean (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3880) as amended by the District of Forest of Dean (Electoral Changes) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/1035), the City of Gloucester (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3884), the District of Stroud (Parishes and Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3883), and the Borough of Tewkesbury (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3881).

(7) See the County of Gloucestershire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1983 (S.I. 1983/829) and the Gloucestershire Districts (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/793). The area of the county of Gloucestershire was altered by the Gloucestershire and Wiltshire (County Boundaries) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/170), the Avon and Gloucestershire (County Boundaries) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/271), and the Avon (Structural Change) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/493).

(8) 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).

## Revocation

6. The County of Gloucestershire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1983(9) is revoked, save for article 4.

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

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28th October 2004

*Sam Younger*  
Chairman of the Commission

28th October 2004

*Jacqui Dixon*  
Secretary to the Commission

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## SCHEDULE

article 3

## NAMES AND AREAS OF ELECTORAL DIVISIONS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Name of Electoral Division</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Area of Electoral Division</i>	<i>Column (3)</i> <i>Number of Councillors</i>
<b>In the borough of Cheltenham</b>		
All Saints	All Saints ward; Charlton Park ward; College ward; Leckhampton ward	2
Charlton Kings	Battledown ward; Charlton Kings ward	1
Hesters Way and Up Hatherley	Benhall and The Reddings ward; Hesters Way ward; Up Hatherley ward	2
Lansdown, Park and Warden Hill	Lansdown ward; Park ward; Warden Hill ward	2
Oakley, Pittville and Prestbury	Oakley ward; Pittville ward; Prestbury ward	2
St Mark's, St Paul's and St Peter's		2
Springbank	Springbank ward; Swindon parish <sup>(10)</sup> ; Prestbury West parish ward of Prestbury parish <sup>(11)</sup>	1
<b>In the district of Cotswold</b>		
Bourton	Bourton-on-the-Water ward; Rissingtons ward; Riversmeet ward; Three Rivers ward	1
Cirencester	Cirencester Beeches ward; Cirencester Chesterton ward; Cirencester Park ward; Cirencester Stratton-Whiteway ward; Cirencester Watermoor ward	2
East Cotswold	Fairford ward; Hampton ward; Kempsford-Lechlade ward	1
Moreton-Stow	Beacon-Stow ward; Fosseridge ward; Moreton-in-Marsh ward	1
North Cotswold	Blockley ward; Campden-Vale ward	1
Northleach	Ampney-Coln ward; Chedworth ward; Churn	1

<sup>(10)</sup> The area of the parish of Swindon was altered by the Cheltenham (Parishes) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/930).

<sup>(11)</sup> The area of the parish of Prestbury was altered by S.I. 2003/930.

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	Valley ward; Northleach ward; Sandywell ward	
South Cotswold	Ermin ward; Thames Head ward; Water Park ward	1
Tetbury	Avening ward; Grumbolds Ash ward; Tetbury ward	1
<b>In the district of Forest of Dean</b>		
Brooksdean	Lydbrook and Ruardean ward; Mitcheldean and Drybrook ward	1
Cinderford	Cinderford East ward; Cinderford West ward	1
Coleford	Coleford Central ward; Coleford East ward	1
Lydney	Lydney East ward; Lydney North ward; Lydney West parish ward of Lydney parish	1
Mid Dean	Blaisdon and Longhope ward; Churcham and Huntley ward; Newnham and Westbury ward; Tibberton ward	1
Newent	Bromesberrow and Dymock ward; Hartpury ward; Newent Central ward; Oxenhall and Newent North East ward; Redmarley ward	1
Pillowell and Littledean	Awre ward; Littledean and Ruspidge ward; Pillowell ward	1
Tidenham	Hewelsfield and Woolaston ward; Tidenham ward; Alvington parish; Aylburton parish	1
West Dean	Berry Hill ward; Bream ward; Christchurch and English Bicknor ward; Newland and St Briavels ward	1
<b>In the city of Gloucester</b>		
Abbey	Abbey ward	1
Barnwood	Barnwood ward	1
Barton and Tredworth	Barton and Tredworth ward	1
Hucclecote	Hucclecote ward	1

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Longlevens	Longlevens ward	1
Moreland	Moreland ward	1
Podsmead	Podsmead ward; Tuffley ward	1
Quedgeley	Grange ward; Quedgeley Fieldcourt ward; Quedgeley Severn Vale ward	2
Robinswood	Matson and Robinswood ward	1
Westgate	Elmbridge ward; Kingsholm and Wotton ward; Westgate ward	2
<b>In the district of Stroud</b>		
Berkeley Vale	Berkeley ward; Severn ward; Alkington parish; Ham and Stone parish	1
Cam and Dursley	Cam East ward; Cam West ward; Coaley and Uley ward; Dursley ward; Stinchcombe parish	2
Chalford	Chalford ward; Thrupp ward	1
Nailsworth and Minchinhampton	Minchinhampton ward; Nailsworth ward	1
North Stroud	Eastington and Standish ward; Hardwicke ward; Over Stroud ward	1
Rodborough	Amberley and Woodchester ward; Rodborough ward; King's Stanley parish	1
Stonehouse	Stonehouse ward; Frocester parish; Leonard Stanley parish	1
Stroud East	Central ward; Slade ward; Trinity ward; Uplands ward; Valley ward	1
Stroud West	Cainscross ward; Farmhill and Paganhill ward	1
Upton St Leonards, Bisley and Painswick	Bisley ward; Painswick ward; Upton St Leonards ward	1
Wotton-under-Edge	Kingswood ward; Wotton-under-Edge ward	1

**In the borough of Tewkesbury**

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Ashchurch, Cleeve and Oxenton Hill	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff ward; Cleeve Hill ward; Oxenton Hill ward	1
Brockworth	Brockworth ward; Hucclecote ward	1
Churchdown Brookfield	Badgeworth ward; Churchdown Brookfield ward; Shurdington ward	1
Churchdown St John's	Churchdown St John's ward; Innsworth with Down Hatherley ward	1
Cleeve	Cleeve Grange ward; Cleeve St Michael's ward; Cleeve West ward	1
Severn Vale	Coombe Hill ward; Highnam with Haw Bridge ward	1
Tewkesbury	Northway ward; Tewkesbury Newtown ward; Tewkesbury Prior's Park ward; Tewkesbury Town with Mitton ward; Twynning ward	2
Winchcombe	Isbourne ward; Winchcombe ward	1

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order gives effect to recommendations by the Boundary Committee for England, a committee of the Electoral Commission, for electoral changes in the county of Gloucestershire.

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.

Article 3 abolishes the existing electoral divisions of the county and provides for the creation of 53 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.

Article 5 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer in each district, borough or city in the county of Gloucestershire to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register for that district, borough or city to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

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Article 6 revokes the County of Gloucestershire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1983, with the exception of article 4.

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