
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2023 No. 652

The Maidstone (Electoral Changes) Order 2023

Citation, commencement, extent and application

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Maidstone (Electoral Changes) Order 2023.
- (2) This article and article 2 come into force on the day after the day on which this Order is made.
- (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 2023;
 - (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in England⁽¹⁾ in 2024.
- (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 Maidstone (Electoral Changes) Order 2023”, held by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England⁽²⁾.
- (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.

Wards of the borough of Maidstone and number of councillors

- 3.—(1) The existing wards of the borough of Maidstone are abolished.
- (2) The borough of Maidstone is divided into the 22 wards listed in the first column of the table in Schedule 1.
- (3) Each ward comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the ward.
- (4) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward is the number specified in relation to that ward in the second column of the table in Schedule 1.

Parish Wards of the parishes of Boughton Monchelsea, Boxley, Otham and Thurnham and number of councillors.

- 4.—(1) The existing parish wards of the parishes of Boughton Monchelsea, Boxley, Otham and Thurnham are abolished.

(1) 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).

(2) 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/maidstone>.

(2) The parish of Boughton Monchelsea is divided into the four parish wards listed in the first column of table 1 in Schedule 2.

(3) The parish of Boxley is divided into the five parish wards listed in the first column of table 2 in Schedule 2.

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

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

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

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

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



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