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DISTRICT OF CRAVEN: NAMES OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO. OF COUNCILLORS</u>
AIRE VALLEY	2
BENTHAM	2
BOLTON ABBEY	1
CALTON	1
CLAPHAM	1
COWLING	1
EMBSAY-WITH-EASTBY	1
GARGRAVE	1
GRASSINGTON	1
GLUSBURN	3
HELLIFIELD	1
INGLEBOROUGH	2
PENYGHENT	1
RIBBLESIDE	1
SETTLE	2
SKIPTON CENTRAL	1
SKIPTON EAST	3
SKIPTON NORTH	2
SKIPTON SOUTH	1
SKIPTON SOUTH-WEST	1
SKIPTON WEST	1
SUTTON	2
UPPER WHARFEDALE	1
WEST CRAVEN	1

DISTRICT OF CRAVEN: ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO. OF COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING WARD	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR
AIRE VALLEY	2	1		1 PE
BENTHAM	2	1	1 PE	
BOLTON ABBEY	1	1 PE		
CALTON	1		1 PE	
CLAPHAM	1		1 PE	
COWLING	1	1 PE		
EMBSAY-WITH-EASTBY	1			1 PE
GARGRAVE	1		1 PE	
GRASSINGTON	1	1 PE		
GLUSBURN	3	1	1 PE	1
HELLIFIELD	1		1 PE	
INGLEBOROUGH	2	1	1 PE	
PENYGHEAT	1		1 PE	
RIBBLESIDE	1			1 PE
SETTLE	2	1	1 PE	
SKIPTON CENTRAL	1			1 PE
SKIPTON EAST	3	1	1	1 PE
SKIPTON NORTH	2		1	1 PE
SKIPTON SOUTH	1			1 PE
SKIPTON SOUTH-WEST	1			1 PE
SKIPTON WEST	1			1 PE
SUTTON	2	1		1 PE
UPPER WHARFEDALE	1	1 PE		
WEST CRAVEN	1			1 PE
	34	11	11	12

PE = Parish Election

To the Rt Hon Merlyn Rees, MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISTRICT
OF CRAVEN IN THE COUNTY OF NORTH YORKSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the district of Craven in accordance with the requirements of section 63 of, and Schedule 9 to, the Local Government Act 1972, present our proposals for the future electoral arrangements for that district.
2. In accordance with the procedure prescribed in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 21 April 1975 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to Craven District Council, copies of which were circulated to North Yorkshire County Council, parish councils and parish meetings in the district, the members of Parliament for the Constituencies concerned and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of the local newspapers circulating in the area and of the local government press. Notices inserted in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and interested bodies.
3. Craven District Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. When doing so, they were asked to observe the rules laid down in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972, and the guidelines which we set out in our Report No 6 about the proposed size of the council and the proposed number of councillors for each ward. They were also asked to take into account any views expressed to them following their consultation with local interests. We therefore asked that they should publish details of their provisional proposals about a month before they submitted their draft scheme to us, thus allowing an opportunity for local comment.

4. The Council have passed a resolution under section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 requesting a system of elections by thirds.
5. On 27 October 1975 Craven District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to retain the existing arrangements, providing for 24 wards, each returning one, two or three councillors, to form a council of 35.
6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the District Council. We noted that, in general, the scheme complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 and our own guidelines, but we were of the opinion that the Skipton South ward was over-represented. After carefully considering an alternative scheme submitted by a local political party, we decided to adopt the pattern of wards proposed in the District Council's draft scheme, but to make one modification. We combined the proposed 2-member Skipton South and 1-member Skipton South-West wards to form a 2-member ward named Skipton South, thereby reducing the size of the council from 35 to 34 members. We formulated our draft proposals accordingly.
7. On 29 March 1976 we issued our draft proposals, and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter and to the local political party which had submitted the alternative scheme. The Council were asked to make the draft proposals, and the accompanying map which defined the proposed ward boundaries, available for inspection at their main offices. Representations on our draft proposals were invited from those to whom they were circulated and, by public notices, from members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 24 May 1976.
8. The District Council, Skipton Town Council and a political party objected to our proposal to merge the proposed Skipton South and Skipton South-West wards and to the reduction in their representation. A parish council wrote to us objecting to the name of the proposed Ribbleside ward.

9. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments we had received. We noted that there was strong local feeling that the existing Skipton South and Skipton South-West wards were separate entities and decided to modify our draft proposals to allow the retention of the two separate wards, but we considered that each of these wards should be represented by only one councillor.

10. Subject to this one modification, we decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

11. Details of the final proposals are set out in Schedule 1 to this report and on the attached map. Schedule 1 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each ward. The boundaries of the new wards are illustrated on the map. Schedule 2 shows our proposals for the order of retirement of councillors.

PUBLICATION

12. In accordance with section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, a copy of this report and a copy of the map are being sent to Craven District Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without the map) are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards as defined on the map is set out in Schedule 3 to this report.

Signed:

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EDMUND COMPTON (CHAIRMAN)

JOHN M RANKIN (DEPUTY CHAIRMAN)

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N DIGNEY (Secretary)

October 1976

DISTRICT OF CRAVEN DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

AIRE VALLEY WARD

The parishes of Bradleys Both
Cononley
Farnhill

BENTHAM WARD

The parish of Bentham

BOLTON ABBEY WARD

The parishes of Appletreewick
Barden
Beamsley
Bolton Abbey
Burnsall
Draughton
Hartlington
Hazelwood with Storiths
Halton East
Thorpe

CALTON WARD

The parishes of Airton
Bordley
Calton
Cracoe
Eshton
Flasby with Winterburn
Hanlith
Hetton
Kirkby Malham
Malham
Malham Moor
Otterburn
Rylstone
Scosthrop
Stirton with Thorlby

CLAPHAM WARD

The parishes of Austwick
Clapham cum Newby
Lawkland

COWLING WARD

The parish of Cowling

EMBSAY-WITH-EASTBY WARD

The parish of Embsay with Eastby

GARGRAVE WARD

The parish of Gargrave

GLUSBURN WARD

The parishes of Glusburn
Lothersdale

GRASSINGTON WARD

The parishes of Grassington
Hebden
Linton

HELLIFIELD WARD

The parishes of Bank Newton
Coniston Cold
Hellifield
Martons Both
Nappa
Swinden

INGLEBOROUGH WARD

The parishes of Burton in Lonsdale
Ingleton
Thornton in Lonsdale

PENYGHENT WARD

The parishes of Giggleswick
Horton in Ribblesdale
Stainforth

RIBBLESIDE WARD

The parishes of Halton West
Long Preston
Rathmell
Wigglesworth

SETTLE WARD

The parishes of Langcliffe
Settle

SKIPTON CENTRAL WARD

The Central Ward of the parish of Skipton.

SKIPTON EAST WARD

The East Ward of the parish of Skipton.

SKIPTON NORTH WARD

The North Ward of the parish of Skipton.

SKIPTON SOUTH WARD

The South Ward of the parish of Skipton.

SKIPTON SOUTH-WEST WARD

The South West Ward of the parish of Skipton.

SKIPTON WEST WARD

The West Ward of the parish of Skipton.

SUTTON WARD

The parish of Sutton.

UPPER WHARFEDALE WARD

The parishes of Arncliffe

Buckden

Conistone with Kilnsey

Halton Gill

Hawswick

Kettlewell with Starbotton

Litton

Threshfield

WEST CRAVEN WARD**The parishes of Broughton****Carleton****Elslack****Thornton in Craven**