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To the Rt Hon Roy Jenkins, MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISTRICT
OF WEST SOMERSET IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the district of West Somerset 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 laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 10 June 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the West Somerset District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Somerset 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 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 from any interested bodies.
3. West Somerset District Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. In 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 council and the proposed number of councillors for each ward. They were asked also 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. In accordance with section 7(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council had exercised an option for a system of whole council elections.
5. On 4 December 1974 the District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area into 19 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a council of 32, the same as at present.
6. Following the publication of the draft scheme we received representations from the Holford and Kilve Parish Councils suggesting that the parish of Stogursey should be a separate district ward returning 2 members leaving the remaining parishes in the District Council's proposed Quantock Vale ward to return a single member. The submission from the Holford Parish Council referred also to the possibility that the revised Quantock Vale ward might be enlarged by the addition of the parish of East Quantoxhead and possibly the parish West Quantoxhead, from the proposed West Quantock ward. From the Old Cleeve and Luxborough Parish Councils and from a district councillor we received representations asking that the proposed Cleeve ward should be renamed "Old Cleeve" and we heard from the District Council that they supported this proposed amendment to their scheme. The District Council also forwarded comments which they had received from Williton Parish Council asking that the proposed district ward comprising that parish should be allocated an extra member, and from Huish Champflower Parish Council asking that the proposed Haddon ward should be renamed "Brendon Hill" or "Haddon and Huish Champflower".
7. We considered the District Council's draft scheme together with all the comments which had been submitted. We noted that the proposals to divide the proposed Quantock Vale ward would involve the allocation of an extra councillor. We studied electorate statistics which the District Council had provided and found that the case for an extra member was very marginal. We noted moreover that the allocation of an extra member here would produce imbalance in the scheme as a whole and lead to the over representation of the rural parts of the district. We decided, therefore, that the draft scheme should not be altered.

8. We considered the allocation of an additional councillor to the proposed Williton ward but decided that its share of the total electorate of the District, both now and as forecast by the District Council in five years' time, was insufficient to warrant representation by 3 members.

9. We considered whether there were any modifications which we could make to the scheme in order to improve the standard of equality of representation. A number of possibilities were examined. In most instances we concluded, having regard to the geography of the district and the pattern of local ties, that no change should be made. However, in Minehead we decided to propose an adjustment of the boundary between the proposed Minehead South and Alcombe wards so as to strengthen the electorate of the latter ward.

10. We studied the comments which had been submitted in relation to the names which the District Council had suggested. We decided to adopt to name "Old Cleeve" for the ward comprising the parishes of Luxborough, Old Cleeve and Treborough. On the evidence before us, and in the absence of any comment from the other parishes in the proposed Haddon ward, we did not feel able to respond to the suggestion which the Huish Champflower Parish Council had made.

11. After consulting Ordnance Survey we made a number of minor adjustments to the alignment of some of the boundaries in order to secure boundary lines which were more readily identifiable on the ground.

12. Subject to the changes referred to in paragraphs 9 and 10 above we decided that the District Council's draft scheme provided a reasonable basis for the future electoral arrangements of the District in compliance with the rules in Schedule 11 to the 1972 Act and our guidelines, and we formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

13. On 30 April 1975 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or who had commented on the Council's draft scheme. The Council were asked to make these draft proposals, and the accompanying maps 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 other members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 30 June 1975.

14. The West Somerset District Council informed us that our proposals for the Minehead area of the District were quite unacceptable and that the present District ward boundaries in the town should be left undisturbed. We heard also from the Kilve Parish Council who reiterated their proposals to divide the proposed West Quantock ward. The Parish Council also made representations through their Member of Parliament.

15. In view of these comments we considered that we needed further information to enable us to reach a conclusion. Therefore, in accordance with Section 65(2) of the 1972 Act, and at our request, you appointed Mr Eric Howarth, MBE as an Assistant Commissioner to hold a local meeting and to report to us.

16. The Assistant Commissioner held a meeting at the Council's Offices, Fore Street, Williton on 18 September 1975. A copy (without enclosures) of his report to us of the meeting is attached at Schedule 1 to this report.

17. In respect of the proposed Quantock Vale ward the Assistant Commissioner recommended that we should adhere to our proposal and that the ward should not be divided. In the case of the proposed Minehead South and Alcombe wards the Assistant Commissioner recommended that we should adhere to our proposal to transfer a portion of the Minehead South ward to the Alcombe ward.

18. We considered again our draft proposals in the light of the comments which we had received and of the Assistant Commissioner's report. We concluded that the Assistant Commissioner's recommendation to make no change should be adopted, and, accordingly we decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

19. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 2 to this report and on the attached maps. Schedule 2 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the maps.

PUBLICATION

20. In accordance with Section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 a copy of this report and a copy of the maps are being sent to West Somerset District Council and will be available for inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report 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 maps, is set out in Schedule 3 to this report.

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Signed

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23 October 1975

To The Chairman of the Local Government Boundary Commission
for England.

Sir,

Review of Electoral Arrangements - West Somerset District.

I have the honour to report that on Thursday 18th. September 1975 I held a local meeting at the Council Offices of the West Somerset District Council, 20 Fore Street, Williton, Somerset to hear representations relating to the following proposed wards of the district:-

Alcombe
Minehead North
Minehead South
Quantock Vale
West Quantock

(i) Attendance

A list of the names of those attending the meeting is contained in Appendix I. Those addressing the meeting are marked *
Letters received from:-

Miss. M.F. Shannon Clerk of the West Quantoxhead Parish Council.
Lt. Col. G.W.F.
Luttrell M.C. Chairman of the East Quantoxhead Parish Meeting.

are marked APPENDIX II (a) & (b) respectively.

(ii) The Commissions Proposals.

1. The proposals of the Commission follow the scheme submitted by the District Council except that a part of the proposed Minehead South Ward bounded by Park Street, Friday Street, Townsend Road, Hopcott Road, Cher and Bampton Street and comprising 550 Electors is transferred to the Alcombe Ward. There are also minor amendments to the boundaries of all the wards in the area of the former Minehead U.D.C. suggested by the Ordnance Survey. Each ward is to have 3 Councillors. In the north east corner of the district the Commission's proposal is for a single ward to be known as the Quantock Vale Ward with 2 Councillors comprising the Parishes of Kilve, Holford, Strington and Stogursey.

The West Somerset District Council have written to the Commission objecting to the Commission's proposals for the Minehead South and Alcombe Ward boundaries on the grounds that the proposals would bring about an unnatural situation and would be quite unacceptable to residents.

The Kilve Parish Council have repeated a joint request of the parishes of Kilve, Holford, Strington and Stogursey made following the publication of the district council's scheme that the Quantock Vale Ward should be divided into two separate wards, the first to be known as Stoke Courcey with 2 Councillors and to comprise the parish of Stogursey and the other to be known as Quantock Vale with one Councillor and to comprise the parishes of Kilve, Holford & Strington. This would result in an additional member on the District Council increasing the total membership from 32 to 33.

(iii) The Meeting - Case for the Objectors.

(a) Quantock Vale

It was accepted that an alternative proposal for an amendment which included the parishes of East Quantoxhead and possibly of West Quantoxhead in the proposed Quantock Vale Ward had arisen due to confusion over an incorrect draft of minutes of a joint meeting of representatives of the parishes of Kilve, Holford, Strington and Stogursey in September 1974. This proposal would not be pursued.

Councillor W.D.H. Allen of the West Somerset District Council and the Stogursey Parish Council called attention to the difference between the Stogursey Parish with its large village two nuclear power stations and numerous council and social activities compared with the deeply rural and scattered communities in the parishes of Kilve, Holford and Stringston. The present No.9 West Somerset District Ward now proposed by the Boundary Commission as the Quantock Vale Ward was 7.7 miles from West to East and 3.5 miles from North to South. It was impossible for the elected representatives to give the service they would wish in this very large area because of the time involved in travelling. The size of the electorate in the parish of Stogursey was such that no candidate from the other parishes had a chance of election and in a sense these other parishes were disenfranchised. One result was that they had a very poor "turn-out" at election time and potentially good candidates from these areas were not prepared to stand.

The reason the Committee of the District Council had not amended its proposal was due to the problems of re-apportioning members to the main committees which would result. This was not a valid reason for so acting.

A map and election address submitted by Cllr. Allen are marked APPENDIX III (a) & (b) respectively.

Councillor S.T. Richards Chairman of the Kilve Parish Council in a carefully reasoned statement supported the views of Councillor Allen and made the point that the Stogursey Parish looked towards Bridgewater for its centre and in its way of life. This was particularly true of the new residents connected with the nuclear power stations. There was a conflict of interest between Stogursey and the other parishes which made representing all of them difficult. The Kilve Parish Council made a point of regularly inviting the two ward representatives on the district council to its meetings but due to the pressures of council business and the travelling distance they could not always attend. If the parishes strong first choice for two wards Stoke Courcey and Quantock Vale with 2 and 1 members respectively was not acceptable an alternative would be to have one representative for each of these wards.

The numerical analysis would be:-

| | | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Alternative 1 | Stoke Courcey | 1104 Electors | 2 Councillors |
| | Quantock Vale | 562 " | 1 " |
| Alternative 2 | Stoke Courcey | 1104 " | 1 " |
| | Quantock Vale | 562 " | 1 " |

The ratio of electors to Councillors in Alternative 1 would be greater than in some rural wards. The average electorate was 720 per Cllr.

The slight rural bias was something which had reasonably to be accepted in a rural area such as West Somerset where distances to be travelled were considerable. The figures quoted were from the District Councils Diary of Meetings for 1975/6. (APPENDIX V)

Councillor G.A. Payne the other district councillor for the area and a member of the Stogursey Parish Council endorsed the views expressed.

Mr. J.M. Sansom Chief Executive Officer and Clerk of the District Council confirmed that the District Council were in favour of the status-quo but they had given no reason for this. His personal view was that the area of the proposed Quantock Vale ward was very large.

Councillor Mrs. C. Gibbons (Minehead North Ward) was of the opinion that if the number of councillors for the rural areas was to be increased the urban councillors would want an increase also.

(b) Minehead.

It was accepted that there was no objection to the boundary changes suggested by the Ordnance Survey.

Mr. Sansom for the District Council said that there was a strong community interest in the wards as proposed in the District Councils scheme. The Commissions proposals extended the Alcombe electorate into the centre of Minehead. Equality of representation was not possible in the district and the inequality under the district councils scheme was preferable to making changes in an arrangement which the electorate understood.

Councillor Mrs. C. Gibbons speaking for the Minehead North and South representatives explained that the Chairman of the Council was unable to be present due to illness but that he supported the views she would express. There was a distinct difference of interest between the Minehead North and South Wards and the Alcombe Ward. Although having a smaller electorate at present the Alcombe Ward would be the one which over the years would increase most.

These views were endorsed by Clrs. A.J. Langdon and W.P.J. Murrell of the Alcombe Ward. It would be against the community interest to change the boundary. There used to be a physical break between the Alcombe Ward and the other two wards due to the Playing Field and the undeveloped land adjoining the T.A. Centre. This latter was now being developed. The two areas even had separate football teams. Even though the Minehead South Councillors would have a larger electorate under the District Councils scheme they were opposed to the Commissions proposal.

Mr. F.J.L. Hartshorne-Baker of the Minehead Ratepayers Association supported the views expressed. The South Ward had a large number of retired residents. The Alcombe Ward was in large part the area where the native working population lived.

In answer to questions Mr. Sansom explained that population estimates were made on the basis of information supplied by the County Planning Officer but varied where the District Council considered appropriate in the light of local knowledge.

(iv) Inspections.

Following the meeting I inspected the portion of the Minehead South Ward which it is proposed to transfer to the Alcombe Ward and adjoining areas.

(v) Assistant Commissioners Conclusions.

(a) Quantock Vale.

One is bound to have a good deal of sympathy with the elected representatives in this large area faced with considerable distances to travel. However the situation where the electorate in one part of a ward can dominate the voting is not uncommon and has to be accepted under the present voting arrangements. The population of the proposed Ward is approaching the point where an additional elected representative would be justified. However the estimates for 1979 are suspect. The District Councils figures are considerably less than those forecast by the parish councils at the meeting in September 1974, and moreover the figures advanced at the meeting on behalf of Kilve Parish Council and taken from the District Councils Diary for 1975/6 (1104 + 562 total 1666) are much less than the District Councils figures for 1974 (i.e. 1798.)

Although there appeared to be little friction between the former rural and urban parts of the district the view expressed that if rural representation was increased the urban representation should also be increased must carry some weight. There are no proposals to reduce the representation of the more sparsely populated rural wards, nor is it easy to see how this could be achieved as the statutory rules preclude dividing a parish. Imbalance already exists as between the former urban and rural areas as illustrated by the following table.

| | No. of <u>Cllrs.</u> | 1974 | | 1979 | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | <u>Electorate</u> | <u>Entitlement</u> | <u>Electorate</u> | <u>Entitlement</u> |
| Former Minehead & Watchet UD's. | 12 | 8965 | 12.47 | 9340 | 12.42 |
| Rest of the District | $\frac{20}{32}$ | 14051 | 19.54 | 14710 | 19.56 |

An additional rural representation would increase the imbalance and have repercussions in the under represented urban areas.

The alternative of 1 representative for Stogursey and 1 for the other parishes would produce such a marked imbalance between the two wards that it cannot be accepted. The ratio of electorate to Councillors in the proposed Stoke Courcey Ward (Stogursey) would be approximately twice that in some wards and over 20% greater than the ratio in the existing highest ward in the district. The electorate of the proposed Quantock Vale Ward (Kilve, Holford and Stringston) on the other hand would be amongst the lowest in the District.

(b) Minehead

The shape of the proposed addition to the Alcombe Ward is unfortunate as it would take that Ward considerably beyond its former line into the heart of the town. An inspection of the area did not reveal the difference in character which I had expected as a result of the representations. The area around Park Street at present in the South Ward seemed closer in character to the shopping and commercial area which it adjoins in the North Ward than to the South Ward. While there is similarity between the property in the south of the area proposed to be transferred and the adjoining areas of the South and North wards the character of the area around Cher and Bampton Street seemed similar to that of parts of the Alcombe Ward. However in this respect the local knowledge of the elected representatives which came out so clearly at the meeting must be respected and I therefore accept their view that there is a difference in character and interest between the North and South Wards and the Alcombe Ward. I do not however believe that it is so marked that inhabitants in a part of one ward should in no circumstances be combined with those of the other for election purposes. There may be some inconvenience before electors become accustomed to the alteration but in time it would come to be accepted. On the other hand the figures for the Wards as proposed in the District Councils scheme show a marked disparity.

| | 1974 <u>Electorate</u> | <u>Entitlement</u> |
|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Alcombe | 1692 | 2.35 |
| Minehead North | 2348 | 3.27 |
| Minehead South | 2679 | 3.73 |

Indeed the Alcombe figures are such that without some transfer of electors the question of reducing the representation for that ward must arise. The electorate is below that of Quantock Vale (1798) and close to that of Williton with only 2 representatives each. The statutory rules provide that the ratio of electors to Councillors shall be as near as may be the same in every district ward taking into account changes over the next 5 years and there is no restriction on altering boundaries of wards to achieve this in areas outside the parish system.

I explored the possibility of an alternative solution which would transfer part of the Minehead North Ward south of the King Edward Road together with the part of the disputed area lying south east of Pagnell Road to the Alcombe Ward but though this would have produced a more compact arrangement it was equally strongly opposed by the Minehead and Alcombe representatives. While there may be something in the argument that Alcombe will increase in population in the long term to a greater degree than the other wards there is no evidence that in the period of 5 years from 1974 which has to be considered ~~that~~ the population will increase materially and it is agreed that in the immediate future it is in the South Ward that development will continue and population and electorate increase.

It seemed to be suggested at one point that the Exmoor National Park would prevent development in the South Ward but this would seem equally to apply in the south of the Alcombe Ward. Supporting the conclusion that the South Ward is growing the more rapidly are the figures for electorate in the District Councils Diary which show a sharp increase in the electorate of Minehead South and North Wards between 1974 & 1975/6 while the Alcombe Ward remained static.

Having regard to the statutory rules the need to produce more balanced wards should override the inconvenience resulting from the transfer of part of the Minehead South Ward to the Alcombe Ward.

A map showing the boundary of the Exmoor National Park is at Appendix IV. A copy of the West Somerset District Council Diary 1975/76 is at Appendix V.

(vi) Recommendations.

In respect of the Quantock Vale Ward.

I recommend that the Commission adheres to its proposal and that the Ward should not be divided.

In respect of the Minehead South and Alcombe Wards.

I recommend that the Commission adhere to its proposal to transfer a portion of the Minehead South Ward to the Alcombe Ward.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

Eric G. Howen AB

SCHEDULE 2

DISTRICT OF WEST SOMERSET : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

| <u>NAME OF WARD</u> | <u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| ALCOMBE | 3 |
| AVILLE VALE | 1 |
| CARHAMPTON AND WITHYCOMBE | 1 |
| CROWCOMBE AND STOGUMBER | 1 |
| DULVERTON AND BRUSHFORD | 2 |
| DUNSTER | 1 |
| EAST BRENDON | 1 |
| EXMOOR | 1 |
| HADDON | 1 |
| HOLNICOTE | 1 |
| MINEHEAD NORTH | 3 |
| MINEHEAD SOUTH | 3 |
| OLD CLEEVE | 2 |
| PORLOCK AND OARE | 2 |
| QUANTOCK VALE | 2 |
| QUARME | 1 |
| WATCHET | 3 |
| WEST QUANTOCK | 1 |
| WILLITON | 2 |

DISTRICT OF WEST SOMERSET: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

MINEHEAD SOUTH WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Wootton Courtenay CP meets the eastern boundary of Minehead without CP, thence generally north-eastwards along said eastern boundary to Hill Road, thence southeastwards along said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of parcel number 1371 on OS 1:2500 plan SS 96-9746 Edition 1964, thence southwards to and along said eastern boundary to the northern boundary of parcel number 1662, thence eastwards and southeastwards along the northern and eastern boundaries of said parcel and continuing southeastwards along the north-eastern boundary of parcel number 1956 and southwestwards along the south-eastern boundary of said parcel to the eastern boundary of parcel number 1745, thence southeastwards and southwards along said boundary to Whitecross Lane, thence northwestwards along said lane to a point opposite the northernmost corner of the property known as The Parks House, thence southwestwards to said corner, thence southeastwards along the northern boundary of The Parks House and continuing southeastwards along the northern boundaries of the properties known as High Croft, Lower Cleve, Broadmeadows, Field House, The Grove, Cleeve Cottage, Terraces, Laurence House and continuing along the line of detail south of the property known as Norcliffe to the unnamed road that runs between Whitecross Way and Parks Lane, thence southeastwards along said unnamed road to Parks Lane, thence northeastwards and southeastwards and along said lane and Park Terrace to Bampton Street, thence southwestwards and southeastwards along said street and southeastwards along the road known as Cher to Hopcott Road, thence southwestwards along said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of parcel number 8042 on OS 1:2500 SS 96-9745 Edition 1973, thence southwestwards to and along said boundary to the northern boundary of parcel number 7633, thence westwards along said northern boundary and the northern boundary of parcel number 6930 to the eastern boundary of parcel number 6539, thence southwards and

following the eastern and southern boundary of the said parcel the eastern boundary of parcel number 5233, the eastern boundary of parcel number 5424, westwards along the southern boundary of said parcel and Parcel No 4229, southeastwards along the western boundary of parcel number 6100 and southwards along the western boundary of parcel number 5200 and 5200 on OS 1:2500 plan SS 96-9744 Edition 1964 to the northern boundary of parcel number 4976, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of the wooded area known as New Piece thence southeastwards and northwestwards along the eastern and southern boundaries of the said wood and continuing northwestwards and following the northern and western boundaries of Hopcott Common to the northern boundary of Wootton Courtenay CP, thence northwestwards along said CP boundary to the point of commencement.

MINEHEAD NORTH WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Minehead South Ward meets the eastern boundary of Minehead Without CP, thence northeastwards along said CP boundary to the northern boundary of the District being Low Water, thence southeastwards along said district boundary to a point due north of the northeastern corner of parcel number 8417 on OS 1:2500 plan SS 96-9746 Edition 1964, thence due south to said corner thence southeastwards and southwestwards along the eastern boundary of said parcel and in prolongation thereof to the railway, thence southeastwards, along said railway to a point opposite the drain that runs along the southeastern boundary of parcel numbers 0088 on OS 1:2500 plan SS 98-9945 Edition 1964 and 0088 and 6800 on OS 1:2500 plan SS 96-9745 Edition 1973, thence southwestwards to and along said drain to the drain that runs along the southern boundary of parcel No 6800 and the eastern boundary of parcel number 5577, thence northwestwards and southwestwards along said drain to the eastern boundary of the Builder's Yard, thence southwestwards and following the eastern and southern boundaries of said yard to the unnamed road between

King George Road and Hayfield Road, thence southwards along said road and the access to the west of No 2 Hayfield Road to a point opposite the southern boundary of the Playing Field, thence westwards to and along said boundary to Ponsford Road, thence southwards along said road to Townsend Road, thence northwestwards along said road and Friday Street to Park Street, thence southwestwards along said street to the eastern boundary of Minehead South Ward, thence northwestwards and following said boundary and the northern boundary of Minehead South Ward to the point of commencement.

ALCOMBE WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of Wootton Courtenay, CP meets the eastern boundary of Minehead South Ward, thence northwards and following said ward boundary and the southern and eastern boundaries of Minehead North Ward to the northern boundary of the District being Low Water, thence northeastwards and southeastwards along the said district boundary to the western boundary of Dunster CP, thence southwards and following said CP boundary and northwestwards along the northern boundaries of Timberscombe CP and Wootton Courtenay CP to the point of commencement.

QUARME WARD

The parishes of Cutcombe, Winsford and Exton.

EXMOOR WARD

The parishes of Exmoor, Exford and Withypoole.

DULVERTON AND BRUSHFORD WARD

The parishes of Brushford and Dulverton.

HADDON WARD

The parishes of Brompton Regis, Huish Champflower, Skilgate and Upton.

WATCHET WARD

The parish of Watchet.

QUANTOCK VALE WARD

The parishes of Holford, Kilve, Stogursey and Stringston.

WEST QUANTOCK WARD

The parishes of Bicknoller, East Quantoxhead, Sampford Brett and West Quantoxhead.

WILLITON WARD

The parish of Williton.

CROWCOMBE AND STOGUMBER WARD

The parishes of Crowcombe and Stogumber.

EAST BRENDON WARD

The parishes of Brompton Ralph, Clatworthy, Elworthy, Monksilver and Nettlecombe.

OLD CLEEVE WARD

The parishes of Luxborough, Old Cleeve and Treborough.

CARHAMPTON AND WITHYCOMBE WARD

The parishes of Carhampton and Withycombe.

DUNSTER WARD

The parish of Dunster.

HOLNICOTE WARD

The parishes of Luccombe, Minehead Without and Selworthy.

AVILLE VALE

The parishes of Timberscombe and Wootton Courtenay.

PORLOCK AND OARE WARD

The parishes of Oare and Porlock.