

Local Government  
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To the Rt. Hon. William Whitelaw, CH MC MP  
Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE

1. The last Order under Section 51 of the Local Government Act 1972 in relation to electoral arrangements for districts in the County of Shropshire was made on 6 November 1978. As required by Section 63 and Schedule 9 of the Act we have now reviewed the electoral arrangements for that county, using the procedures we had set out in our Report No.6.
2. We informed the Shropshire County Council in a consultation letter dated 12 February 1979 that we proposed to conduct the review, and sent copies of the letter to the district councils, parish councils and parish meetings in the county, to the Members of Parliament representing the constituencies concerned, to the headquarters of the main political parties and to the editors both of local newspapers circulating in the county and of the local government press. Notices in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and from interested bodies.
3. On 23 August 1979 the County Council submitted to us a draft scheme in which they suggested 66 electoral divisions for the County, each returning one member in accordance with Section 6(2)(a) of the Act.
4. We considered this scheme together with the views expressed by local interests. On 10 January 1980 we issued draft proposals which we sent to all those who had received our consultation letter, or commented on the county council's draft scheme. Notices were inserted in the press announcing that the draft proposals had been issued and could be inspected at the County Council's offices.
5. We incorporated the County Council's draft scheme in our draft proposals subject to two minor modifications derived from comments made about the county scheme.
6. The modifications we made were as follows:-
  - (a) North Shropshire District  
We adopted Cockshutt Parish Council's suggestion that the parish of Petton should be transferred from Myddle division to Ellesmere division.
  - (b) Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough  
We adopted the Borough Council's suggestion that Pontesbury division should be renamed 'Rea Valley'.

7. We received comments in response to our draft proposals from the Shropshire County Council, one District and two Borough Councils, eight Parish Councils, the County Labour Party, one district councillor, and one private individual. A full list of those who wrote to us is given at Appendix 1 to this report.

8. The comments we received can be summarised as follows:-

(a) General

The County Council had no comments on our draft proposals. The County Labour Party informed us that they supported the draft proposals, whilst emphasising that the situation in the new town area of Telford needed to be adjusted when the situation renders it necessary.

(b) Bridgnorth District

The Parish Councils of Billingsley, Chelmarsh and Chetton, and district councillor Mrs Yeomans, objected to the inclusion of the seven rural parishes in Bridgnorth Rural division and wished them to be transferred to the Stottesdon division. Eardington Parish Council suggested the creation of a separate division formed from rural parishes of Bridgnorth Rural, Much Wenlock and Stottesdon divisions. Whilst Highley Parish Council were not entirely in agreement with the proposed Stottesdon division since they felt it was a disproportionately large area, they suggested that it be renamed Highley division. The private individual objected to the proposed Stottesdon division and urged that the existing division of Highley should be retained. Morville Parish Council objected to the inclusion of the parish, and the parishes of Acton Eyre, Acton Round, Monkhopton and Upton Cresset, in the proposed Much Wenlock division.

(c) Oswestry Borough

Oswestry Borough Council informed us that they had no comments to offer on the draft proposals.

(d) Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council informed us that they supported the draft proposals. Berrington Parish Council suggested that Berrington parish be transferred from Tern division to Burnell division.

(e) South Shropshire

Caynham Parish Council objected to the amalgamation of the existing Clee Hill and Cleobury Mortimer divisions to produce one Clee Hill division and suggested that they remain separate.

(f) The Wrekin

The Wrekin District Council informed us that they accepted the draft proposals.

9. We re-assessed our draft proposals in the light of the comments which we had received. The main issue that arose was whether the seven rural parishes referred to in para 8(b) should form part of the Bridgnorth Rural division as we and the County Council had proposed, or be transferred to the Stottesdon division with which they considered they had more in common. While we appreciated the arguments in favour of this latter course we took the view that, in the light of Schedule 11 of the Local Government Act 1972, we should adhere to our draft proposals which provided a significantly more even standard of representation.

10. As regards the other representations made to us relating to the Bridgnorth district we noted that the size of electorate in the district was insufficient to justify an additional councillor and considered that we would not therefore be justified in accepting the suggestions for a new division comprising rural parishes drawn from Bridgnorth Rural, Much Wenlock and Stottesdon divisions. The name 'Stottesdon' appeared to be generally acceptable since we received only one objection to it. The remaining suggestions relating to Bridgnorth district would not have led to any improvement in electoral balance and would have created divisions of less satisfactory shape.

11. We also considered the suggested transfer of Berrington Parish from Tern division to Burnell division in Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough (para 8(d)). Although we appreciated the arguments put forward on the basis of local ties, we took the view, as the County Council had evidently done, that these should not outweigh the fact that our proposals produced a more even standard of representation.

12. The suggested retention of the divisions named Clee Hill and Cleobury Mortimer in South Shropshire district (para 8(e)) would have produced two unacceptably small divisions and we were therefore obliged to reject it.

13. For the reasons given above we decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals for the county as a whole.

14. Details of the final proposals are set out in Schedules 1 and 2 to this report and on the attached map. Schedule 1 gives the names of the electoral divisions. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed electoral divisions, as defined on the map, is set out in Schedule 2.

PUBLICATION

15. In accordance with Section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, a copy of the report and a copy of the map are being sent to the Shropshire County Council and will be available for inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without map) are being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments.

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Signed:

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17 April 1980

DIVISION

Shropshire County Council

Whole County

Salop County Labour Party

Whole County

BRIDGNORTH DISTRICT

Billingsley Parish Council

Bridgnorth Rural

Chelmarsh Parish Council

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Chetton Parish Council

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Eardington Parish Council

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Councillor Mrs R E J Yeomans

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Highley Parish Council

Stottesdon

Morville Parish Council

Much Wenlock

One private individual

Stottesdon

OSWESTRY BOROUGH

Oswestry Borough Council

Whole Borough

SHREWSBURY AND ATCHAM BOROUGH

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council

Whole Borough

Berrington Parish Council

Tern

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE DISTRICT

Caynham Parish Council

Clee Hill

THE WREKIN DISTRICT

The Wrekin District Council

Whole District

## COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE: NAMES OF PROPOSED DIVISIONS

Name of DivisionDistrict of Bridgnorth

Albrighton  
Bridgnorth Rural  
Bridgnorth Town  
Broseley  
Morfe  
Much Wenlock  
Shifnal  
Stottesdon

District of North Shropshire

Ellesmere  
Hodnet  
Market Drayton  
Myddle  
Prees  
Wem  
Whitchurch  
Woore

Borough of Oswestry

Oswestry East  
Oswestry West  
Ruyton-XI-Towns  
St Oswald  
Weston Rhyn  
Whittington

Borough of Shrewsbury and Atcham

Bagley  
Bayston Hill  
Belle-Vue  
Burnell  
Castlefields and Ditherington  
Cophorne  
Harlescott  
Loton  
Meole-Brace



Borough of Shrewsbury and Atcham (contd)

Monkmoor  
Quarry  
Rea Valley  
Sundorne  
Sutton  
Tern  
Underdale

District of South Shropshire

Bishops Castle  
Church Stretton  
Clee Hill  
Clun  
Corvedale  
Ludlow

District of the Wrekin

Brookside  
College  
Cuckoo Oak  
Dawley Magna  
Donnington  
Dothill  
Edmond  
Haygate  
Hadley  
Hollinswood  
Ketley  
Lawley  
Lilleshall  
Madeley  
Newport North  
Newport South  
Priorslee  
Stirchley  
Wombridge  
Woodside  
Wrekin Rural  
Wrockwardine

COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED COUNTY ELECTORAL DIVISION BOUNDARIES

Note: Unless stated to be a Parish Ward, all references to Wards are to Borough or District Wards

DISTRICT OF BRIDGNORTH

ALBRIGHTON ED

Albrighton Parish

Boningale Parish

Boscobel Parish

Donington Parish

Tong Parish

BRIDGNORTH RURAL ED

Castle Ward of Bridgnorth Parish

Morfe Ward of Bridgnorth Parish

Billingsley Parish

Chelmarsh Parish

Chetton Parish

Deuxhill Parish

Eardington Parish

Glazeley Parish

Middleton Scriven Parish

BRIDGNORTH TOWN ED

East Ward of Bridgnorth Parish

West Ward of Bridgnorth Parish

BROSELEY ED

Broseley Parish

Stockton Parish

Sutton Maddock Parish

## MORFE ED

Alveley Parish

Badger Parish

Beckbury Parish

Claverley Parish

Quatt Malvern Parish

Romsley Parish

Rudge Parish

Ryton Parish

Worfield Parish

## MUCH WENLOCK ED

Acton Round Parish

Astley Abbotts Parish

Aston Eyre Parish

Barrow Parish

Ditton Priors Parish

Easthope Parish

Monkhopton Parish

Morville Parish

Much Wenlock Parish

Shipton Parish

Stanton Long Parish

Tasley Parish

Upton Cressett Parish

## SHIFNAL ED

Kemberton Parish

Sheriffhales Parish

Shifnal Parish

## STOTTESDON ED

Aston Botterell Parish

Burwarton Parish

Cleobury North Parish

Farlow Parish

Highley Parish

Kinlet Parish

Neen Savage Parish

Neenton Parish

Sidbury Parish

Stottesdon Parish

## DISTRICT OF NORTH SHROPSHIRE

## ELLESMERE ED

Cockshutt Parish

Ellesmere Rural Parish

Ellesmere Urban Parish

Hordley Parish

Petton Parish

Welshampton Parish

## HODNET ED

Cheswardine Parish

Child's Ercall Parish

Hinstock Parish

Hodnet Parish

Stanton upon Hine Heath Parish

Stoke upon Tern Parish

Sutton upon Tern Parish

## MARKET DRAYTON ED

North Ward of Market Drayton Parish

South Ward of Market Drayton Parish

## MYDDLE ED

Baschurch Parish

Broughton Parish

Clive Parish

Grinshill Parish

Hadnall Parish

Moreton Corbet Parish

Myddle Parish

Shawbury Parish

## PREES ED

Edstaston Ward of Wem Rural Parish

Prees Parish

Whitchurch Rural Parish

Whixall Parish

## WEM ED

Newtown Ward of Wem Rural Parish

Wem Ward of Wem Rural Parish

Lee Brockhurst Parish

Loppington Parish

Wem Urban Parish

Weston-under-Redcastle Parish

## WHITCHURCH ED

Whitchurch Urban Parish

## WOORE ED

East Ward of Market Drayton Parish

Adderley Parish

Ightfield Parish

Moreton Say Parish

Norton in Hales Parish

Woore Parish

## BOROUGH OF OSWESTRY

## OSWESTRY EAST ED

Cambrian Ward of Oswestry Parish

Victoria Ward of Oswestry Parish

## OSWESTRY WEST ED

Gatacre Ward of Oswestry Parish

Maserfield Ward of Oswestry Parish

## RUYTON-XI-TOWNS ED

Kinnerley Parish

Knockin Parish

Llanymynech and Pant Parish

Melverley Parish

Ruyton-XI-Towns Parish

West Felton Parish

## ST OSWALD ED

Llanyblodwel Parish

Oswestry Rural Parish

## WESTON RHYN ED

Selattyn Ward of Selattyn and Gobowen Parish :

St Martins Parish

Weston Rhyn Parish

## WHITTINGTON ED

Gobowen Ward of Selattyn and Gobowen Parish .

Whittington Parish

## BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY AND ATCHAM

## BAGLEY ED

Bagley Ward

## BAYSTON HILL ED

Bayston Hill Ward

## BELLE-VUE ED

Belle-Vue Ward

## BURNELL ED

Condover Ward

Lawley Ward

Severn Valley Ward

## CASTLEFIELDS AND DITHERINGTON ED

Castlefields and Ditherington Ward

## COPTHORNE ED

Copthorne Ward

## HARLESCOTT ED

Harlescott Ward

LOTON ED

Montford Ward

Onslow Ward

Rowton Ward

MEOLE-BRACE ED

Meole-Brace Ward

MONKMOOR ED

Monkmoor Ward

QUARRY ED

Quarry Ward

REA VALLEY ED

Rea Valley Ward

SUNDORNE ED

Sundorne Ward

SUTTON ED

Sutton Ward

TERN ED

Attingham Ward

Haughmond Ward

Pimhill Ward

UNDERDALE ED

Underdale Ward



## DISTRICT OF SOUTH SHROPSHIRE

## BISHOPSCASTLE ED

Bishop's Castle Parish

Brompton and Rhiston Parish

Chirbury Parish

Colebatch Parish

Lydham Parish

Mainstone Parish

More Parish

Myndtown Parish

Norbury Parish

Ratlinghope Parish

Shelve Parish

Wentnor Parish

Worthen Parish

## CHURCH STRETTON ED

Acton Scott Parish

Church Stretton Parish

Eaton-under-Heywood Parish

Hope Bowdler Parish

Rushbury Parish

Wistanstow Parish

## CLEE HILL ED

Ashford Bowdler Parish

Ashford Carbonel Parish

Boraston Parish

Burford Parish

Caynham Parish

Cleobury Mortimer Parish

Coreley Parish

Greete Parish

Hope Bagot Parish

Hopton Wafers Parish

Ludford Parish

Milson Parish

Nash Parish

Neen Sollars Parish

Richard's Castle (Salop) Parish

Whitton Parish

CLUN ED

Bedstone Parish

Bettws-y-Crwyn Parish

Bucknell Parish

Clun Parish

Clunbury Parish

Clungunford Parish

Edgton Parish

Hopesay Parish

Hopton Castle Parish

Llanfair Waterdine Parish

Lydbury North Parish

Stowe Parish

CORVEDALE ED

Abdon Parish

Bitterley Parish

Bromfield Parish

Clee St Margaret Parish

Culmington Parish

Diddlebury Parish

East Hamlet Parish

Halford Parish

Heath Parish

Hopton Cangeford Parish

Munslow Parish

Onibury Parish

Sibdon Carwood Parish

Stanton Lacy Parish

Stokesay Parish

Stoke St Milborough Parish

Tugford Parish

Wheathill Parish

LUDLOW ED

Ludlow Parish

DISTRICT OF THE WREKIN

BROOKSIDE ED

Brookside Ward

COLLEGE ED

Arleston Ward

College Ward

CUCKOO OAK ED

Cuckoo Oak Ward

DAWLEY MAGNA ED

Dawley Magna Ward

DONNINGTON ED

Donnington Ward

DOTHILL ED

Dothill Ward

Park Ward

EDGMOND ED

Edgmond Ward

Ercall Magna Ward

HAYGATE ED

Ercall Ward

Haygate Ward

HADLEY ED

Hadley Ward

Leegomery Ward

HOLLINSWOOD ED

Hollinswood/Randlay Ward

KETLEY ED

Ketley Ward

Ketley Bank Ward

LAWLEY ED

Lawley Ward

Malinslee Ward

## LILLESBALL ED

Donnington Wood Ward

Lilleshall Ward

## MADELEY ED

Madeley Ward

## NEWPORT NORTH ED

Newport North Ward

Newport West Ward

## NEWPORT SOUTH ED

Church Aston Ward

Newport East Ward

## PRIORSLEE ED

Priorslee Ward

## STIRCHLEY ED

Langley Ward

Stirchley Ward

## WOMBRIDGE ED

Wombridge Ward

## WOODSIDE ED

Woodside Ward

## WREKIN RURAL ED

Ironbridge (The Gorge) Ward

Wrockwardine Ward

WROCKWARDINE WOOD ED

Wrockwardine Wood Ward