

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS IN HEREFORDSHIRE 2007

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

This four yearly review, required by legislation, covers Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations.

THE PROPOSAL

To review all polling stations particularly

- Polling stations that service 300 or fewer electors
- Polling Stations about which complaints have been made
- Polling Stations venues that no longer wish to be used
- Polling Stations that are located outside the ward area of the electorate that use them
- Polling Stations that split electoral registers

with a view to re-allocating the electors to other polling stations.

THE RATIONALE

- Since 2001 all registered electors are entitled to have a postal vote without giving a reason for the request.
- Some Polling Stations do not have adequate facilities for either electorate or staff e.g. disabled accessibility, parking etc.
- Costs of Polling Station – 1 Presiding Officer and at least 1 Poll Clerk ; Hire cost of the Polling Station; travel expenses to rural areas.
- Difficulty of finding staff to cover very rural areas.
- Problems where Polling Stations cover 2 or more wards – electorate confusion; staff confusion; extra staffing costs.

FORMAT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Recommendations are set out for each Ward.

For Wards where changes are proposed to the existing polling station arrangements the following format is followed:

- Ward Name
- Current Situation of Polling Stations showing each polling station with its allocated polling district; the maximum number of electorate per each polling district; the total maximum number of electorate allocated to a particular polling station; the voter turnout from each polling station expressed as a %.
- The initial proposal that was sent out for consultation, in table format.
- The recommendations now proposed, taking into account representations made during the consultation period.
- The reasons for the recommendations.
- The number of postal voters in each affected polling district. Postal voters cannot vote at a polling station thereby reducing the maximum number of electors able to use a polling station.
- The difference in mileage between the existing polling station and the proposed polling station. This has been calculated using the AA website Travel Planner.

AYLESTONE WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 3 polling stations for this urban ward, 1 of which is unavailable for the next 3 years due to extensive re-building of the Royal National College for the Blind (RNCB) and 1 of which there has been a complaint about (Aylestone Court). The presiding officer did not feel that the venue provided adequate security for the polling station room.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Bryngwyn Court, Hereford HR1 1ER	H-AA	Aylestone	1427	1427	33.99
RNCB, Venns Lane Hereford	H-AB	Aylestone	1038		
	H-AC	Aylestone	1355	2393	25.16
Aylestone Court Hotel, Aylestone Hill, Hereford	H-AD	Aylestone	964	964	32.05

PROPOSAL – as per consultation

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Bryngwyn Court, Hereford HR1 1ER	H-AA	Aylestone	1427	1427	33.99
St Francis Xavier Primary Sch, Venns Lane Hereford	H-AB	Aylestone	1038		
	H-AC	Aylestone	1355	2393	25.16
Aylestone Court Hotel, Aylestone Hill, Hereford	H-AD	Aylestone	964	964	32.05

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
St Francis Xavier PS or St Barnabas Church Hall	H-AB	Aylestone	1038	
	H-AC	Aylestone	1355	2393
Aylestone Court Hotel, Aylestone Hill, Hereford or alternative venue	H-AD	Aylestone	964	964

AYLESTONE WARD cont

REASON: The RNCB venue is unavailable for the next 3 years. Investigate using either St Barnabas Church Hall or St Francis Xavier School. This latter would be as a last resort.

No alternative venue to Aylestone Court Hotel available at present. To continue search for new venue.

POSTAL VOTES:

RNCB = 284

Ayelstone Court Hotel = 153

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From RNCB to St Francis Xavier or St Barnabas Church Hall – within a very short walking distance.

BIRCHER WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 4 polling stations for this rural ward, 1 of which has an electorate of 300 or less.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Yarpole Parish Hall	L-DA	Croft & Yarpole	461		
	L-DC	Lucton	109	570	50.09
Kingsland Coronation Hall	L-DB	Kingsland	796	796	44.39
Orleton Village Hall	L-DD	Orleton	675	675	50.15
Richard's Castle Village Hall	L-DE	Richards Castle (Hereford)	223	223	51.33

PROPOSAL – as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 3 at Kingsland, Orleton and Yarpole.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Yarpole Parish Hall	L-DA	Croft & Yarpole	461	
	L-DC	Lucton	109	570
Kingsland Coronation Hall	L-DB	Kingsland	796	796
Orleton Village Hall	L-DD	Orleton	675	
	L-DE	Richards Castle (Hereford)	223	898

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Orleton Village Hall	L-DD	Orleton	675	
	L-DE	Richards Castle (Hereford)	223	898

REASON: The polling station lies outside Herefordshire County Boundary. There is no alternative venue within Richards Castle (Herefordshire) Parish.

POSTAL VOTES:

Richards Castle = 27

MILEAGE: from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From Richards Castle to Orleton = 3.2 miles

BRINGSTY WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 5 polling stations for this rural ward, 1 of which has an electorate of 300 or less and 1 where there are concerns regarding accessibility.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Bredenbury Village Hall	L-EA	Bredenbury	116		
	L-EL	Wacton	92	208	49.28
Warren Farm, Brockhampton Park	L-EB	Brockhampton	77		
	L-EF	Linton	294		
	L-EG	Norton	240	611	41.22
Edwyn Ralph Village Hall	L-EC	Collington	53		
	L-ED	Edvin Loach & Saltmarshe	40		
	L-EE	Edwyn Ralph	170		
	L-EI	Tedstone Wafre	63		
	L-EJ	Thornbury	93		
	L-EN	Wolferlow	14	433	33.33
Whitbourne Village Hall	L-EH	Tedstone Delamere	111		
	L-EM	Whitbourne	590	701	38.05
Upper Sapey Village Hall	L-EK	Upper Sapey	270		
	L-EO	Wolferlow	58	328	36.17

BRINGSTY WARD cont**PROPOSAL – as per consultation**

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 4 at Brockhampton, Edwyn Ralph, Upper Sapey and Whitbourne.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Brockhampton Primary School	L-EB	Brockhampton	77	
	L-EF	Linton	294	
	L-EG	Norton	240	611
Edwyn Ralph Village Hall	L-EA	Bredenbury	116	
	L-EC	Collington	53	
	L-ED	Edvin Loach & Saltmarshe	40	
	L-EE	Edwyn Ralph	170	
	L-EI	Tedstone Wafre	63	
	L-EJ	Thornbury	93	
	L-EL	Wacton	92	
	L-EN	Wolferlow	14	641
Whitbourne Village Hall	L-EH	Tedstone Delamere	111	
	L-EM	Whitbourne	590	701
Upper Sapey Village Hall	L-EK	Upper Sapey	270	
	L-EO	Wolferlow	58	328

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Warren Farm, Brockhampton Park or Brockhampton Primary School	L-EB	Brockhampton	77	
	L-EF	Linton	294	
	L-EG	Norton	240	611
Edwyn Ralph Village Hall	L-EA	Bredenbury	116	
	L-EC	Collington	53	
	L-ED	Edvin Loach & Saltmarshe	40	
	L-EE	Edwyn Ralph	170	
	L-EI	Tedstone Wafre	63	
	L-EJ	Thornbury	93	
	L-EL	Wacton	92	
	L-EN	Wolferlow	14	641

BRINGSTY WARD cont

REASON: 3 objections to proposal. It is suggested that proposal stands. Unfortunately, Bringsty is an oddly shaped ward. To keep voting within ward boundaries excludes using Bromyard as an alternative polling station. There is also disagreement regarding the use of Warren Farm, Brockhampton Park as a polling station. 1 complaint was received after the 2005 & 2007 elections citing poor disabled access. However the parish council support the continued use of Warren Farm. It is suggested that this venue is inspected prior to a final decision.

POSTAL VOTES:

Bredenbury = 16
Brockhampton = 6
Linton = 25
Norton = 17
Wacton = 4

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station
From Bredenbury to Edwyn Ralph = 2.9 miles

BURGHILL, HOLMER & LYDE WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 3 polling stations for this rural ward, 1 of which has an electorate of 300 or less and 1 of which is the main polling station in another ward (Moreton-on-Lugg Village Hall – 247 electors on the Pipe & Lyde register).

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
The Simpson Hall, Burghill	L-GA	Burghill	1235	1235	42.97
Holmer Church Parish Centre,	L-GB	Holmer & Shelwick	1116	1116	27.88
Moreton-on-Lugg Village Hall	L-GC	Pipe & Lyde	247	247	32.10

PROPOSAL – as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 2 at Burghill and Holmer.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
The Simpson Hall, Burghill	L-GA	Burghill	1235	1235
Holmer Church Parish Centre,	L-GB	Holmer & Shelwick	1116	
	L-GC	Pipe & Lyde	247	1363

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Holmer Church Parish Centre,	L-GB	Holmer & Shelwick	1116	
	L-GC	Pipe & Lyde	247	1363

REASON: 2 objections received. It is suggested that the proposal stands as to maintain the status quo means Pipe & Lyde electors going to a polling station in another ward.

POSTAL VOTES:

Pipe & Lyde = 25

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From Moreton-on-Lugg to Holmer Church = 2.3 miles

CASTLE WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 8 polling stations for this rural ward, 5 of which have an electorate of 300 or less and 1 of which has less than 100 elector (Huntington Parish Hall – 87 electors).

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Almeley Village Hall	L-HA	Almeley	471	471	68.63
Brilley Village Hall	L-HB	Brilley	189	189	55.61
Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall	L-HC	Brobury w Monnington on Wye	51		
	L-HJ	Staunton-on-Wye	333	384	42.30
Eardisley Village Hall	L-HD	Eardisley	599	599	51.70
Huntington Parish Hall	L-HE	Huntington	87	87	54.02
The Kinnersley Arms	L-HF	Kinnersley	149		
	L-HG	Letton	71	220	48.62
Norton Canon Village Hall	L-HH	Norton Canon	199		
	L-HI	Sarnesfield	39	238	38.68
Whitney-on-Wye Village Hall	L-HK	Whitney-on-Wye	109		
	L-HL	Willersley & Winforton	161	270	41.35

CASTLE WARD cont

PROPOSAL – as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 4 at Almeley, Brilley, Eardisley and Staunton-on-Wye.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Almeley Village Hall	L-HA	Almeley	471	
	L-HF	Kinnersley	149	
	L-HI	Sarnesfield	39	659
Brilley Village Hall	L-HB	Brilley	189	
	L-HE	Huntington	87	
	L-HK	Whitney-on-Wye	109	385
Eardisley Village Hall	L-HD	Eardisley	599	
	L-HL	Willersley & Winforton	161	760
Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall	L-HC	Brobury w Monnington on Wye	51	
	L-HG	Letton	71	
	L-HH	Norton Canon	199	
	L-HJ	Staunton-on-Wye	333	653

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Almeley Village Hall	L-HA	Almeley	471	
	L-HF	Kinnersley	149	
	L-HI	Sarnesfield	39	659
Brilley Village Hall	L-HB	Brilley	189	
	L-HE	Huntington	87	
	L-HK	Whitney-on-Wye	109	385
Eardisley Village Hall	L-HD	Eardisley	599	
	L-HL	Willersley & Winforton	161	760
Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall	L-HC	Brobury w Monnington on Wye	51	
	L-HG	Letton	71	
	L-HH	Norton Canon	199	
	L-HJ	Staunton-on-Wye	333	653

CASTLE WARD cont

REASON: 3 Objections to the proposals for this ward. Due to the low numbers of electorate at 5 of the polling stations it is suggested that the proposal stands. This is a large rural sparsely populated ward. Nowhere is very close to anywhere else thus travelling is going to be required for most activities.

POSTAL VOTES:

Huntington = 10
Kinnersley = 18
Letton = 4
Norton Canon = 13
Sarnesfield = 4
Whitney on Wye = 7
Willersley & Winforton = 23

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From Huntington to Brilley = 3.5 miles
From Kinnersley to Almeley = 1.8 miles
From Kinnersley to Staunton-on-Wye = 6.8 miles
From Norton Canon to Staunton-on-Wye = 2.5 miles
From Whitney-on-Wye to Brilley = 1.6 miles

FROME WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 7 polling stations for this rural ward, 3 of which have an electorate of 300 or less and 1 of which is the main polling station in another ward (Burley Gate Village Hall – 18 electors on the Moreton Jeffries register and 311 on the Much Cowarne register).

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Burley Gate Village Hall	L-KK	Moreton Jeffries	18		
	L-KL	Much Cowarne	311	329	47.76
Stanford Bishop Village Hall	L-KA	Acton Beauchamp	123		
	L-KI	Evesbatch	49		
	L-KP	Stanford Bishop	103	275	58.51
Ashperton Village Hall	L-KB	Ashperton	180		
	L-KF	Canon Frome	106		
	L-KH	Eggleton	51		
	L-KQ	Stretton Grandison	71	408	56.45
Putley Parish Hall	L-KC	Aylton	98		
	L-KJ	Little Marcle	97		
	L-KO	Putley	206	401	47.78
Bishop's Frome Village Hall	L-KD	Bishop's Frome	463		
	L-KE	Bishop's Frome	144		
	L-KG	Castle Frome	83	690	54.65
Munsley WI Hall	L-KM	Munsley	90		
	L-KN	Pixley	114	204	40.58
Yarkhill Village Hall	L-KR	Yarkhill	227	227	40.43

FROME WARD cont

PROPOSAL - as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 3 at Ashperton, Bishop's Frome and Putley

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Ashperton Village Hall	L-KB	Ashperton	180	
	L-KF	Canon Frome	106	
	L-KH	Eggleton	51	
	L-KM	Munsley	90	
	L-KN	Pixley	114	
	L-KQ	Stretton Grandison	71	
	L-KR	Yarkhill	227	839
Bishop's Frome Village Hall	L-KA	Acton Beauchamp	123	
	L-KD	Bishop's Frome	463	
	L-KE	Bishop's Frome	144	
	L-KG	Castle Frome	83	
	L-KI	Evesbatch	49	
	L-KK	Moreton Jeffries	18	
	L-KL	Much Cowarne	311	
	L-KP	Stanford Bishop	103	1294
Putley Parish Hall	L-KC	Aylton	98	
	L-KJ	Little Marcle	97	
	L-KO	Putley	206	401

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Ashperton Village Hall	L-KB	Ashperton	180	
	L-KF	Canon Frome	106	
	L-KH	Eggleton	51	
	L-KM	Munsley	90	
	L-KN	Pixley	114	
	L-KQ	Stretton Grandison	71	
	L-KR	Yarkhill	227	839
Bishop's Frome Village Hall	L-KA	Acton Beauchamp	123	
	L-KD	Bishop's Frome	463	
	L-KE	Bishop's Frome	144	
	L-KG	Castle Frome	83	
	L-KI	Evesbatch	49	
	L-KK	Moreton Jeffries	18	
	L-KL	Much Cowarne	311	
	L-KP	Stanford Bishop	103	1294

FROME WARD cont

REASONS: 5 Objections to the proposals for this ward. Burley Gate Village Hall is in another ward, hence the proposal to move Moreton Jeffries and Much Cowarne voters to Bishop's Frome.

Yarkhill is well below the 300 electorate cut off. Should Stanford Bishop be retained simply because there is a new village hall? Munsley is also well below the 300 electorate cut off. It is suggested that the proposal stands.

POSTAL VOTES:

Acton Beauchamp = 16
Evesbatch = 2
Moreton Jeffries = 0
Much Cowarne = 28
Munsley = 7
Pixley = 12
Stanford Bishop = 10
Yarkhill = 22

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From Stanford Bishop to Bishops Frome = 3.3 miles
From Burley Gate to Bishops Frome = 6.8 miles
From Munsley to Ashperton = 2.8 miles
From Yarkhill to Bishops Frome = 3 miles

GOLDEN CROSS WITH WEOBLEY WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 5 polling stations for this rural ward, 2 of which have an electorate of 300 or less.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Bush Inn, Bush Bank	L-LA	Birley with Upper Hill	251	251	32.27
The Cedar Hall, Dilwyn	L-LB	Dilwyn	592	592	50.26
Eardisland	L-LC	Eardisland	392	392	42.86
Monkland Village Hall	L-LD	Monkland & Stretford	165	165	54.27
Weobley Village Hall	L-LE	Weobley	977	977	50.87

PROPOSAL - as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 4 at Bush Bank, Dilwyn, Eardisland and Weobley.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Bush Inn, Bush Bank	L-LA	Birley with Upper Hill	251	251
The Cedar Hall, Dilwyn	L-LB	Dilwyn	592	592
Eardisland	L-LC	Eardisland	392	392
Weobley Village Hall	L-LD	Monkland & Stretford	165	
	L-LE	Weobley	977	977

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election - To keep the status quo.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Bush Inn, Bush Bank	L-LA	Birley with Upper Hill	251	251
The Cedar Hall, Dilwyn	L-LB	Dilwyn	592	592
Eardisland	L-LC	Eardisland	392	392
Monkland Village Hall	L-LD	Monkland & Stretford	165	165
Weobley Village Hall	L-LE	Weobley	977	977

GOLDEN CROSS WITH WEOBLEY WARD cont

REASONS: 11 Objections received, all for retaining Monkland Polling Station. On reflection, the initial proposal probably should have suggested that this move should have gone to Eardisland or Dilwyn. The turnout at Monkland in May was 54.27% not 75% as stated in some objections. In view of the number of objections and the illogical alternative, suggest that Monkland be kept but reviewed after the European and Parliamentary elections regarding turnout.

Although Bush Bank Inn is under the 300 threshold it serves an electorate on the eastern wedge of this ward and moving the polling station would involve the electorate crossing the A4110.

POSTAL VOTES:

Monkland = 9

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From Monkland to Dilwyn = 3.4 miles

GOLDEN VALLEY NORTH WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 7 polling stations for this rural ward, 4 of which have an electorate of 300 or less and 1 of which is the main polling station in another ward (Madley Parish Hall – 65 electors on the Tyberton register).

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Bredwardine Village Hall	H-MB	Bredwardine	161	161	37.80
The Community Centre, Clifford	H-MC	Clifford	415		
	H-MD	Cusop	298	713	39.64
Dorstone Village Hall	H-ME	Dorstone	297	297	53.4
Golden Valley Community Centre, Peterchurch	H-MG	Peterchurch	830	830	41.14
Madley Parish Hall	H-MI	Tyberton	65	65	25.76
Preston-on-Wye Village Hall	L-MA	Blakemere	71		
	L-MH	Preston-on-Wye	157	228	52.84
Moccas Village Hall	L-MF	Moccas	95	95	62.37

PROPOSAL - as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 4 at Clifford, Dorstone, Peterchurch and Preston-on-Wye.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
The Community Centre, Clifford	H-MC	Clifford	415	
	H-MD	Cusop	298	713
Dorstone Village Hall	H-MB	Bredwardine	161	
	H-ME	Dorstone	297	458
Golden Valley Community Centre, Peterchurch	H-MG	Peterchurch	830	830
Preston-on-Wye Village Hall	L-MA	Blakemere	71	
	L-MF	Moccas	95	
	L-MH	Preston-on-Wye	157	
	H-MI	Tyberton	65	388

GOLDEN VALLEY NORTH WARD cont

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Dorstone Village Hall	H-MB	Bredwardine	161	
	H-ME	Dorstone	297	458
Preston-on-Wye Village Hall	L-MA	Blakemere	71	
	L-MF	Moccas	95	
	L-MH	Preston-on-Wye	157	
	H-MI	Tyberton	65	388

REASONS: 2 Objections to the current proposals and 1 objection to a past decision (moving Cusop to Clifford VH). Re Cusop – The suggestion to use Hay-on-Wye is not feasible as that venue is in Powys. Trewern Outdoor Centre was also suggested but cannot be used because of security issues. The Centre is heavily used by school parties especially in May. It is suggested that there is no change to the current situation.

Re: Bredwardine & Moccas – If they combined the polling station would still be less than the 300 electorate cut off.

Re: Tyberton – The present polling station of Madley is in another ward hence the proposal to move to Preston-on-Wye.

Its is suggested that the proposals stand.

POSTAL VOTES:

Bredwardine = 17

Moccas = 0

Tyberton = 9

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From Bredwardine to Dorstone = 2.5 miles

From Moccas to Preston-on-Wye = 2.7 miles

From Madley to Preston-on-Wye = 3.5 miles

GOLDEN VALLEY SOUTH WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 7 polling stations for this rural ward, 5 of which have an electorate of 300 or less.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Abbeydore Village Hall	H-NA	Abbeydore	238		
	H-NB	Bacton	49	287	36.99
Craswall Village Hall	H-NC	Craswall	116	116	57.02
Ewyas Harold Village Hall	H-ND	Dulas	66		
	H-NE	Ewyas Harold	726		
	H-NF	Llancillo	28		
	H-NK	Rowlstone	69	889	43.04
Longtown Village Hall	H-NG	Llanveynoe	82		
	H-NH	Longtown	393		
	H-NO	Walterstone	74	549	47.71
Escley & District Sports Pavillion, Michaelchurch Escley	H-NI	Michaelchurch Escley	147	147	43.26
Church Room Newton S	H-NJ	Newton	108	108	49.53
Vowchurch Church Hall	H-NL	St Margarets	133		
	H-NM	Turnastone	22		
	H-NN	Vowchurch	125	280	47.04

GOLDEN VALLEY SOUTH WARD cont

PROPOSAL - as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 5 at Abbeydore, Ewyas Harold, Longtown, Michelchurch Esley and Vowchurch.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Abbeydore Village Hall	H-NA	Abbeydore	238	
	H-NB	Bacton	49	287
Ewyas Harold Village Hall	H-ND	Dulas	66	
	H-NE	Ewyas Harold	726	
	H-NF	Llancillo	28	
	H-NK	Rowlstone	69	889
Longtown Village Hall	H-NG	Llanveynoe	82	
	H-NH	Longtown	393	
	H-NO	Walterstone	74	549
Esley & District Sports Pavillion, Michaelchurch Esley	H-NC	Craswall	116	
	H-NI	Michaelchurch Esley	147	
	H-NJ	Newton	108	371
Vowchurch Church Hall	H-NL	St Margarets	133	
	H-NM	Turnastone	22	
	H-NN	Vowchurch	125	280

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Esley & District Sports Pavillion, Michaelchurch Esley	H-NC	Craswall	116	
	H-NI	Michaelchurch Esley	147	
	H-NJ	Newton	108	371

REASONS: 2 Objections received for this ward. It is suggested that the proposals stand. This is a large sparsely populated rural ward with at present 5 polling stations serving electorate under the 300 cut off. One objection mentions the carbon footprint consequences but as it is such rural area it is difficult to see how that can be avoided regardless of where the polling station is placed. If environmental issues are of concern then postal voting should be encouraged.

POSTAL VOTES:

Craswall = 4
Newton = 11

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station
From Craswall to Michealchurch Esley = 2.1 miles

From Newton to Michealchurch Escley = 3 miles

HAGLEY WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 3 polling stations for this rural ward, 1 of which has an electorate of 300 or less.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Bartestree Village Hall	L-OA	Bartestree	213		
	L-OB	Lugwardine	1293	1506	36.57
Felton & Preston Wynne Memorial Hall	L-OC	Preston Wynne	119	119	52.38
Withington Village Hall	L-OD	Westhide	58		
	L-OE	Withington	1025	1083	30.70

PROPOSAL - as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 2 at Bartestree and Withington.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Bartestree Village Hall	L-OA	Bartestree	213	
	L-OB	Lugwardine	1293	1506
Withington Village Hall	L-OC	Preston Wynne	119	
	L-OD	Westhide	58	
	L-OE	Withington	1025	1202

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Withington Village Hall	L-OC	Preston Wynne	119	
	L-OD	Westhide	58	
	L-OE	Withington	1025	1202

REASONS: 1 Objection and 1 comment in support. In view of low electorate numbers and small distance involved it is suggested that the proposal stands.

POSTAL VOTES:

Preston Wynne = 13

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From Felton & Preston Wynne to Withington = 2.1 miles

HAMPTON COURT WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 8 polling stations for this rural ward, 4 of which have an electorate of 300 or less, 1 of which is situated in a garage and 1 of which is the main polling station in another ward (Bredenbury Village Hall – 66 electors on the Grendon Bishop register).

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Bredenbury Village Hall	L-PD	Grendon Bishop	66	66	55.22
Bodenham Parish Hall	L-PA	Bodenham	884	884	42.35
Kings Head Public House, Docklow	L-PB	Docklow & Hampton Wafre	120	120	50.43
Stoke Prior Village Hall	L-PC	Ford & Stoke Prior	260	260	51.32
Norwood Cottage (Garage) Hatfield	L-PE	Hampton Charles	32		
	L-PF	Hatfield & Newhampton	119	151	43.54
Hope-u-Dinmore Village Hall	L-PG	Hope-u-Dinmore	278		
	L-PI	Newton	43	321	27.68
Humber Parish Hall	L-PH	Humber	230	230	31.25
Pudleston Village Hall	L-PJ	Pudleston	141	141	54.61

HAMPTON COURT WARD cont

PROPOSAL - as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 5 at Bodenham, Hope-u-Dinmore, Pudleston and Stoke Prior.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Bodenham Parish Hall	L-PA	Bodenham	884	884
Stoke Prior Village Hall	L-PB	Docklow & Hampton Wafre	120	
	L-PC	Ford & Stoke Prior	260	
	L-PD	Grendon Bishop	66	
	L-PH	Humber	230	676
Hope-u-Dinmore Village Hall	L-PG	Hope-u-Dinmore	278	
	L-PI	Newton	43	321
Pudleston Village Hall	L-PJ	Pudleston	141	
	L-PE	Hampton Charles	32	
	L-PF	Hatfield & Newhampton	119	292

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Stoke Prior Village Hall	L-PC	Ford & Stoke Prior	260	
	L-PD	Grendon Bishop	66	
	L-PH	Humber	230	556
Pudleston Village Hall	L-PJ	Pudleston	141	
	L-PE	Hampton Charles	32	
	L-PF	Hatfield & Newhampton	119	
	L-PB	Docklow & Hampton Wafre	120	412

REASON: 6 Objections received. This is a large sparsely populated ward with several polling stations below the 300 electorate cutoff.

Several objections state problems with Stoke Prior Village Hall regarding disabled access and parking. The recent polling station questionnaire implies disabled access is available though parking may be an issue. However, Stoke Prior is just off the A44 whereas the alternative in Risbury (Humber Parish) is well off the A44. It is suggested that Stoke Prior is assessed before a final decision is made.

Grendon Bishop has to move as, at present, its polling station is in another ward.

Docklow has been moved to Puddleston in response to comments received.

HAMPTON COURT WARD cont

POSTAL VOTES:

Docklow & Hampton Wafre = 10

Grendon Bishop = 5

Hampton Charles = 1

Hatfield & Newtonhampton = 12

Humber = 37

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From Kings Head Docklow to Pudleston = 1.8 miles

From Norwood Cottage Hatfield to Pudleston = 3.1 miles

From Bredenbury to Stoke Prior = 6 miles

HOLLINGTON WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 6 polling stations for this rural ward, 3 of which have an electorate of 300 or less and 1 polling station that no longer wishes to be used (Manor Rest Home Lower Bullingham).

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
The Old School, Bullingham	H-QA	Bullingham	100	100	55.34
Little Dewchurch Village Hall	H-QB	Bolstone	39		
	H-QH	Little Dewchurch	331	370	52.16
Callow Parish Hall	H-QC	Callow	59		
	H-QD	Dewsall	16		
	H-QG	Haywood	149	224	46.88
Dinedor Village Hall	H-QE	Dinedor	215	215	53.70
Manor Rest Home, Lower Bullingham	H-QF	Grafton	112		
	H-QI	Lower Bullingham	201	313	35.78
Holme Lacy Village Hall	H-QJ	Holme Lacy	364	364	28.14

HOLLINGTON WARD cont

PROPOSAL - as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 4 at Callow, Dinedor, Holme Lacy and Little Dewchurch.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Callow Parish Hall	H-QC	Callow	59	
	H-QD	Dewsall	16	
	H-QF	Grafton	112	
	H-QG	Haywood	149	336
Dinedor Village Hall	H-QE	Dinedor	215	
	H-QI	Lower Bullingham	201	416
Holme Lacy Village Hall	H-QJ	Holme Lacy	364	364
Little Dewchurch Village Hall	H-QA	Ballingham	100	
	H-QB	Bolstone	39	
	H-QH	Little Dewchurch	331	470

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Callow Parish Hall	H-QC	Callow	59	
	H-QD	Dewsall	16	
	H-QF	Grafton	112	
	H-QG	Haywood	149	336
Dinedor Village Hall	H-QE	Dinedor	215	
	H-QI	Lower Bullingham	201	416
Little Dewchurch Village Hall	H-QA	Ballingham	100	
	H-QB	Bolstone	39	
	H-QH	Little Dewchurch	331	470

REASONS: 1 Objection received. Re Ballingham - In view of low electorate and poor turnout it is suggested that the proposals stand.

Re Grafton and Lower Bullingham - These polling districts have to move due to the Manor Rest Home no longer being available.

POSTAL VOTES:

Ballingham = 13

Grafton = 21

Lower Bullingham = 37

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From The Old School Ballingham to Little Dewchurch = 3 miles

From Manor Rest Home to Callow = 3.5 miles

From Manor Rest Home to Dinedor = 2.4 miles

HOPE END WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 7 polling stations for this rural ward, 2 of which have an electorate of 300 or less.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Bosbury Parish Hall	L-RA	Bosbury	578		
	L-RB	Coddington	83	661	29.55
Wyche Free Church, Upper Colwall	L-RC	Colwall	602	602	33.89
Colwall Village Hall	L-RD	Colwall	1291	1291	36.44
Cradley Village Hall	L-RE	Cradley	1076	1076	30.23
Storrige Village Hall	L-RF	Cradley	278	278	38.38
Mathon Parish Hall	L-RG	Mathon	241	241	43.04
Wellington Heath Memorial Hall	L-RH	Wellington Heath	368	368	41.07

HOPE END WARD cont

PROPOSAL - as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 5 at Bosbury, Colwall, Cradley, Upper Colwall and Wellington Heath.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Bosbury Parish Hall	L-RA	Bosbury	578	
	L-RB	Coddington	83	661
Wyche Free Church, Upper Colwall	L-RC	Colwall	602	602
Colwall Village Hall	L-RD	Colwall	1291	1291
Cradley Village Hall	L-RE	Cradley	1076	
	L-RF	Cradley	278	
	L-RG	Mathon	241	1595
Wellington Heath Memorial Hall	L-RH	Wellington Heath	368	368

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Cradley Village Hall	L-RE	Cradley	1076	
	L-RF	Cradley	278	
	L-RG	Mathon	241	1595

REASONS: 1 Objection and 1 comment. The Cradley registers have been combined at 1 polling station which will reduce confusion at the count and reduce the cost to the parish council. Suggest proposals stand.

POSTAL VOTES:

Cradley (L-RF) = 29

Mathon = 21

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From Storridge to Cradley = 1.2 miles

From Mathon to Cradley = 1.2 miles

KINGTON TOWN WARD

There were no proposals to alter the polling station arrangements. However there have been 2 requests to review the current situation as it is felt that the Leisure Centre is difficult to get to.

CURRENT SITUATION

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Youth Centre, Lady Hawkins Community Leisure Centre, Kington	L-TA	Kington	1955		
	L-TB	Kington Rural	443		
	L-TC	Lower Harpton	27	2425	39.59

It is suggested that the current situation remains for the immediate future to enable time to make a full assessment of the proposed alternative venues (Kington Council Chamber or Marwick Close Community Hall).

LEOMINSTER NORTH WARD

There were no proposals to alter the polling station arrangements. However there has been 1 request to review the current situation at Bridge Street Park Leisure Centre with regard to the specific complaint of poor access and parking for the elderly and disabled.

CURRENT SITUATION

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
The Methodist Church, Green Lane, Leominster	L-VA	Leominster North	1248	1248	31.76
Bridge Street Park Leisure Centre	L-VB	Leominster North	1138	1138	18.43
Community Centre, 1 Far Meadow, Barons Cross	L-VC	Leominster North	1828	1828	23.26

It is suggested that the current situation remains for the immediate future to enable time to make a full assessment of the proposed alternative venues (Paradise Court Community Room, The Hop Pole Inn or Leominster Community Centre)

LEOMINSTER SOUTH WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 4 polling stations for this mixed urban / rural ward; 2 polling stations cover the urban area of the ward, 1 polling station which has an electorate of 300 or less and is in the rural area and 1 polling station which is in the North Ward but also doubles as a polling station for the South Ward – The Methodist Church, Green Lane.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
The Methodist Church, Green Lane, Leominster	L-WA	Leominster South	1211	1211	29.31
The Moravian Church Hall, South Street, Leominster	L-WB	Leominster South	985	985	24.83
Ivington Village Hall	L-WC	Ivington	222	222	48.65
Leominster Leisure Centre, Coningsby Road, Leominster	L-WD	Leominster South	1860	1860	24.70

LEOMINSTER SOUTH WARD cont

PROPOSAL - as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 3 wholly within the South Ward.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Royal Legion or Talbot Hotel, South Street, Leominster	L-WA	Leominster South	1211	1211
The Moravian Church Hall, South Street, Leominster	L-WB	Leominster South	985	985
	L-WC	Ivington	222	1207
Leominster Leisure Centre, Coningsby Road, Leominster	L-WD	Leominster South	1860	1860

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Royal Legion or Talbot Hotel, South Street, Leominster	L-WA	Leominster South	1211	1211
The Moravian Church Hall, South Street, Leominster	L-WB	Leominster South	985	985
Ivington Village Hall	L-WC	Ivington	222	222

REASONS: 4 Objections were received regarding the proposal to move the Ivington Register. With 222 electorate, there was a 48.65% turnout at the May 2007 elections. There were also objections to using the Leominster Leisure Centre, Coningsby Road due to access for disabled and elderly electorate. The difficulties in this ward are that there are few suitable locations within the South ward. All suggested alternatives are in the North Ward apart from Leominster Junior School which should only be used as a last resort.

It is suggested, in view of the general problems with the Leominster polling stations, that Ivington is retained for the present and that the existing and proposed venues are reviewed prior to a final decision.

LLANGARON WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 5 polling stations for this rural ward, 2 of which have an electorate of 300 or less.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Bridstow Parish Hall	H-XA	Bridstow	693		
	H-XF	Peterstow	293	986	36.95
Llangarron Village Hall	H-XB	Llangarron	418		
	H-XE	Marstow	308	726	26.67
Llangrove Village Hall	H-XC	Llangarron	403	403	39.80
Welsh Newton Village Hall	H-XD	Llanrothal	82		
	H-XH	Welsh Newton	176	258	44.71
Sellack Village Hall	H-XG	Sellack	209	209	40.10

PROPOSAL - as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 3 at Bridstow, Llangarron and Llangrove.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Bridstow Parish Hall	H-XA	Bridstow	693	
	H-XF	Peterstow	293	
	H-XG	Sellack	209	1195
Llangarron Village Hall	H-XB	Llangarron	418	
	H-XE	Marstow	308	726
Llangrove Village Hall	H-XC	Llangarron	403	
	H-XD	Llanrothal	82	
	H-XH	Welsh Newton	176	661

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Bridstow Parish Hall	H-XA	Bridstow	693	
	H-XF	Peterstow	293	
	H-XG	Sellack	209	1195
Llangrove Village Hall	H-XC	Llangarron	403	
	H-XD	Llanrothal	82	
	H-XH	Welsh Newton	176	661

LLANGARON WARD cont

REASONS: 3 Objections received regarding the closure of Welsh Newton polling station. This is a large sparsely populated rural ward. There have been difficulties getting staff to man some of these polling stations as several are on the edge of the county. In view of the low electorate and turnout at both Sellack and Welsh Newton it is suggested that these proposals stand.

Llangarron parish is split between 2 villages, Llangarron and Llanrothal . Both have polling stations for the Llangarron Parish. Although both are over the 300 electorate threshold the recent turn out was poor. The parish is also bearing the cost of maintaining 2 venues. It is suggested that the 2 polling stations remain for the present but that turnout should be reviewed after future elections

POSTAL VOTES:

Llanrothal = 3

Sellack = 19

Welsh Newton = 15

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From Welsh Newton to Llangrove = 1.7 miles

From Sellack to Bridstow = 3.7 miles

MORTIMER WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 7 polling stations for this rural ward, 5 of which have an electorate of 300 or less).

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Adforton St Andrews Church	L-YA	Adforton	108		
	L-YP	Walford, Letton & Newton	74	182	N/A
Aymestrey Village Hall	L-YB	Aymestrey	278	278	N/A
Brampton Bryan Parish Hall	L-YC	Brampton Bryan	113		
	L-YD	Buckton & Coxall	64	177	N/A
Leintwardine Village Hall	L-YE	Burrington	57		
	L-YH	Downton	45		
	L-YL	Leintwardine	662	764	N/A
Akwright Hall, Kinsham	L-YF	Byton	70		
	L-YG	Combe	35		
	L-YJ	Kinsham	56		
	L-YO	Stapleton	114	275	N/A
Wigmore Village Hall	L-YI	Elton	54		
	L-YK	Leinthall Starkes	74		
	L-YN	Pipe Aston	23		
	L-YQ	Wigmore	528	679	N/A
Lingen Village Hall	L-YM	Lingen	135		
	L-YR	Willey	41	176	68.38

MORTIMER WARD cont

PROPOSAL - as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 3 at Leintwardine, Lingen and Wigmore.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Leintwardine Village Hall	L-YC	Brampton Bryan	113	
	L-YD	Buckton & Coxall	64	
	L-YE	Burrington	57	
	L-YH	Downton	45	
	L-YL	Leintwardine	662	941
Lingen Village Hall	L-YF	Byton	70	
	L-YG	Combe	35	
	L-YJ	Kinsham	56	
	L-YO	Stapleton	114	
	L-YM	Lingen	135	
	L-YR	Willey	41	381
Wigmore Village Hall	L-YA	Adforton	108	
	L-YB	Aymestrey	278	
	L-YP	Walford, Letton & Newton	74	
	L-YI	Elton	54	
	L-YK	Leinthall Starkes	74	
	L-YN	Pipe Aston	23	
	L-YQ	Wigmore	528	1139

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Leintwardine Village Hall	L-YC	Brampton Bryan	113	
	L-YD	Buckton & Coxall	64	
	L-YE	Burrington	57	
	L-YH	Downton	45	
	L-YL	Leintwardine	662	941
Lingen Village Hall	L-YF	Byton	70	
	L-YG	Combe	35	
	L-YJ	Kinsham	56	
	L-YO	Stapleton	114	
	L-YM	Lingen	135	
	L-YR	Willey	41	381
Wigmore Village Hall	L-YA	Adforton	108	
	L-YB	Aymestrey	278	
	L-YP	Walford, Letton & Newton	74	
	L-YI	Elton	54	
	L-YK	Leinthall Starkes	74	
	L-YN	Pipe Aston	23	

	L-YQ	Wigmore	528	1139
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MORTIMER WARD cont

REASONS: 2 Objections received – 1 from the MP and 1 from a party agent. This is a large and sparsely populated rural ward with several small polling stations. As there is reasonable access to the proposed venues it is suggested that the proposals stand.

POSTAL VOTES:

Adforton = 7
 Aymestrey = 25
 Brampton Bryan = 6
 Buckton & Coxall = 21
 Byton = 6
 Combe = 1
 Kinsham = 2
 Stapleton = 10
 Walford, Letton & Newton = 12

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From Adforton to Wigmore = 1.5
 From Aymestrey to Wigmore = 3 miles
 From Brampton Bryan to Leintwardine = 2.7 miles
 From Kinsham to Lingen = 2.4 miles

OLD GORE WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 8 polling stations for this rural ward, 4 of which have an electorate of 300 or less and 1 of which is the main polling station in another ward (Sellack Village Hall - 43 electors on the Foy part register).

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Sellack Village Hall	H-ZD	Foy	43	43	44.19
Brampton Abbots Village Hall	H-ZA	Brampton Abbots	261		
	H-ZC	Foy	66	327	35.08
Brockhampton Parish Hall	H-ZB	Brockhampton	193	193	37.77
How Caple Grange, How Caple	H-ZE	How Caple	99		
	H-ZH	Sollers Hope	61		
	H-ZK	Yatton	89	249	48.37
Old School, Kings Caple	H-ZF	Kings Caple	265	265	50.19
Millennium Hall Upton Bishop	H-ZI	Upton Bishop	434	434	38.89
Much Marcle Memorial Hall	L-ZG	Much Marcle	525	525	38.74
Woolhope Parish Hall	L-ZJ	Woolhope	371	371	44.84

OLD GORE WARD cont

PROPOSAL - as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 5 at Brampton Abbots, How Caple, Much Marcle, Upton Bishop and Woolhope.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Brampton Abbots Village Hall	H-ZA	Brampton Abbots	261	
	H-ZC	Foy	66	
	H-ZD	Foy	43	370
How Caple Grange, How Caple	H-ZB	Brockhampton	193	
	H-ZF	Kings Caple	265	
	H-ZE	How Caple	99	
	H-ZH	Sollers Hope	61	
	H-ZK	Yatton	89	707
Millennium Hall Upton Bishop	H-ZI	Upton Bishop	434	434
Much Marcle Memorial Hall	L-ZG	Much Marcle	525	525
Woolhope Parish Hall	L-ZJ	Woolhope	371	371

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Brampton Abbots Village Hall	H-ZA	Brampton Abbots	261	
	H-ZC	Foy	66	
	H-ZD	Foy	43	370
Brockhampton Parish Hall	H-ZB	Brockhampton	193	
	H-ZF	Kings Caple	265	
	H-ZE	How Caple	99	
	H-ZH	Sollers Hope	61	
	H-ZK	Yatton	89	707

REASONS: 2 Objections received. Concern was expressed that a commercial premises was being used instead of a local village amenity. It is suggested, in view of representations made, that the registers originally proposed to use How Caple Grange should transfer to using Brockhampton Parish Hall.

POSTAL VOTES:

Foy (H-ZD) = 4
 Kings Caple = 32
 How Caple = 14
 Sollars Hope = 4
 Yatton = 19

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station
 From Foy (H-ZD) to Brampton Abbots = 6.4 miles

From How Caple to Brockhampton = 2.2 miles

PEMBRIDGE & LYONSHALL WITH TITLEY WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 5 polling stations for this rural ward, 2 of which have an electorate of 300 or less).

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Titley Village Hall	L-AAA	Knill	24		
	L-AAD	Rodd, Nash & Little Brampton	59		
	L-AAG	Titley	126	209	51.43
Lyonshall Memorial Hall	L-AAB	Lyonshall	556	556	41.59
Pembridge Village Hall	L-AAC	Pembridge	822	822	47.63
Shobdon Village Hall	L-AAE	Shobdon	629	629	38.31
Staunton-on-Arrow Village Hall	L-AAF	Staunton-on-Arrow	172	172	60.47

PROPOSAL - as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 4 at Lyonshall, Pembridge, Shobdon and Titley.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Lyonshall Memorial Hall	L-AAB	Lyonshall	556	556
Pembridge Village Hall	L-AAC	Pembridge	822	822
Shobdon Village Hall	L-AAA	Knill	24	
	L-AAD	Rodd, Nash & Little Brampton	59	
	L-AAE	Shobdon	629	
	L-AAF	Staunton-on-Arrow	172	
	L-AAG	Titley	126	1010

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Titley Village Hall	L-AAA	Knill	24	
	L-AAD	Rodd, Nash & Little Brampton	59	
	L-AAF	Staunton-on-Arrow	172	
	L-AAG	Titley	126	381

PEMBRIDGE & LYONSHALL WITH TITLEY WARD Cont

REASONS: 4 Objections received. In view of representations made, it is suggested that Titley Village Hall remain as a polling station for Titley, Knill, Rodd, Nash & Little Brampton with the addition of Staunton-on-Arrow, especially as these parishes are a Group Parish with a total electorate of 381.

POSTAL VOTES:

Knill = 2

Rodd, Nash & Little Brampton = 3

Staunton-on-Arrow = 6

Titley = 9

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station
From Staunton-on-Arrow to Titley = 2.6 miles

PENYARD WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 5 polling stations for this rural ward, 1 of which has an electorate of 300 or less).

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Aston Ingham Village Hall	H-BBA	Aston Ingham	333	333	47.11
Hope Mansell Village Hall	H-BBB	Hope Mansell	232	232	39.66
Lea Village Hall	H-BBC	Lea	444	444	38.08
Linton Village Hall	H-BBD	Linton	784	784	38.43
Penyard Gardens, Weston-u-Penyard	H-BBE	Weston-u-Penyard	787	787	34.05

PROPOSAL - as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 4 at Aston Ingham, Lea, Linton and Weston-u-Penyard.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Aston Ingham Village Hall	H-BBA	Aston Ingham	333	333
Lea Village Hall	H-BBB	Hope Mansell	232	676
	H-BBC	Lea	444	
Linton Village Hall	H-BBD	Linton	784	784
Penyard Gardens, Weston-u-Penyard	H-BBE	Weston-u-Penyard	787	787

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Lea Village Hall	H-BBB	Hope Mansell	232	676
	H-BBC	Lea	444	

REASONS: 1 Objection received. Because of low electorate and turnout it is suggested that the proposal stands.

POSTAL VOTES:

Hope Mansell = 35

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From Hope Mansell to Lea = 4 miles

PONTRILAS WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 7 polling stations for this rural ward, 4 of which have an electorate of 300 or less.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Little Birch Village Hall	H-CCA	Aconbury	53		
	H-CCE	Little Birch	188	241	50.62
Garway Village Hall	H-CCB	Garway	286	286	42.91
Harewood End Inn	H-CCC	Harewood	21		
	H-CCD	Hentland	342		
	H-CCJ	Pencoyd	114		
	H-CCL	Tretire w Michaelchurch	62	539	39.37
Llanwarne Village Hall	H-CFF	Llandinabo	55		
	H-CCG	Llanwarne	226	281	40.93
Much Birch Community Hall	H-CCH	Much Birch	713	713	40.46
Orcop Village Hall	H-CCI	Orcop	344	344	42.31
St Weonards Village Hall	H-CCK	St Weonards	297	297	28.67

PONTRILAS WARD cont

PROPOSAL - as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 3 at Harewood End, Much Birch and Orcop.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Harewood End Inn	H-CCC	Harewood	21	
	H-CCD	Hentland	342	
	H-CFF	Llandinabo	55	
	H-CCG	Llanwarne	226	
	H-CCJ	Pencoyd	114	
	H-CCL	Tretire w Michaelchurch	62	820
Much Birch Community Hall	H-CCA	Aconbury	53	
	H-CCE	Little Birch	188	
	H-CCH	Much Birch	713	954
Orcop Village Hall	H-CCB	Garway	286	
	H-CCI	Orcop	344	
	H-CCK	St Weonards	297	927

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Little Birch Village Hall	H-CCA	Aconbury	53	
	H-CCE	Little Birch	188	241
Garway Village Hall	H-CCB	Garway	286	286
Harewood End Inn	H-CCC	Harewood	21	
	H-CCD	Hentland	342	
	H-CCJ	Pencoyd	114	
	H-CCL	Tretire w Michaelchurch	62	539
Llanwarne Village Hall	H-CFF	Llandinabo	55	
	H-CCG	Llanwarne	226	281
Much Birch Community Hall	H-CCH	Much Birch	713	713
Orcop Village Hall	H-CCI	Orcop	344	344
	H-CCK	St Weonards	297	297

PONTRILAS WARD cont

REASONS: 5 Objections received. In view of representations received it is suggested that the following amendments are made to the original proposals

Little Birch Village Hall to remain as a polling station for Little Birch and Aconbury polling districts in view of relatively good turnout at the May 2007 elections – 50.62%

Llanwarne Village Hall to remain as a polling station for Llanwarne and Llandinabo polling districts. Thus continuing to use a village hall in preference to relying on a public house.

Garway Village Hall to remain as a polling station for Garway polling district.

St Weonards Village Hall to cease as a polling station and its polling district to transfer to Orcop. This is in view of the low turnout at the May 2007 elections – 28.67%

POSTAL VOTES:

St Weonards = 42

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From St Weonards to Orcop = 3miles

ROSS WEST WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

All Ross West polling stations cater for well over 300 electorate. There have been several requests from Ashfield Park Primary School to locate the polling station at another venue.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Brampton Abbots C of E Primary School, Brampton Rd. ROW	H-EEA	Ross - West	1292		
	H-EEC	Ross Rural - West	455	1747	21.66
Ashfield Park Primary School, ROW	H-EEB	Ross - West	2494	2494	24.43

PROPOSAL - as per consultation

The original proposal was to transfer the Ashfield Park Primary School voters to the nearby Wilton Bridge Sports Centre.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Brampton Abbots C of E Primary School, Brampton Rd. ROW	H-EEA	Ross - West	1292	
	H-EEC	Ross Rural - West	455	1747
Sports Centre, Wilton Bridge, ROW	H-EEB	Ross - West	2494	2494

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
St Mary's Church Hall or The Bowling Club	H-EEB	Ross - West	2494	2494

REASONS: 5 Objections received, many concerning the fact that the Sports Centre is in a flood plain and does not have disabled access. Alternatives suggested are St Mary's Church Hall, Church Street or The Bowling Club, Old Maid's Walk. Both of these lie within the West Ward. It is suggested that both of these 2 alternatives are inspected prior to a final decision.

POSTAL VOTES:

Ross-on-Wye (H-EEB) = 327

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From Ashfield Park to Church Street/Old Maids Walk = 0.6 miles

ST MARTINS & HINTON WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

There are 6 polling stations for this mixed urban and rural. Manor Rest Home, Lower Bullingham Lane has requested not to be used as a polling station.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Hinton Youth Centre, Ross Rd Hereford	H-FFA	St Martins & Hinton	1031		
	H-FFB	St Martins & Hinton	996	2027	19.63
Putson Baptist Church, Webb Tree Ave. Hereford	H-FFC	St Martins & Hinton	1932	1932	21.25
Hunderton & Belmont Residents Assoc, Belmont Ave. Hereford	H-FFD	St Martins & Hinton	714	714	17.31
Residents Lounge, Pentwyn Ct, Pentwyn Ave Hereford	H-FFE	St Martins & Hinton	1113	1113	19.42
Haywood High Sch, Stanberrow Rd Hereford	H-FFF	St Martins & Hinton	1018	1018	19.74
Manor Rest Home, Lower Bullingham Lane, Hereford	H-FFG	Lw Bullingham, Withybrook Ward	1126	1126	20.16

ST MARTINS & HINTON WARD cont

PROPOSAL - as per consultation

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Hinton Youth Centre, Ross Rd Hereford	H-FFA	St Martins & Hinton	1031	
	H-FFB	St Martins & Hinton	996	2027
Putson Baptist Church, Webb Tree Ave. Hereford	H-FFC	St Martins & Hinton	1932	1932
	H-FFG	Lw Bullingham, Withybrook Ward	1126	3058
Hunderton & Belmont Residents Assoc, Belmont Ave. Hereford	H-FFD	St Martins & Hinton	714	714
Residents Lounge, Pentwyn Ct, Pentwyn Ave Hereford	H-FFE	St Martins & Hinton	1113	1113
Haywood High Sch, Stanberrow Rd Hereford	H-FFF	St Martins & Hinton	1018	1018

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Putson Baptist Church, Webb Tree Ave. Hereford	H-FFC	St Martins & Hinton	1932	
	H-FFG	Lw Bullingham, Withybrook Ward	1126	3058

REASONS: It has not been possible to find an alternative venue to The Manor Rest Home within the register area. It is suggested that voters from Lw Bullingham, Withybrook Ward now vote at Putson Baptist Church.

POSTAL VOTES:

Lw Bullingham, Withybrook Ward = 105

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From Lower Bullingham Lane to Webb Avenue = 0.7 miles

THREE ELMS WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

There are 4 polling stations for this ward covering urban and rural areas, industrial estates and the race course. One polling station, Whitecross High School has recently moved location within the ward. It is now further out in the ward causing complaints from electors. Another polling station, Trinity Primary School, has requested not to be used as a polling station

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Whitecross High School, Three Elms Road	H-JJA	Three Elms	1584	1584	17.73
Westfield Hall, Highmore Street	H-JJB	Three Elms	2100		
	H-JJE	Three Elms	1146	3246	24.15
Hereford Leisure Centre, Holmer Road	H-JJC	Three Elms	964	964	17.10
Trinity Primary School, Barricombe Drive	H-JJD	Three Elms	1912	1912	26.29

THREE ELMS WARD cont**PROPOSAL - as per consultation**

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Council Offices, Plough Lane	H-JJA	Three Elms	1584	1584
Whitecross High School, Three Elms Road	H-JJD	Three Elms	1912	1912
Westfield Hall, Highmore Street	H-JJB	Three Elms	2100	
	H-JJE	Three Elms	1146	3246
Hereford Leisure Centre, Holmer Road	H-JJC	Three Elms	964	964

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Council Offices, Plough Lane or Holy Trinity Church Hall Vowles CIs	H-JJA	Three Elms	1584	1584
Whitecross High School, Three Elms Road	H-JJD	Three Elms	1912	1912

REASONS: 2 Objections received regarding Whitecross High School and 1 request from Trinity Primary School not to be used again. The proposal to use council offices at Plough Lane may not be possible due to the terms of the lease. An alternative location suggested was the Courtyard Theatre though that location is at one end of the oddly-shaped H-JJA Polling District.

A more suitable venue may be Holy Trinity Church Hall, Vowles Close. It is very close to the old Whitecross School location. It is suggested that further investigation of alternative venues be taken prior to a final decision.

POSTAL VOTES:

Three Elms (H-JJA) = 207

Three Elms (H-JJD) = 219

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From Three Elms Rd to Vowles Close = 0.8 miles

From Barricombe Drive to Three Elms Rd = 0.3 miles

UPTON WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 6 polling stations for this rural ward, 1 of which has an electorate of 300 or less and is undergoing renovation.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Brimfield Village Hall	L-LLA	Brimfield	613	613	47.78
Cawley Hall, Eye	L-LLB	Eye, Moreton & Ashton	147	147	48.65
Luston Methodist Chapel	L-LLC	Eyton	98		
	L-LLG	Luston	446	544	38.19
Kimbolton Village Hall	L-LLD	Kimbolton	383	383	44.91
Leysters & Middleton-on-the-Hill Parish Hall	L-LLE	Leysters	106		
	L-LLH	Middleton-on-the-Hill	196	302	46.20
Little Hereford Parish Hall	L-LLF	Little Hereford	340	340	38.69

PROPOSAL - as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 5 at Brimfield, Kimbolton, Leysters, Little Hereford and Luston.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Brimfield Village Hall	L-LLA	Brimfield	613	613
Kimbolton Village Hall	L-LLD	Kimbolton	383	383
Leysters & Middleton-on-the-Hill Parish Hall	L-LLE	Leysters	106	
	L-LLH	Middleton-on-the-Hill	196	302
Little Hereford Parish Hall	L-LLF	Little Hereford	340	340
Luston Methodist Chapel	L-LLB	Eye, Moreton & Ashton	147	
	L-LLC	Eyton	98	
	L-LLG	Luston	446	691

UPTON WARD cont

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Luston Methodist Chapel	L-LLB	Eye, Moreton & Ashton	147	
	L-LLC	Eyton	98	
	L-LLG	Luston	446	691

REASONS: 1 Objection received. Cawley Hall is currently undergoing renovation so an alternative venue is definitely required in the immediate future. It is suggested that the proposal stands.

POSTAL VOTES:

Eye, Moreton & Ashton = 8

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From Eye to Luston = 0.7 miles

VALLETTS WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 6 polling stations for this rural ward, 2 of which have an electorate of 300 or less and 1 of which is the main polling station in another ward (Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall – 69 electors on the Kenderchurch register and 226 on the Kentchurch register). Wormbridge Centre is undergoing alterations and has requested not to be used.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	& Turnout 2007
Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall	H-MMB	Kenderchurch	69		
	H-MMC	Kentchurch	226	295	31.42
The Pateshall, Allensmore	H-MMA	Allensmore	445	445	47.14
Kilpeck & District Village Hall	H-MMD	Kilpeck	153	153	54.78
Kingstone Village Hall	H-MME	Kingstone	888		
	H-MMH	Thrupton	27	915	33.65
Much Dewchurch Memorial Hall	H-MMF	Much Dewchurch	514	514	40.47
Wormbridge Centre	H-MMG	St Devereux	90		
	H-MMI	Treville	41		
	H-MMJ	Wormbridge	42	173	35.29

PROPOSAL - as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 4 at Allensmore, Kilpeck, Kingstone and Much Dewchurch.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
The Pateshall, Allensmore	H-MMA	Allensmore	445	445
Kilpeck & District Village Hall	H-MMB	Kenderchurch	69	
	H-MMC	Kentchurch	226	
	H-MMD	Kilpeck	153	
	H-MMG	St Devereux	90	
	H-MMI	Treville	41	
	H-MMJ	Wormbridge	42	621
Kingstone Village Hall	H-MME	Kingstone	888	
	H-MMH	Thrupton	27	915
Much Dewchurch Memorial Hall	H-MMF	Much Dewchurch	514	514

VALLETTS WARD cont

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Kilpeck & District Village Hall	H-MMB	Kenderchurch	69	
	H-MMC	Kentchurch	226	
	H-MMD	Kilpeck	153	
	H-MMG	St Devereux	90	
	H-MMI	Treville	41	
	H-MMJ	Wormbridge	42	621

REASONS: 2 comments received in support of proposal. It is suggested that the proposal stands.

POSTAL VOTES:

Kenderchurch = 9
 Kentchurch = 16
 St Devereux = 11
 Treville = 7
 Wormbridge = 3

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From Ewyas Harold to Kilpeck = 7.9 miles
 From Wormbridge to Kilpeck = 1.7 miles

WORMSLEY RIDGE WARD

CURRENT SITUATION

At present there are 4 polling stations for this rural ward, 1 of which is the main polling station in another ward (Weobley Village Hall – 77 electors on the Kings Pyon register).

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total	% Turnout 2007
Weobley Village Hall	L-NNH	Kings Pyon	77	77	57.33
Community Centre, Mansel Lacy	L-NNA	Bishopstone	163		
	L-NNB	Bridge Sollars	23		
	L-NNC	Brinsop & Wormsley	105		
	L-NND	Byford	67		
	L-NNI	Mansel Gamage	43		
	L-NNJ	Mansel Lacy	115		
	L-NNL	Yazor	91	607	35.54
Canon Pyon Parish Hall	L-NNE	Canon Pyon	452		
	L-NNG	Kings Pyon	138	590	40.59
Wellington Community Centre	L-NNF	Dinmore	4		
	L-NNK	Wellington	816	820	35.38

WORMSLEY RIDGE WARD cont

PROPOSAL - as per consultation

That the number of polling stations be reduced to 3 at Canon Pyon, Mansel Lacy and Wellington.

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Community Centre, Mansel Lacy	L-NNA	Bishopstone	163	
	L-NNB	Bridge Sollars	23	
	L-NNC	Brinsop & Wormsley	105	
	L-NND	Byford	67	
	L-NNI	Mansel Gamage	43	
	L-NNJ	Mansel Lacy	115	
	L-NNL	Yazor	91	607
Canon Pyon Parish Hall	L-NNE	Canon Pyon	452	
	L-NNG	Kings Pyon	138	
	L-NNH	Kings Pyon	77	667
Wellington Community Centre	L-NNF	Dinmore	4	
	L-NNK	Wellington	816	820

RECOMMENDATIONS: - Changes to take effect at the next election

Polling Station	Register Code	Polling District	Electorate	Total
Canon Pyon Parish Hall	L-NNE	Canon Pyon	452	
	L-NNG	Kings Pyon	138	
	L-NNH	Kings Pyon	77	667

REASONS: 1 Objection received. Unfortunately the parishes making up Bishopstone & District Group Parish Council do not lie completely within the Wormsley Ridge Ward. Thus the Parish Council's suggestions to use Credenhill and Staunton-on-Wye polling stations are not feasible.

Kings Pyon (L-NNH) is at present going to a polling station outside its ward and is split from the other part of the Kings Pyon (L-NNG) register. This is likely to cause confusion to the electorate, the polling station staff and at the count and the small parish of Kings Pyon has to bear the cost of 2 venues. It is suggested that the proposals stand.

POSTAL VOTES:

Kings Pyon (L-NNH) = 7

MILEAGE from old Polling Station to new Polling Station

From Weobley to Canon Pyon = 9.7 miles