

Copeland Borough Council

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

Report of (Acting) Returning Officer for Copeland Borough Council

Updated August 2019

Polling Districts & Polling Places Review

Introduction

The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, requires all Local Authorities to undertake a compulsory review of polling district and polling places every five years.

The Act requires that the local authority consults widely before reaching a decision on its preferred electoral arrangements. In addition, the Acting Returning Officer for each constituency is required to submit his or her own proposals for future electoral arrangements. What follows are the proposals for Copeland Borough Council.

Background

Since October 2013, all local authorities have been required to review their polling districts, polling places, and polling stations every five years. The next compulsory review period is from October 2018 to Jan 2020 and Copeland Borough Council have now commenced its review.

This Council's last review was held in 2014 which resulted in a few minor changes being made.

In 2018 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) completed an electoral review of the Copeland District. Details of the consultation process and final recommendations can be found here at: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/north-west/cumbria/copeland>

Following the LGBCE review, the number of district wards was reduced from 25 to 17 and the number of district Councillors was reduced from 51 to 33.

The Review in Copeland

Copeland is divided into 100 polling districts, with one or more polling districts making up a district ward, with a polling place being an area or building within a polling district in which a polling station is situated. Consequently, it is inevitable that polling stations are also considered as part of these reviews.

These reviews are based on council areas or parliamentary constituencies and, consequently, it is imperative that the views of the (Acting) Returning Officer are sought and considered.

Polling districts, polling places and polling stations will be considered and this Review will take into account the following:-

- The position and size of the polling place and whether it is appropriate for the polling district and provides sufficient flexibility;
- The availability of postal votes on demand; and
- The suitability of a polling station with regard to:-
 - Accessibility and effectiveness for the majority of the voters in the polling district;
 - Facilities for voters and, in particular, for those with a disability; and
 - Whether the premises provide economic efficiency with regard to the number of personal voters allocated at a polling station, in particular if they have less than 100 electors voting in person.

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District Ward	Arlecdon & Ennerdale Ward
Parliamentary Constituency	Copeland
Electorate	3647

Polling District Letters	Parish	No of Electors	Current No. of postal voters	Current No. voting in person	Polling Station	Disabled access
AE-1	Arlecdon Ward	599	116	483	Adams Memorial Hall, Barwise Row, Arlecdon, CA26 3UZ	Yes
AE-2	Arlecdon Ward	220	54	166	24 Asby Road, Asby, Workington CA14 4RR	No
AE-3	Arlecdon Ward	16	9	7	Kirkland Mission, Kirkland, Frizington, CA26 3YE	Yes
AE-4	Ennerdale & Kinniside	265	56	209	St. Mary's Church Community Rooms, Ennerdale Bridge, Cleator, CA23 3AR	Yes
AE-5	Lamplugh	302	78	224	Lamplugh Village Hall, Lamplugh, Workington, CA14 4SF	Yes
AE-6	Lamplugh	246	65	181	Kirkland Mission, Kirkland, Frizington, CA26 3YE	Yes
AE-7	Frizington Ward	1285	247	1038	Frizington Youth Centre, Off Church Street, Frizington, CA26 3SS	Yes
AE-8	Frizington Ward	714	110	604	St Joseph's Community Hall, Yeathouse Road, Frizington, CA26 3PX	Yes

Returning Officer's Proposals or comments

- Proposal to merge polling districts AE-1 and AE-3. The polling station for the Electors in existing AE-3 would move from Kirkland Mission to Adams Memorial Hall. Renumbered to AE-1
- Remaining polling districts will be renumbered accordingly.
- No changes proposed to AE-2 following investigations.

District Ward	Beckermet
Parliamentary Constituency	Copeland
Electorate	1686

Polling District Letters	Parish	No of Electors	Current No. of postal voters	Current No. voting in person	Polling Station	Disabled access
B-1	Haile & Wilton	352	93	259	Haile Village Hall, Haile, Egremont CA22 2PD	Yes
B-2	Lowside Quarter, Braystones Ward	114	16	98	Beckermet Reading Rooms, Sellafield Road, Beckermet, CA21 2XS	Yes
B-3	Beckermet with Thornhill	507	110	397	Beckermet Reading Rooms, Sellafield Road, Beckermet, CA21 2XS	Yes
B-4	Beckermet with Thornhill	713	93	620	Thornhill School Library, Ehen Road, Thornhill, Egremont, CA22 2SJ – Booth 1	Yes

Returning Officer's Proposals or comments

- A new polling station venue has been identified for B-2 within the Lowside Quarter, Braystones Ward boundary. Investigation underway.

District Ward Parliamentary Constituency Electorate	Black Combe & Scafell
	Copeland
	3367

Polling District Letters	Parish	No of Electors	Current No. of postal voters	Current No. voting in person	Polling Station	Disabled access
BCS-1	Bootle	378	16	362	Bootle Evangelical Church, Chapel Lane, Bootle, LA19 5UE	Yes
BCS-2	Bootle	245	59	186	Bootle Village Hall, Bootle Station, Millom, LA19 5XG	Yes
BCS-3	Waberthwaite	117	14	103	Waberthwaite Village Hall, Waberthwaite, Millom, LA19 5YJ	Yes
BCS-4	Waberthwaite	72	10	62	Corney Parish Hall, Corney, Millom, LA19 5TW	No
BCS-5	Eskdale	11	4	7	Muncaster Parish Hall, Main Street, Ravenglass, CA18 1SQ	Yes
BCS-6	Muncaster	221	60	161	Muncaster Parish Hall, Main Street, Ravenglass, CA18 1SQ	Yes
BCS-7	Millom, Haverigg Ward	1059	223	836	St Lukes Institute, Glencoe Close, Haverigg, LA18 4PS	Yes
BCS-8	Millom Without Ward	390	90	300	Thwaites Village Hall, The Green, Millom, LA18 5HZ	Yes
BCS-9	Millom Without Ward	185	43	142	Village Hall, The Hill, Millom, LA18 5HF	Yes
BCS-10	Ulpha (Meet Only)	105	13	92	Browfoot Room, Ulpha Village Hall, Ulpha, Broughton-in-Furness, LA20 6DX	Yes
BCS-11	Whicham	292	69	223	Silecroft Village Hall, Main Street, Silecroft, Millom, LA18 5LP	Yes
BCS-12	Whicham	95	19	76	Kirksanton Village Hall, The Green, Kirksanton, LA18 4NZ	Yes
BCS-13	Eskdale	197	46	151	St Bega's Eskdale Village Hall, Eskdale, Holmrook, CA19 1TW	Yes

Returning Officer's Proposals or comments

- Copeland Disability Forum to review BCS-4 polling station, Corney Parish Hall, following comments from the Polling Station Inspector that it had no disabled access.
- Proposal to merge polling districts BCS-5 and BCS-13. This will result in those electors current on BCS-5 voting at St Bega's Eskdale Village Hall which is closer for them. Further investigation has revealed that they were two separate polling districts due to the previous ward boundaries. Renumber to BCS-5
- Proposal to merge polling districts BCS-11 and BCS-12. Renumber to BCS-11. All electors will then vote at Silecroft Village Hall due to its central location and respectable distance for electors to travel. Kirsanton Village Hall will no longer be required. This view is supported by Whicham Parish Council.

District Ward	Cleator Moor
Parliamentary Constituency	Copeland
Electorate	5163

Polling District Letters	Parish	No of Electors	Current No. of postal voters	Current No. voting in person	Polling Station	Disabled access
CM-1	Cleator Moor East Ward	704	117	587	Cleator Moor Nursery School, Ennerdale Road, Cleator Moor, CA25 5LW – Booth 1	Yes
CM-2	Cleator Moor North Ward	657	126	531	Cleator Moor Civic Hall and Masonic Centre, Market Square, Cleator Moor, CA25 5AP – Booth 1	Yes
CM-3	Cleator Moor North Ward	1793	315	1478	Crossfield Community Centre, Crossfield Road, Cleator Moor, CA25 5BY	Yes
CM-4	Cleator Moor South Ward	449	73	376	Jubilee Room, Church Street, Cleator, CA23 3DD	Yes
CM-5	Cleator Moor South Ward	636	97	539	Cleator Moor Nursery School, Ennerdale Road, Cleator Moor, CA25 5LW – Booth 2	Yes
CM-6	Cleator Moor South Ward	924	153	771	Cleator Moor Civic Hall and Masonic Centre, Market Square, Cleator Moor, CA25 5AP – Booth 2	Yes

Returning Officer's Proposals or comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigation required to look for a second polling station within polling district CM-3 to help deal with the large volume of the electors and the current distance to Crossfield Community Centre. Recommendations encouraged.

District Ward	Corkickle
Parliamentary Constituency	Copeland
Electorate	1590

Polling District Letters	Parish	No of Electors	Current No. of postal voters	Current No. voting in person	Polling Station	Disabled access
CO-1	Whitehaven Town Council (WTC), Corkickle North Ward	23	9	14	St Begh's Social Club, Coach Road, Whitehaven, CA28 7TE – Booth 1	Yes
CO-2	WTC, Corkickle North Ward	439	121	318	St Begh's Social Club, Coach Road, Whitehaven, CA28 7TE – Booth 1	Yes
CO-3	WTC, Corkickle South Ward	495	78	417	St Begh's Social Club, Coach Road, Whitehaven, CA28 7TE – Booth 2	Yes
CO-4	WTC, Corkickle South Ward	633	132	501	SS Gregory & Patrick's Catholic Community School, Esk Avenue, Whitehaven, CA28 8AJ – Booth 1	Yes

Returning Officer's Proposals or comments

- Proposal to merge polling districts CO-1 and CO-2 which had only been separated due to previous ward boundaries. Renumber to CO-1. CO-3 and CO-4 to be renumbered accordingly.

District Ward Parliamentary Constituency Electorate	Distington, Lowca & Parton
	Copeland
	3076

Polling District Letters	Parish	No of Electors	Current No. of postal voters	Current No. voting in person	Polling Station	Disabled access
DLP-1	Distington	1380	273	1107	Distington Community Centre, Church Road, Distington, Workington, CA14 5TE	Yes
DLP-2	Distington	399	100	299	51 Pica Cottages, Pica, Workington, CA14 4QA	No
DLP-3	Lowca	612	88	524	Lowca Village Hall, Stamford Hill, Lowca, Whitehaven, CA28 6PT	Yes
DLP-4	Parton	256	30	226	Parton Village Hall, Main Street, Parton, Whitehaven, CA28 6PA	Yes
DLP-5	Parton	429	67	362	Parton Village Hall, Main Street, Parton, Whitehaven, CA28 6PA	Yes

Returning Officer's Proposals or comments

- Officers will investigate DLP-2 for an alternative polling station to 51 Pica Cottages, but currently, alternatives are unknown. Recommendations for alternatives encouraged.
- Polling Station Inspector for Lowca Village Hall commented that it was in a poor state. Officers will look at alternatives and any recommendations are encouraged.

District Ward	Egremont
Parliamentary Constituency	Copeland
Electorate	4700

Polling District Letters	Parish	No of Electors	Current No. of postal voters	Current No. voting in person	Polling Station	Disabled access
E-1	Egremont South Ward	79	21	58	Masonic Hall, Bookwell, Egremont, CA22 2LS – Booth 1	Yes
E-2	Egremont North Ward	706	143	563	Egremont Bowling Club, Howbank Road, Egremont, CA22 2PR	Yes
E-3	Egremont North Ward	1217	223	994	Orgill Primary School, Southey Avenue, Egremont, CA22 2HH	Yes
E-4	Egremont South Ward	1437	325	1112	The Meeting Place, Egremont Methodist Church Hall, Main Street, Egremont, CA22 2DR	Yes
E-5	Egremont South Ward	781	149	632	Masonic Hall, Bookwell, Egremont, CA22 2LS – Booth 1	Yes
E-6	Egremont South Ward	570	96	474	St Mary's Parish Centre, St Bridgets Lane, Egremont, CA22 2BD	Yes

Returning Officer's Proposals or comments

- Proposal to merge polling districts E-1 and E-4. Rename to E-1. Recommend that the new E-1 polling station be The Meeting Place, Egremont.
- Proposal to merge polling districts E-5 and E-6. Rename to E-4. Propose that the new E-4 polling station be Masonic Hall, Bookwell – Booth 1. This would mean that St Mary's Parish Centre would cease to be a polling station.
- Plans available at www.copeland.gov.uk

District Ward Parliamentary Constituency Electorate	Gosforth & Seascale
	Copeland
	3329

Polling District Letters	Parish	No of Electors	Current No. of postal voters	Current No. voting in person	Polling Station	Disabled access
GS-1	Ponsonby	146	13	133	Calderbridge & Ponsonby Village Hall, Calderbridge, Seascale, CA20 1DN	Yes
GS-2	Gosforth	963	230	733	Gosforth Library, Gosforth Public Hall, Gosforth, CA20 1AS	Yes
GS-3	Wasdale (Meet Only)	77	19	58	Old School Community Hall, Netherwasdale, Seascale, CA20 1ET	Yes
GS-4	Ponsonby	80	15	64	Calderbridge & Ponsonby Village Hall, Calderbridge, Seascale, CA20 1DN	Yes
GS-5	Drigg & Carleton	210	37	173	Drigg & Carleton Village Hall, Drigg, Holmrook, CA19 1XF	Yes
GS-6	Drigg & Carleton	204	46	158	Holmrook Reading Room, Holmrook, CA19 1UH	Yes
GS-7	Irton with Santon	76	12	64	Holmrook Reading Room, Holmrook, CA19 1UH	Yes
GS-8	Irton with Santon	115	17	98	Santon Bridge Village Hall, Santon Bridge, Holmrook, CA19 1UY	Yes
GS-9	Wasdale (Meet Only)	24	2	22	Santon Bridge Village Hall, Santon Bridge, Holmrook, CA19 1UY	Yes
GS-10	Seascale	553	118	435	Seascale Methodist Church Hall, Gosforth Road, Seascale, CA20 1PU	Yes
GS-11	Seascale	881	203	678	Seascale Methodist Church Hall, Gosforth Road, Seascale, CA20 1PU	Yes

Returning Officer's Proposals or comments

- Proposal to merge polling districts GS-1 and GS-4 as both are in the same parish and both vote at Calderbridge & Ponsonby Village Hall. Renumber to GS-1
- Proposal to merge polling districts GS-3 and GS-9. Renumber to GS-3. All electors to move to Old School Community Hall, Netherwasdale Polling Station.

District Ward	Hillcrest
Parliamentary Constituency	Copeland
Electorate	4181

Polling District Letters	Parish	No of Electors	Current No. of postal voters	Current No. voting in person	Polling Station	Disabled access
H-1	WTC, Harras Ward	809	232	577	St James Community Centre, High Street, Whitehaven, CA28 7PY – Booth 1	Yes
H-2	WTC, Hillcrest Ward	401	104	297	Red Lonning Community Centre, Caldbeck Road, Whitehaven, CA28 6XQ - Booth 2	Yes
H-3	WTC, Hillcrest Ward	875	137	738	Richmond Pensioners Social Club, Overend Road, Whitehaven, CA28 8SS	Yes
H-4	WTC, Hillcrest Ward	1313	302	1011	Red Lonning Community Centre, Caldbeck Road, Whitehaven, CA28 6XQ - Booth 1	Yes
H-5	WTC, Hillcrest Ward	786	213	573	Red Lonning Community Centre, Caldbeck Road, Whitehaven, CA28 6XQ - Booth 2	Yes

Returning Officer's Proposals or comments

- Further investigation needed to review H-1 polling station, Electors live in The Highlands area and currently vote at St James Community Centre. A closer station would be preferred but currently, there are no known alternatives. Recommendations encouraged.
- Proposal to tidy up polling district boundaries within the Hillcrest Ward. Maps available setting out new boundaries. Proposals will result in a change of polling station for approximately 30 electors.
- Plans available at www.copeland.gov.uk

District Ward	Kells
Parliamentary Constituency	Copeland
Electorate	1737

Polling District Letters	Parish	No of Electors	Current No. of postal voters	Current No. voting in person	Polling Station	Disabled access
K-1	WTC, Kells Ward	699	124	575	Kells ARLFC Social Club, Old Arrowthwaite, Whitehaven, CA28 9EJ	Yes
K-2	WTC, Kells Ward	1038	174	864	St. Mary's Club, High Road, Whitehaven, CA289PG	Yes

Returning Officer's Proposals or comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes proposed.

District Ward	Millom
Parliamentary Constituency	Copeland
Electorate	4495

Polling District Letters	Parish	No of Electors	Current No. of postal voters	Current No. voting in person	Polling Station	Disabled access
M-1	Holborn Hill Ward	1303	224	1079	The Palladium Theatre, St. Georges Road, Millom, LA18 5DW	Yes
M-2	Holborn Hill Ward	599	78	521	Black Combe Junior School, Moor Road, Millom, LA18 5DT	Yes
M-3	Newtown Ward	996	170	826	Parish Hall at Our Lady & St James Church, Queen Street, Millom, LA18 4AR	Yes
M-4	Newtown Ward	1597	357	1240	Pensioners Hall, Mainsgate Road, Millom, LA18 4JZ	Yes

Returning Officer's Proposals or comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes proposed.

District Ward Parliamentary Constituency Electorate	Moor Row & Bigrigg
	Copeland
	1787

Polling District Letters	Parish	No of Electors	Current No. of postal voters	Current No. voting in person	Polling Station	Disabled access
MB-1	Weddicar, Keekle Ward	325	47	278	Keekle Village Hall, Keekle Terrace, Cleator Moor, CA25 5RQ - Booth 1	Yes
MB-2	Egremont North Ward	683	117	566	Bigrigg Village Hall, Springfield Road, Bigrigg, Egremont, CA22 2TL	Yes
MB-3	Egremont North Ward	779	150	629	Moor Row Working Men's Club, Scalegill Road, Moor Row, CA24 3JN	Yes

Returning Officer's Proposals or comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes proposed.

District Ward	Moresby
Parliamentary Constituency	Copeland
Electorate	1475

Polling District Letters	Parish	No of Electors	Current No. of postal voters	Current No. voting in person	Polling Station	Disabled access
MO-1	Weddicar, Weddicar North Ward	43	8	35	Keekle Village Hall, Keekle Terrace, Cleator Moor, CA25 5RQ - Booth 2	Yes
MO-2	Moresby	404	107	297	Moresby Rugby Union Club, Walkmill Park, Moresby, CA28 8XW	Yes
MO-3	Moresby	695	133	562	Moresby Rugby Union Club, Walkmill Park, Moresby, CA28 8XW	Yes
MO-4	Moresby	333	96	237	Moresby Church Hall, Low Moresby, Whitehaven, CA28 6RR	Yes

- No changes proposed.

District Ward	Sneckyeat
Parliamentary Constituency	Copeland
Electorate	1766

Polling District Letters	Parish	No of Electors	Current No. of postal voters	Current No. voting in person	Polling Station	Disabled access
S-1	WTC, Sneckyeat North Ward	279	61	218	Hensingham Primary School, Main Street, Whitehaven, CA28 8QU	Yes
S-2	WTC, Sneckyeat South Ward	698	117	581	St John's Church Hall, Egremont Road, Whitehaven, CA28 8QW	Yes
S-3	WTC, Sneckyeat South Ward	608	101	507	Sneckyeat Community Hall, Sneckyeat Court, Whitehaven, CA28 8PG	Yes
S-4	WTC, Sneckyeat South Ward	181	34	147	8 Rutland Avenue, Whitehaven, CA28 8LA	No

Returning Officer's Proposals or comments

- Officers will investigate S-4 for an alternative polling station to 8 Rutland Avenue, but currently, alternatives are unknown. Recommendations for alternatives encouraged.

District Ward	St Bees
Parliamentary Constituency	Copeland
Electorate	1774

Polling District Letters	Parish	No of Electors	Current No. of postal voters	Current No. voting in person	Polling Station	Disabled access
SB-1	Lowside Quarter, Nethertown Ward	302	112	190	Masonic Hall, Bookwell, Egremont, CA22 2LS - Booth 2	Yes
SB-2	Lowside Quarter, Nethertown Ward	50	12	38	Thornhill School Library, Ehen Road, Thornhill, Egremont, CA22 2SJ - Booth 2	Yes
SB-3	Lowside Quarter, Nethertown Ward	24	3	21	Masonic Hall, Bookwell, Egremont, CA22 2LS - Booth 2	Yes
SB-4	St Bees, Rottington Ward	50	22	28	New College Hall, St Bees Priory, St Bees, CA27 0DR	Yes
SB-5	St Bees, St Bees Ward	1348	354	994	New College Hall, St Bees Priory, St Bees, CA27 0DR	Yes

Returning Officer's Proposals or comments

- Following a review of SB-1, SB-2 and SB-3, proposal is to merge SB-1 and SB-3 as both are in the same parish and electors vote at Masonic Hall, Bookwell. Renumber to SB-1.
- SB-2 electors currently vote at Thornhill School Library which is in a different ward and a different parish. Proposal to possibly merge with new SB-1 polling district if a new polling station within Lowside Quarter, Nethertown Ward is available. Views sought and recommendations encouraged.

District Ward	Whitehaven Central
Parliamentary Constituency	Copeland
Electorate	4462

Polling District Letters	Parish	No of Electors	Current No. of postal voters	Current No. voting in person	Polling Station	Disabled access
WC-1	WTC, Whitehaven Central North Ward	572	129	443	The Ivy Club, Bransty British Legion, Bransty Road, Whitehaven, CA28 6HB - Booth 1	Yes
WC-2	WTC, Whitehaven Central North Ward	540	88	452	The Ivy Club, Bransty British Legion, Bransty Road, Whitehaven, CA28 6HB - Booth 2	Yes
WC-3	WTC, Whitehaven Central North Ward	1549	356	1193	St James Community Centre, High Street, Whitehaven, CA28 7PY - Booth 2	Yes
WC-4	WTC, Whitehaven Central North Ward	285	57	228	St James Community Centre, High Street, Whitehaven, CA28 7PY - Booth 2	Yes
WC-5	WTC, Whitehaven Central North Ward	523	102	421	Masonic Hall, 54-56 Duke Street, Whitehaven, CA28 7NZ - Booth 1	Yes
WC-6	WTC, Whitehaven Central South Ward	708	182	526	Masonic Hall, 54-56 Duke Street, Whitehaven, CA28 7NZ - Booth 2	Yes
WC-7	WTC, Whitehaven Central South Ward	285	69	216	Monkwear Junior School, Monkwear Brow, Whitehaven, CA28 9DT	Yes

Returning Officer's Proposals or comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes proposed.

District Ward Parliamentary Constituency Electorate	Whitehaven South
	Copeland
	5356

Polling District Letters	Polling District description (if any)	No of Electors	Current No. of postal voters	Current No. voting in person	Polling Station	Disabled access
WS-1	WTC, Mirehouse East Ward	235	45	190	SS Gregory & Patrick's Catholic, Community School, Esk Avenue, Whitehaven, CA28 8AJ - Booth 2	Yes
WS-2	WTC, Mirehouse East Ward	460	123	517	St Andrews Church Hall, Meadow Road, Mirehouse, Whitehaven, CA28 8ER - Booth 1	Yes
WS-3	WTC, Mirehouse East Ward	772	122	650	St Andrews Church Hall, Meadow Road, Mirehouse, Whitehaven, CA28 8ER - Booth 2	Yes
WS-4	WTC, Mirehouse West Ward	794	143	651	Mirehouse Community Centre, Seathwaite Avenue, Whitehaven, CA28 9SW - Booth 1	Yes
WS-5	WTC, Mirehouse West Ward	739	67	672	Mirehouse Community Centre, Seathwaite Avenue, Whitehaven, CA28 9SW - Booth 1	Yes
WS-6	WTC, Whitehaven South Ward	278	48	230	Greenbank Community Centre, Gameriggs Road, Whitehaven, CA28 9QT	Yes
WS-7	WTC, Whitehaven South Ward	815	96	719	St Peters Parish Hall, Woodhouse, Whitehaven, CA28 9PR	Yes
WS-8	WTC, Whitehaven South Ward	863	112	751	St Peters Parish Hall, Woodhouse, Whitehaven, CA28 9PR	Yes
WS-9	WTC, Whitehaven South Ward	220	41	179	The Dog and Partridge, Sandwith, Whitehaven, CA28 9UH	Yes

Returning Officer's Proposals or comments

- No changes proposed.