



23/11/2022

Electoral review Shawforth Lancashire.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to raise an objection to the proposed changes to the Whitworth, Healey, Shawforth and Facit Ward.

I have lived in Shawforth for around 30 years and have found both the villages of Whitworth and Shawforth delightful communities.

My children as toddlers attended the local toddler's group which is held at Shawforth Chapel. My Grandchildren then repeated this when they came of age.

My Grandchildren also attended the pre-school nursery held at St John with St Michael Shawforth before starting primary school at Our Lady and St Anselm's Whitworth.

My Grandson plays football for Whitworth Valley Under 6 team and my Granddaughter attends the local dance classes, at Samba Dance School, held in Whitworth.

My Grandchildren also attend Whitworth Leisure & Swimming Centre.

As a RAF veteran I attend the Cenotaph which is in Whitworth and feel a real connection here with other Ex-servicemen who also attend.

I use Whitworth Library and use Whitworth sports centre for recreation. We also attend the annual Family Fun Day held at The Ashcroft in Whitworth. Over the festive period we take part in the annual carol service and watch the Santa Express, which comes into Shawforth from Whitworth. As a family we attend the New Year's Day duck race held at Cowm Park reservoir in Whitworth. We also had the pleasure to attend the village celebration held for Queen Elizabeth's Platinum jubilee, held at the Whitworth Valley football ground.

We often walk through the villages to enjoy the beauty of Healy Dell and often stop for a quick drink in our local Whitworth pubs. I enjoy cycling and often use the Whitworth Cycleway.

I often use the local shops in Whitworth and use the local Tesco or Co-Op. There are several artisan shops within Whitworth which we try to support, especially the RSPCA charity shop.

Whitworth sits in a valley which rises from the boundary of Healey and reaches it's Summit at the border of Shawforth. The source of the River Spoden which works its way through Whitworth before it joins the River Roach as it passes through Rochdale.

I have no issues with Bacup but as you can see, I feel that Shawforth is and always will be a big part of Whitworth.

Thank you for taking the time to read this

Yours Sincerely

