

# Derbyshire

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Derwent Valley Division

As a resident of the small hamlet of Snitterton, we are part of the civil parish of South Darley - and we were very upset when the review of ward boundaries for Derbyshire Dales District Council 'chopped us off' out of our previous rural ward, and amalgamated us into the new Matlock West ward.

So we thought it sensible to write to you at this early stage in your review of Division boundaries for Derbyshire County Council.

When considering any changes to what is currently the Derwent Valley Division, I would ask you to use the current parish boundaries of South Darley as the working 'unit' - rather than working of the ward boundaries used for the District Council

This is because our village very much looks west and south for our community links - obviously Matlock is very close, and is our destination for big shops - but our sense of community is very much towards the rest of South Darley, and then up the valley to Wensley and Winster and Elton. Our church (and ecclesiastical parish) is in Cross Green in South Darley; our local pantomime (in which many residents of Snitterton and Oker are involved) takes place in the village hall in South Darley, and many other local groups and activities that we engage in take place either at South Darley Village Hall or the reading room at Winster; and young children in the village go to school at South Darley primary school.

We are also within the Peak District National Park (our own home, and all the other houses bar one in Snitterton) - which in turn means that we have far more in common with other rural areas of this part of Derbyshire, than we do with the urban areas of Matlock.

We therefore strongly encourage you to ensure that whatever changes you may recommend in the Division boundaries for the current Derwent Valley division, you continue to include Snitterton and Oker within that new division - and also ensure that our two villages continue to be in the same division as the rest of South Darley parish

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*