

# Newcastle upon Tyne

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**Related subject:** Dene and South Gosforth

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## **Suggested community pattern in the Dene area of Newcastle**

The current wards in this area, where I live include Dene and South Gosforth, Manor Park and Heaton.

These areas predominantly have schooling systems that feed into Jesmond Park Academy and St Marys School, apart from the area of Dene and South Gosforth ward to the west of Haddicks Mill Road or west of Freeman Road where schooling is more likely to be in the Gosforth three tier system.

The 2004-2018 warding pattern had a Dene and North Heaton ward which broadly took the school and shopping access areas into account. Since 2018 the Dene and South Gosforth area has created a ward that has two distinct communities. This ward currently includes electors who live at Four Lane Ends and High West Jesmond, around 2 miles between them, which may be deemed to have too much community variance in one ward. It would therefore be preferable for the warding pattern to consider the wards in place before 2018. To achieve electoral equality this would require a North Heaton / Manor Park ward that crosses the Coast Road. Although not ideal there is more continuity of communities either side of the Coast Road compared to the current Dene and South Gosforth arrangements.

The above approach would potentially allow for the pre 2018 East Gosforth ward to be considered which would again include the Garden village area, which would remove electors from Parklands (which is currently too large).