

# Cumberland

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Relationship of Main council with parish and small town councils

Brigham's local service centre is Cockermouth; we're more aligned with there than, say, the neighbouring (connected) villages of Little and Great Broughton but we do face the same pressures (ever increasing traffic, fatalities at the A66 junction and poorly thought through planning suggestions) as 'Broughton' does. The previous Ward of Broughton/St. Bridget's covered both villages and worked reasonably well. It would be no surprise to be included together again to try and preserve the ever-encroaching sprawl of Cockermouth and the potential loss of the settlement-defining green space between us. The vanity of imagining that fewer councillors were needed in the 'new' Cumberland needs sorting out though because the current arrangement of 'Community Panels' shows little evidence that Cumberland is connecting with the local community representatives and, instead, Town issues are dominating the new organisation which is creating an imbalance of interest and influence in a rural County land and street-scape.

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*