

# Shropshire Council

## Proposed new electoral divisions (wards)

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## Introduction

- 1.1. This document introduces proposals for new electoral division (ward) boundaries in Shropshire, together with the required evidence and explanation. These are intended to assist the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) in preparing new boundaries for public consultation the spring of 2023.
- 1.2. In the preparation of these boundaries Shropshire Council has sought to address the criteria set out in the LGBCE guidance<sup>1</sup>.
  - “The new pattern of wards should mean that each councillor represents roughly the same number of voters as elected members elsewhere in the authority.
  - Ward patterns should – as far as possible – reflect community interests and identities and boundaries should be identifiable.
  - The electoral arrangements should promote effective and convenient local government and reflect the electoral cycle of the council.”
- 1.3. These proposals have been developed by Shropshire Council officers, through consultation and feedback from Shropshire’s current elected councillors. This has been managed through a cross party working group and consultation with councillors through party leaders. These proposals have not been taken to full council, for approval but have the support of the Conservative, Liberal Democrat, Labour and Green Political Groups. The Independent Group, made up of four Councillors, has decided not to support these proposals.

## Response from LGBCE (22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2022) – Number of Councillor’s required

- 2.1. Following stage one of this electoral boundary review, the LGBCE wrote to Shropshire Council’s Chief Executive on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022. This stated the LGBCE is “minded to recommend that 74 councillors should be elected to the Council in the future.<sup>2</sup> This contrasted with the view of Shropshire Council which recommended that Shropshire Council should be represented by 76 councillors going forward.
- 2.2. However, in drawing up a pattern of electoral divisions, the cross-party councillor working group has reached the decision that having 74 elected councillors would not be workable in Shropshire. Given the evidence included in this document the Council would ask the LGBCE to re-consider its decision and determine that 75 elected members would be more appropriate in the future.
- 2.3. Subsequently, the following proposals are based on 75 single member elected divisions (wards). The selected names may be subject to change following further consultation with elected Councillors.

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<sup>1</sup> The Local Government Boundary Commission for England guidance ‘How to propose a pattern of wards.’

<sup>2</sup> Letter from the LGBCE, received 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022, available to view via the [LGBCE website](#).

## Evidence to support the need for 75 councillors

### Character of Shropshire

- 3.1. Shropshire covers an area of 319,730 hectares and has a highly dispersed population living in approximately 540 settlements and Shropshire countryside. Only six settlements exceed 10,000 population, including the County Town of Shrewsbury. The 2021 Census reported Shropshire as having a population of 323,600, with a population density of 1 person per hectare (compared to 4.3 person per hectare nationally.) To provide context the West Midlands city of Coventry has a population of 345,300 but covers only 9,864 hectares (making Shropshire 32 times larger).
- 3.2. The population of Shropshire continues to grow with a rise of 5.7% since 2011 and a rise of 7.6% in terms of number of households. The submitted Shropshire Local Plan is currently being examined by a Planning Inspector, with a view to adoption later in 2023. This includes a plan for 30,800 new dwellings during 2016-2038 (around 1,400 per annum). The main focus of the growth is Shrewsbury and the principal centres of Oswestry, Bridgnorth, Market Drayton, Ludlow, Whitchurch and the key centres of Church Stretton, Broseley, Shifnal, Much Wenlock, Craven Arms, Wem, Ellesmere, Highley, Pontesbury and Minsterley, Albrighton, and Cleobury Mortimer. The Plan also identifies two strategic sites, Clive Barracks at Tern Hill and the former Ironbridge power station.

### Landscape Features

- 3.3. Shropshire also features [the South Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty](#) in the south of the County which covers around 23% of Shropshire's land area. This includes the Clee Hills, the Carding Mill Valley and the Long Mynd, the Stiperstones, Caer Caradoc and Wenlock Edge. Significant waterways such as the River Severn, the Shropshire Union Canal and the Rivers Clun, Tern, Onny, Vyrnwy run through Shropshire. In the east of the County, a large area separating Shropshire from the Black Country is designated as Green Belt.
- 3.4. Shropshire has a network of 5100km of road, including the M54 motorway / A5, principal A roads and a vast network of country lanes. This network includes 1,100 bridges. Shrewsbury railway station is a hub, with lines running directly south to Cardiff, east towards the West Midlands, west towards Aberystwyth and north-west towards Chester.
- 3.5. In all, Shropshire's landscape character, infrastructure and the settlement patterns continue to influence how communities' function and come together. For example, the settlements of Highley and Alveley are divided only by the River Severn, with no nearby bridge crossing and have very distinct characteristics. To drive between the communities, it would take at least 30 minutes, depending on congestion through Bridgnorth.

### Challenges in obtaining electoral equality

- 3.6. Shropshire’s rurality and landscape features present complex challenges when trying to achieve electoral equality. Difficult decisions about splitting key centres to form a mix of urban / rural electoral divisions (wards) have to be made and in purely rural electoral divisions huge areas are required to meet the target number of electors. In the following proposed boundary changes nine electoral divisions cover over 10,000 hectares including the electoral division of Clun (23,165 hectares.)
- 3.7. Shrewsbury and the other principal centres have expanded significantly to meet housing needs since the Adoption of the SAMDev in 2015, and the submitted Shropshire Local Plan continues to support this growth. Shifnal, with easy access to the road and rail networks has experienced particular pressures. This growth in elector numbers means for some town and parishes who previously had co-terminus electoral division / parish boundaries this will no longer be possible.
- 3.8. Having an additional councillor, will help absorb the forecast growth in electors, whilst providing a balance between rural and urban divisions.

### Challenges in effectively supporting the local community

- 3.9. Councillors representing rural communities in Shropshire experience the daily challenges of covering large geographical electoral divisions, in order to effectively undertake their community leadership roles. Travelling along country lanes at night to attend community meetings and events also brings with it safety issues. By increasing the number of Councillors to 75, it will help manage the size of the divisions for rural Councillors (and subsequently polling districts). Rural communities will continue benefit from fair representation.
- 3.10. The proposed boundaries have sought to replace the current two and three member divisions in Shropshire with the creation of additional one-member electoral divisions. By increasing the number of Councillors to 75, this will ensure Shropshire residents have a fair and effective pattern of electoral division moving forward.

### Impact of adopting 75 councillors

- 3.11. By adding one additional councillor the impact on the average number of electors per councillor (48 electors) is minimal.

**Table 1: Impact of increasing the number of Councillors to 75**

	2028	2028
	LGBCE	SC Preferred option
Number of Councillors	74	75
Overall Electorate	265,997	265,997
Average electorate per councillor	3,595	3,547

### **Proposed Electoral Division (ward) Boundaries**

- 4.1. Following feedback from Councillor's there remained five areas subject to outstanding debate. For this reason, this submission includes two boundary maps, with alternative options (shown in map 2) for these five areas. Elector estimates associated with each option are included in Appendix A and B.

### **Chirbury and Worthen**

- 4.2. In Option 1, rural Chirbury and Worthen electoral division was estimated to reach 2,442 electors by 2028, significantly below the average number of electors per division required.
- 4.3. However following consultation with members, option 2 was tested resulting in 3,167 electors by 2028. The northern boundary was extended to include the settlement of Westbury and some other elements of Loton. The inclusion of Westbury in Chirbury and Worthen was justified based on residents looking to Worthen for schooling and other facilities. The communities face similar issues and have a lot in common due to their nature, nestled in the countryside along the Welsh border.
- 4.4. In order for Loton to retain the correct number of electors, its north-west boundary was extended to include parts of Llanymynech. As show in Map 2, this resulted in 3,122 estimated electors in Loton and 3,436 electors in Llanymynech.

### **Cleobury Mortimer**

- 4.5. Cleobury Mortimer was formerly a two-member electoral division, so difficult decisions are needed to determine how this is divided to meet the electoral equality requirements.
- 4.6. Map 1 splits the key centre of Cleobury Mortimer, from south to north, creating two electoral divisions called 'Cleobury Mortimer West' (3,098 electors in 2028) and 'Cleobury Mortimer East' (3,334 electors in 2028). The area of Cleobury Mortimer west was extended to the south-west in include two rural parishes (Nash and Boraston.)
- 4.7. Based on concerns about splitting Cleobury Mortimer in two parts, which risks confusing the local community, Option 2 suggests an alternative arrangement by splitting the current (in-use) electoral boundary from east to west, creating 'Cleobury Mortimer North' (3,220 electors in 2028) and 'Cleobury Mortimer South' (3,175 electors in 2028). Again, the parishes of Nash and Boraston are included in 'Cleobury South.'

### **Proposed Abbey and Severn Valley East electoral divisions**

- 4.8. The current Abbey electoral division is located in the east of Shrewsbury, close to the River Severn. Currently, there are two planning applications (accommodating an estimated 608 electors) adjacent to Abbey, lying in the area of Weir Hill and a 'saved' allocated site, that can accommodate an estimated 84 electors. These are judged to be completed by 2028.

- 4.9. Map 1 (Option 1) places the new developments in Severn Valley East division, bringing the estimated number of electors up to 3,576. This means the new development is the opposite side of the River Severn to the rest of Severn Valley East.
- 4.10. However, the new development is really an extension of Shrewsbury's urban area, and so an alternative option 2 is shown in Map 2. This shows proposed changes to the Abbey, Monkmoor and Underdale electoral divisions, to accommodate the new development. Unfortunately, moving the boundary line to follow the River Severn reduces the estimated number of electors in Severn Valley East division to 2,760 by 2028.
- 4.11. Currently in Severn Valley West division, there is a strategic site (former Ironbridge Power Station). The Council has now approved an outline planning application for 1,000 dwellings and a retirement village. There are many hurdles to overcome before a full application is submitted and so it has been estimated that 439 electors will be accommodated on this site by 2028. There is a need to be mindful that development could be completed sooner, which may impact on the estimate of electors in the proposed Severn Valley West division. At which time an adjustment of the two Severn Valley divisions could be considered.

### **Broseley**

- 4.12. There is a small part of Broseley called 'Broseley Wood' which sits in the north-west of the proposed division. Broseley Town Council are keen that this area should be included in Broseley division and be co-terminus with the Town Council boundary. Map 1 illustrates the impact of this Option 1 proposal, which results in an estimated 4,164 electors by 2028. This is significantly above the criteria for achieving electoral equality.
- 4.13. Map 2 (option 2) shows that if Broseley Wood continues to remain in the proposed Much Wenlock division, then Broseley would have an estimated 3,916 electors by 2028.

### **Bayston Hill**

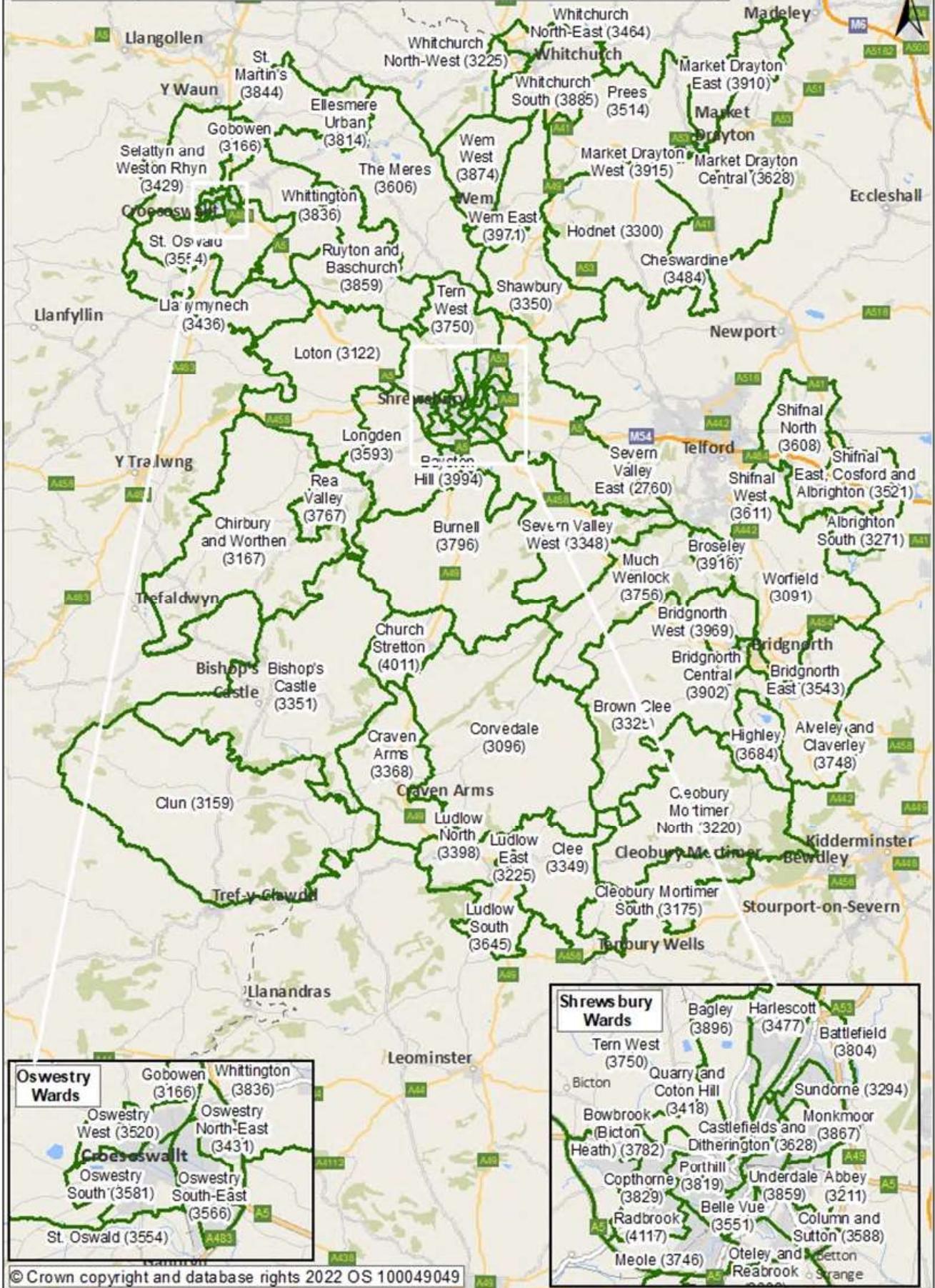
- 4.14. Bayston Hill is currently a three-member electoral division in Shropshire. In order to meet the electoral equality criteria, the large village of Bayston Hill has been split along the A49, instead of the railway line and the adjoining hamlet of Pulley has been included in Severn Valley West. The same proposal is included in Maps 1 and 2. It is worth mentioning it, as some concerns were raised over splitting the community.

### **Shared Community Interests**

- 4.15. Following maps 1 and 2, a small map and description is included for each of the proposed electoral divisions. Where relevant, options 1 and 2 are included. These descriptions are intended to explain the shared community interests and identities, whilst indicating how Shropshire's environment has influenced the boundaries used.



# Map 2 - Option 2 - Proposed Electoral Divisions (Wards)



## Shared Community Interests

### Shifnal North



Shifnal North is located in the east of the county, to the north of Shifnal town, it borders Telford & Wrekin to the south and Staffordshire to the east.

The Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature. The majority of the Electoral Division is sparsely populated with some more densely populated areas at the south of the Electoral Division.

Sheriffhales is at the heart of the Electoral Division and Shifnal town centre to the south, which is well served for shops and other amenities. There is a primary school in the village along with St Marys CE Church.

The A5 runs through the middle of the area providing access to Telford and Wrekin to the east and to the west it provides access to the M54.

Shifnal Primary school and Idsall Secondary school along with Idsall Sports Centre are also within this area.

### Shifnal West



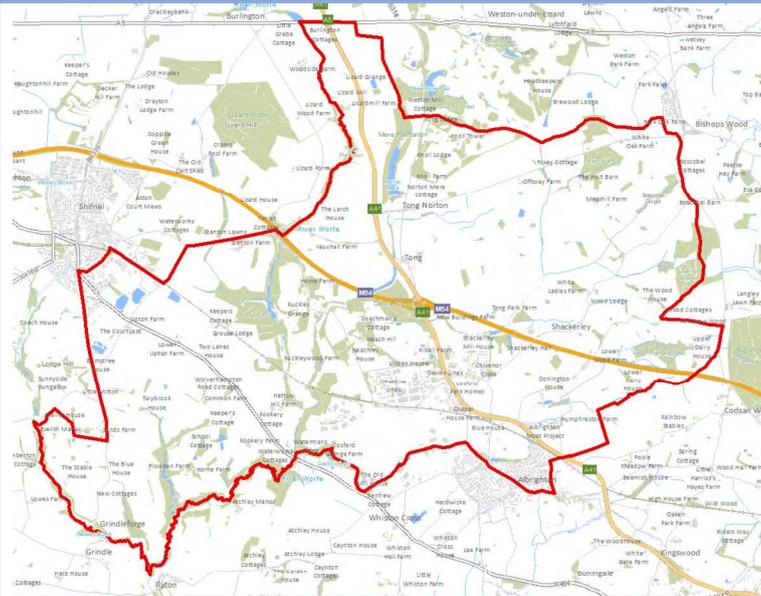
Shifnal West borders Telford and Wrekin and lies to the east of Albrighton. The largest part of Shifnal Town lies within this area.

The A464 runs through the area providing direct access to the West Midlands via the M54. Shifnal has a train station providing onward travel from Shrewsbury, Wolverhampton and Birmingham with good parking at Aston Street car park.

Shifnal town centre has a good mix of shops and amenities including a library and village hall along with a large outdoor leisure facility at Wheatfield play area.

The area is also home to St Mary's RC Church, the Trinity Methodist Church and St Andrews CE Church.

## Shifnal East, Cosford and Albrighton



Located in the east of the county, to the south of Shifnal town, it borders Telford & Wrekin to the north-west and Staffordshire to the east.

The Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature. The majority of the Electoral Division is sparsely populated with more densely populated areas at the north of the Electoral Division.

The RAF Cosford base is situated in the Electoral Division along with the RAF Museum Midlands. Shifnal town centre is located in the north of the Electoral Division, which is well served for shops and other amenities. St Andrews Primary School also sits within this part of the area.

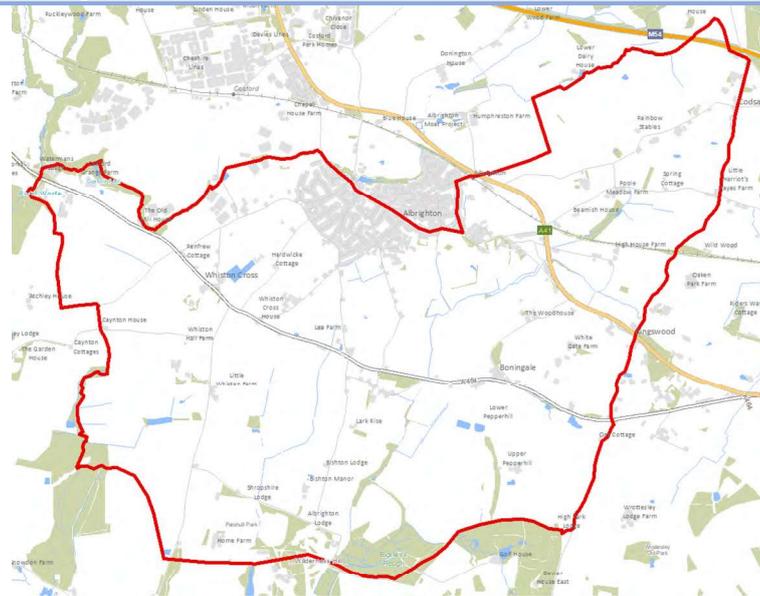
The M54 provides access towards Shropshire and the West Midlands. Both Shifnal and Cosford have a train station providing onward travel from Shrewsbury and Wolverhampton. There are the churches of St Mary Magdelene, Albrighton Methodist and St Joseph RC along with the well-used Red House Village Hall.

Albrighton Fire Station and the Albrighton Nature Reserve are also situated to the south of the east of the area along with St Cuthbert's Church.

The English Heritage sites of Boscobel House and White Ladies Priory lie to the north-east of the area.

To ensure electoral equality, the settlement of Albrighton has been split, so some of the residential areas in the north of Albrighton fall into the proposed Shifnal East, Cosford and Albrighton Electoral Division.

## Albrighton South



Albrighton South is located in the east of the county and borders Staffordshire to the east and Worfield to the west.

The Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature with the majority of the electorate living in Albrighton village where there are a small number of shops. Albrighton South is also home to the award-winning David Austin Roses.

The A41 provides a direct link to Wolverhampton to the east and the M54 to the west. Albrighton has a train station which provides travel from Shrewsbury through to Birmingham.

There are two primary schools within the area, St Marys CoE and Albrighton Primary School which is also the location of the local outdoor swimming pool.

There is a small Sports Complex providing football and bowls club facilities and vibrant cricket and tennis clubs are also close by.

The picturesque village of Boningale is also located within this area, home to the medieval CoE chapel of St Chads.

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## Worfield



Worfield Electoral Division is located in the east of the county and borders Staffordshire.

The Electoral Division is mainly rural in nature and is very sparsely populated. It has a mixture of housing in terms of age and type.

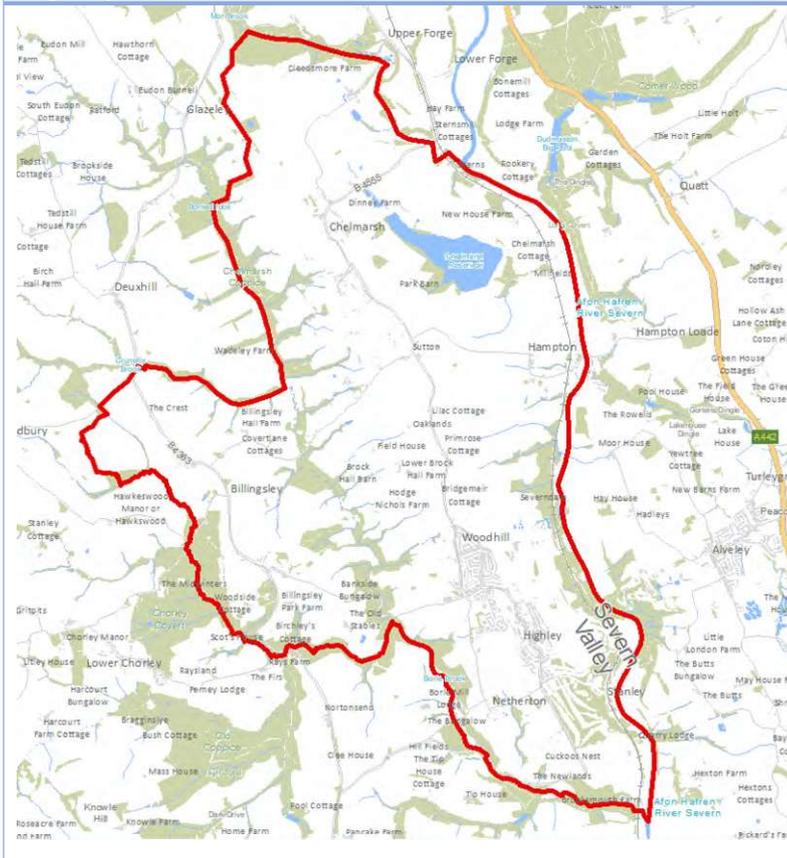
Ackleton and Worfield are the main settlements in the Electoral Division and provide local services.

Bridgnorth is the main market town and provides a wide range of services.

The A454 which runs through Worfield provides direct road links to Bridgnorth and Wolverhampton. The A442 cuts through Worfield linking Bridgnorth to Telford and the M54. The river Worfe runs through the area.

Stanmore is a major industrial/Business site. There are two primary schools in Worfield and Beckbury. There is a well-used country park based at Stanmore

## Highley

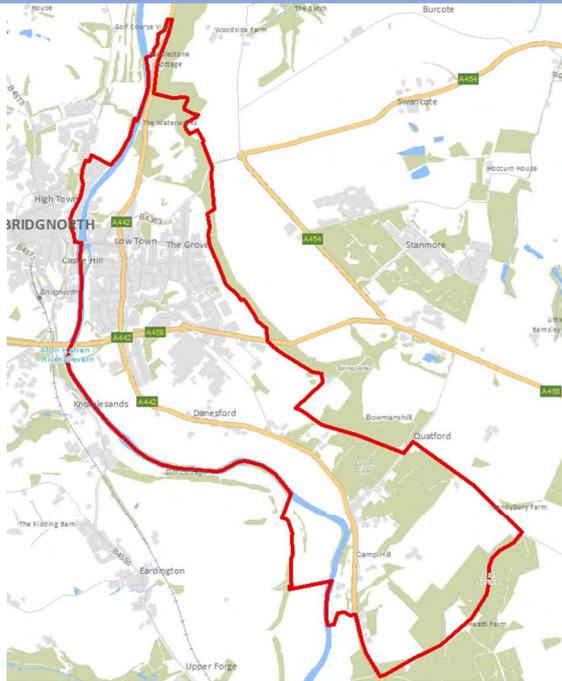


Highley Electoral Division is located to the south of Bridgnorth town.

The town of Highley is the main settlement and is predominantly urban in nature with rural surrounds. It contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type. The overall population density is higher than the average for Shropshire.

The Electoral Division borders the River Severn. Local roads link to Bridgnorth. The town of Highley provides the Electoral Division with a range of shops and other amenities including a sport and community centre at the Severn Centre. There is one primary school based in Highley. There is also Highley Country Park, Severn Valley Railway Museum and Chelmarsh Reservoir. The Severn Valley Railway runs through the area. There is a small business site with workshops at the end of Highley Village

## Bridgnorth East



Bridgnorth East Electoral Division is located in the east of the county. It covers the urban Low Town area of Bridgnorth (extending down to Danesford) and the Riverside residential area just across the bridge.

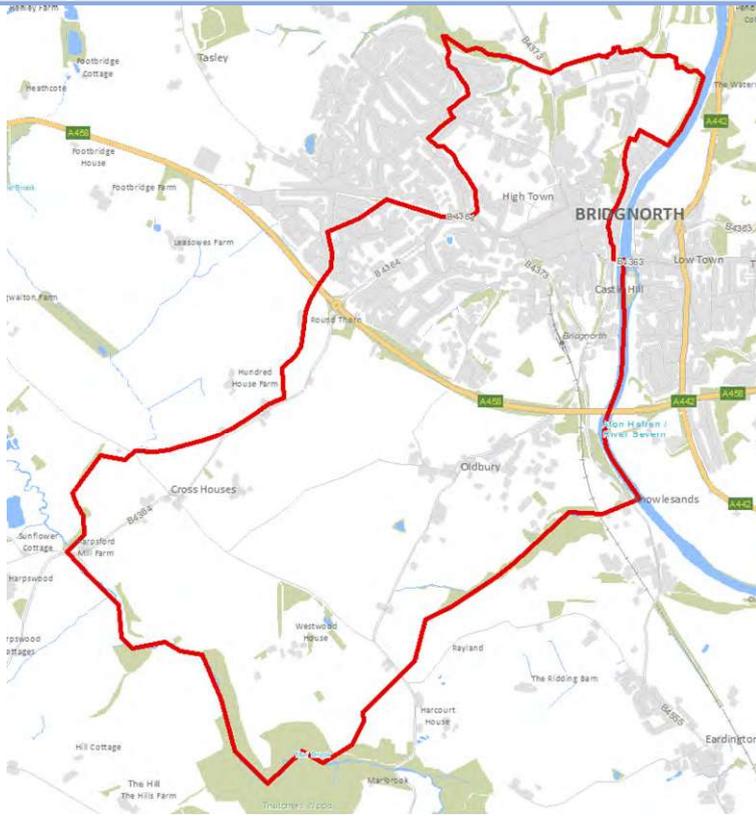
The Electoral Division follows the path of the River Sever and often residents can be affected by flooding. The area is a mix of both urban and rural and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type.

The community of Bridgnorth low town are well served, with an Aldi, two Co-op shops, a Marks and Spencer food store and a Tesco Extra and Asda petrol stations. Other facilities in the division include pubs, cafes and restaurants, a caravan park, St James Hall community centre and Bridgnorth community hall.

St Mary's Bluecoat C of E Primary school is located in the division and older children are able to access Oldbury Wells secondary school and sixth form. There are an additional 3 primary schools and Bridgnorth Endowed senior school in the wider Bridgnorth area. The area includes an industrial estate on the Stourbridge Road providing significant employment.

The A458 provides links to Much Wenlock and Shrewsbury and Stourbridge, to the west the A454 links to Wolverhampton and the A442 links to Kidderminster and Telford.

## Bridgnorth Central



Located in the east of the county, adjoining the River Severn and the A458, the electoral division extends to the rural areas of Oldbury and Cross houses.

The Electoral Division covers the majority of the High Town area of the town and is home to the Severn Valley Railway station, the Bridgnorth Cliff railway, the majestic cinema, Castle Park, Bridgnorth Leisure centre and four churches. The High Town provides spectacular views of the Severn Valley.

The Electoral Division is a mix of both urban and rural and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type.

There are 3 primary schools and 2 senior schools located in central Bridgnorth. The football, cricket and tennis club, located in this proposed electoral division are very well supported across the Bridgnorth area.

Bridgnorth is a popular market town, with residents and tourists. It has a weekly Saturday market, and the community is well served for shops, eateries and other amenities. It is known for the Bridgnorth Walk, which is well supported.

The community benefit greatly from Bridgnorth Hospital and the Bridgnorth Medical Centre. Sainsbury's is also located in central Bridgnorth.

## Bridgnorth West



The Bridgnorth West Electoral Division encompasses a large residential area, popular for its easy access to the A458 bypass that runs from Shrewsbury to Stourbridge. It covers Tasley Parish and parts of Bridgnorth Town Council area, which includes the livestock and auction centre.

The Electoral Division is a mix of both urban and rural and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type. It includes St Peters and St Pauls Church

Bridgnorth West includes some valued neighbourhood stores and the Woodberry inn / restaurant. It is well served for shops and other amenities in the rest of Bridgnorth

Currently, the electoral division includes only 3,233 electors, but due the proposed Tasley Gateway and Tasley Garden Village developments the number of electors is anticipated to reach 3,969 electors by 2028.

## Alveley and Claverley



Located in the east of the county bordering Staffordshire and adjoining the River Severn valley.

The Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and it is sparsely populated.

Bridgnorth is the main market town for the Electoral Division, although the east of the Electoral Division is also close to the facilities of Wombourne (South Staffordshire).

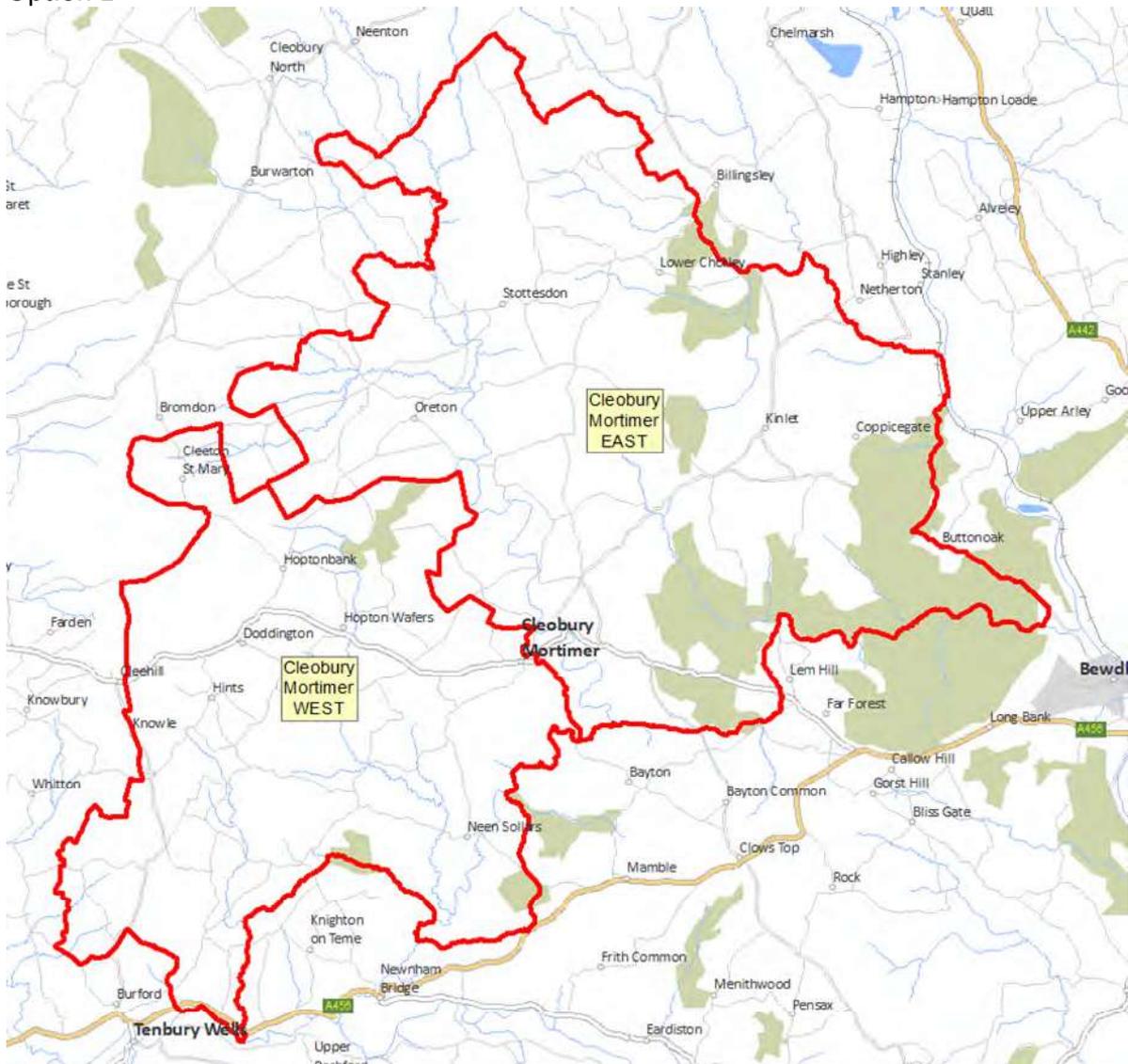
The Electoral Division has good access to the A442, A454 and A458 towards Kidderminster, Wolverhampton and Stourbridge.

There are two primary schools in Claverley and Alveley. There is also an industrial/business estate based in Alveley, the Severn Valley Country Park, well-supported tennis and cricket clubs in Alveley and Claverley.

The rural area includes the National Trust owned Dudmaston Estate, and the villages of Quatt and Hampton Loade.

## Cleobury Mortimer East and Cleobury Mortimer West

### Option 1



Cleobury Mortimer is located in the south-east of the county with Worcestershire to its south.

The Electoral Division is rural in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and it is sparsely populated.

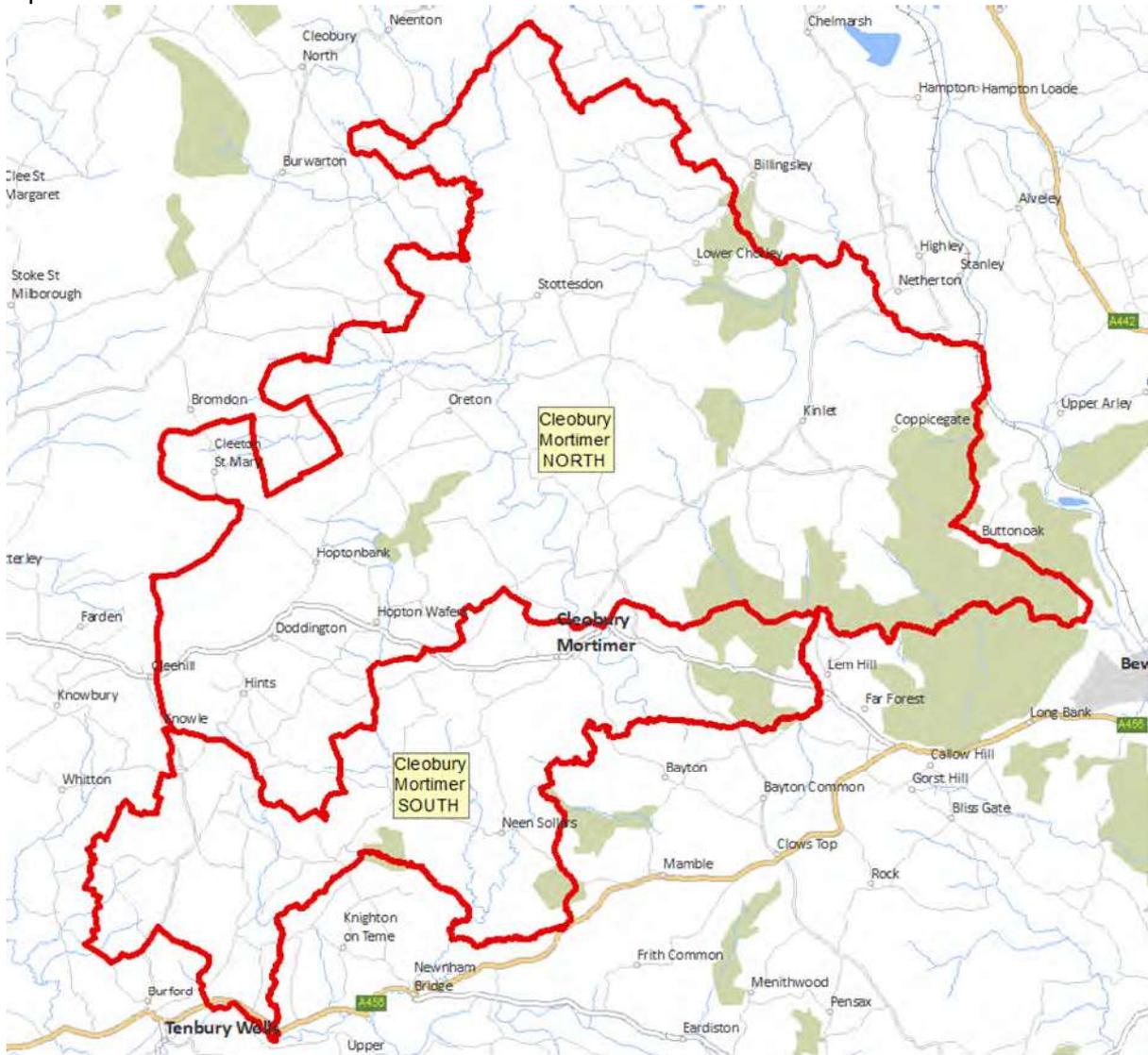
Cleobury Mortimer is a key settlement with a population of 2,880. The town provides local shops and other amenities, including a secondary school (Lacon Childe) which has several feeder primary schools including Cleobury Mortimer Primary, Kinlet, Farlow and Stottesdon.

The library, sports centre and playing fields are all adjacent to Lacon Childe school. St Marys Church is the centre of the town and has an iconic steeple.

The A456 runs to the south of the Electoral Division providing access to the Wyre Forest and North Worcestershire.

## Cleobury Mortimer North and Cleobury Mortimer South

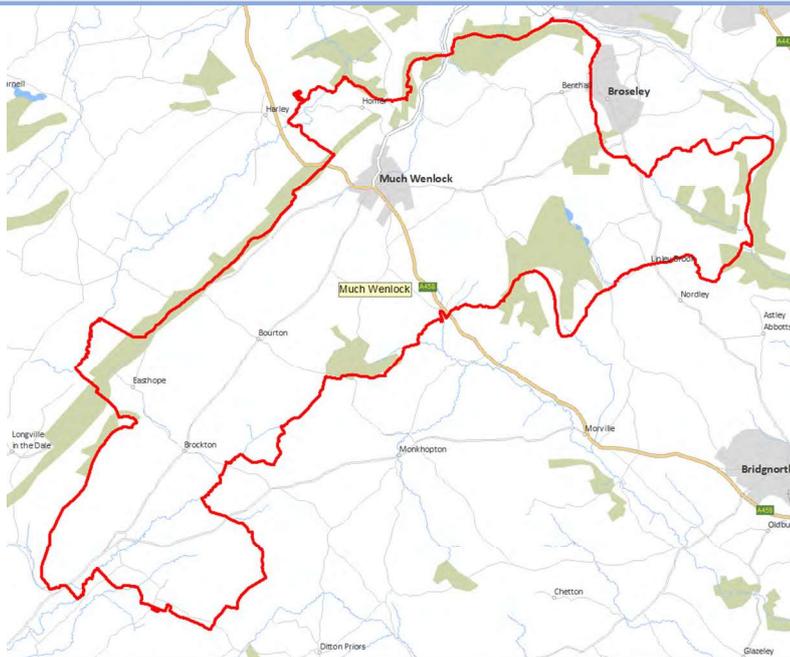
### Option 2



As mentioned earlier a second option (shown above) has been prepared for the Cleobury Mortimer area due to concerns expressed about splitting the key centre of Cleobury Mortimer.



## Much Wenlock



Much Wenlock Electoral Division is located in the east of the county mid-point between Shrewsbury and Bridgnorth.

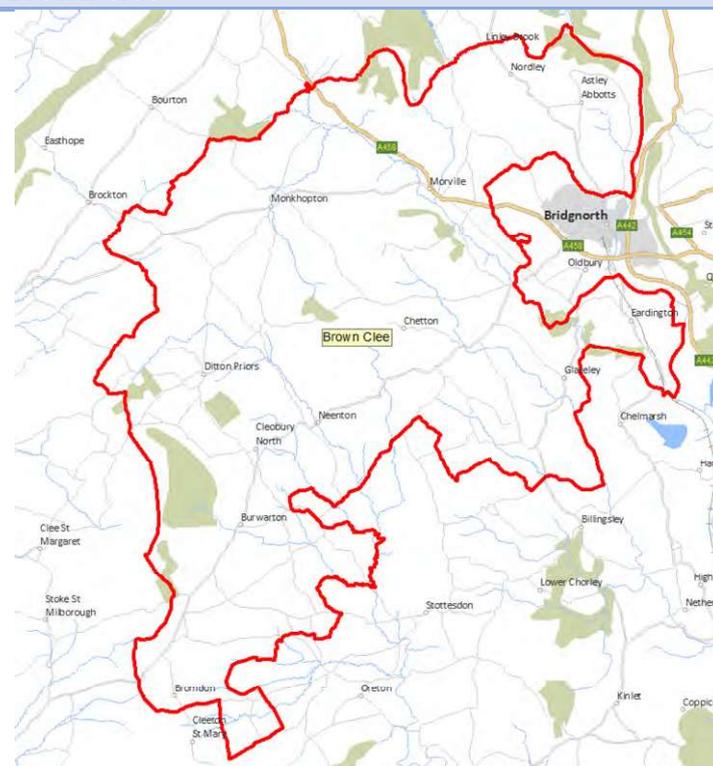
The Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and it is sparsely populated.

The A458 provides the key transport route to Bridgnorth and Shrewsbury. This navigates Wenlock Edge escarpment which is a popular walking route.

Much Wenlock does not have direct access to a train service the nearest station being Telford Central. Much Wenlock town centre provides a range of shops and other amenities.

It has 1 primary school and 1 senior school (William Brooks secondary school). There is an English Heritage site at Wenlock Priory, a leisure centre and a museum in the town. Much Wenlock hosts many events, including the Wenlock Olympian Games, which bring the community closer together.

## Brown Clee

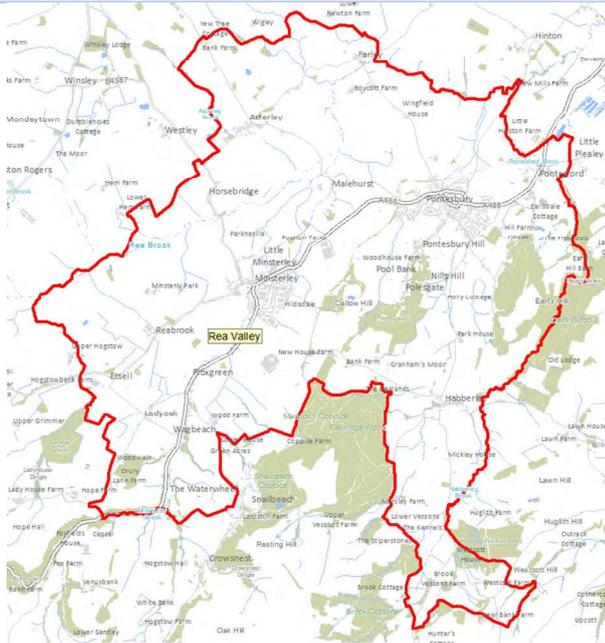


Brown Clee Electoral Division is located to the south-west of Bridgnorth town. The proposed division has been altered to include Astley Abbots Parish to the north of Bridgnorth.

The Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature and is more than 14,500 hectares, it contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and is sparsely populated.

Bridgnorth is the nearest market town which provides shops and other amenities. Ditton Priors is a key settlement in the Electoral Division and provides some local facilities. There are 2 primary schools based in Ditton Priors and Morville. There is also an industrial / business estate based in Ditton Priors. Local B roads provide access to the A458 towards Shrewsbury and Bridgnorth.

## Rea Valley



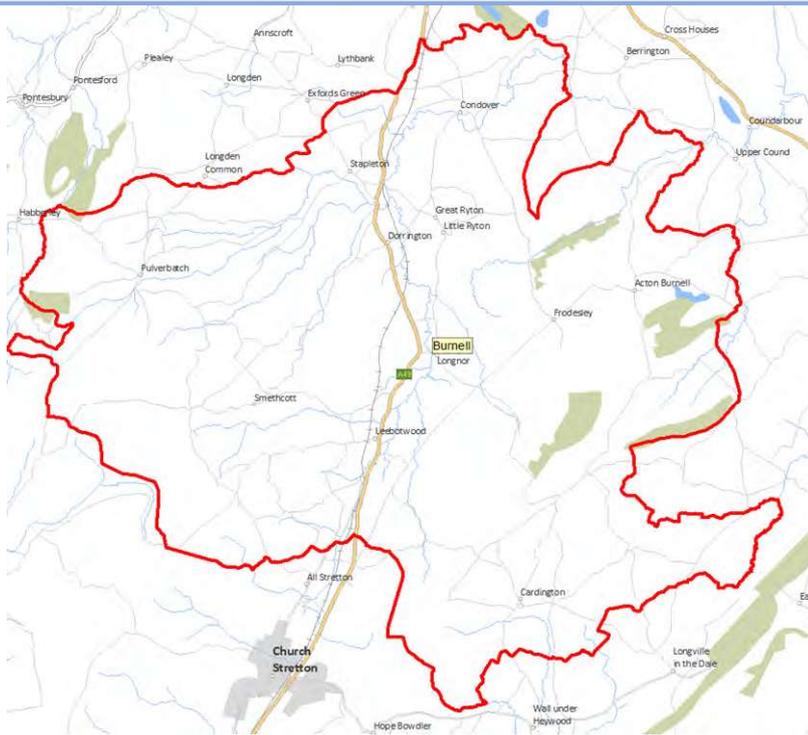
Located towards the centre of the county.

The proposed Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and it has a population density that is similar to the county.

Minsterley and Pontesbury are key settlements both offering local shops and amenities. Minsterley has two food production factories and a Primary School along with a petrol station and small supermarket. Pontesbury has a Secondary and Primary School, Community Hub and library; doctors' surgery and pre-school nursery, and two small supermarkets, and a small set of business units in the centre of the village. Pontesford Hill is a noted local geographical feature which is popular for walking.

The A488 provides access toward Shrewsbury and the A5 and is served by a regular week day bus service. The nearest train station is located at Shrewsbury.

## Burnell



Located to the south of Shrewsbury and north of Church Stretton.

The proposed Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature and covers just under 14,000 hectares. It contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type, and it is very sparsely populated.

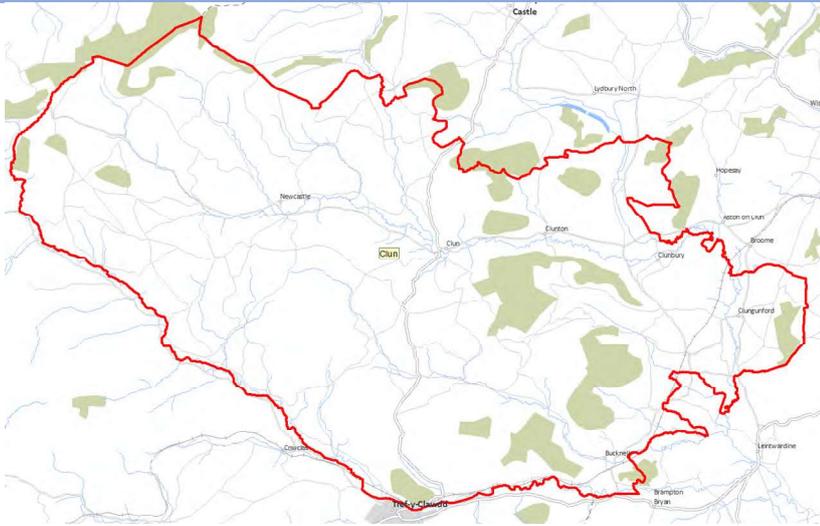
The A49 runs north to south through the Electoral Division providing links north to Shrewsbury and the A5, whilst south to Church Stretton, Craven Arms and Ludlow, and the road is served by a regular weekday bus service

Local facilities are predominantly found in the key settlements of Dorrington and Conover, Dorrington is the larger settlement and has a Primary School – St Edward’s Primary - a village store, butchers, pub and popular Asian restaurant and small business park. The Dorrington Business Network covers the area and provides support and promotion of the area’s small businesses. Conover is further North just off the A49 and has a village hall, church, cricket club, and Conover Hall which provides adventure holidays.

To the west there is the small settlement of Acton Burnell which has a church and is also the location of Concord College, an international boarding school.



## Clun



Located in the south-west of the county and borders Wales to the West and Herefordshire to the south.

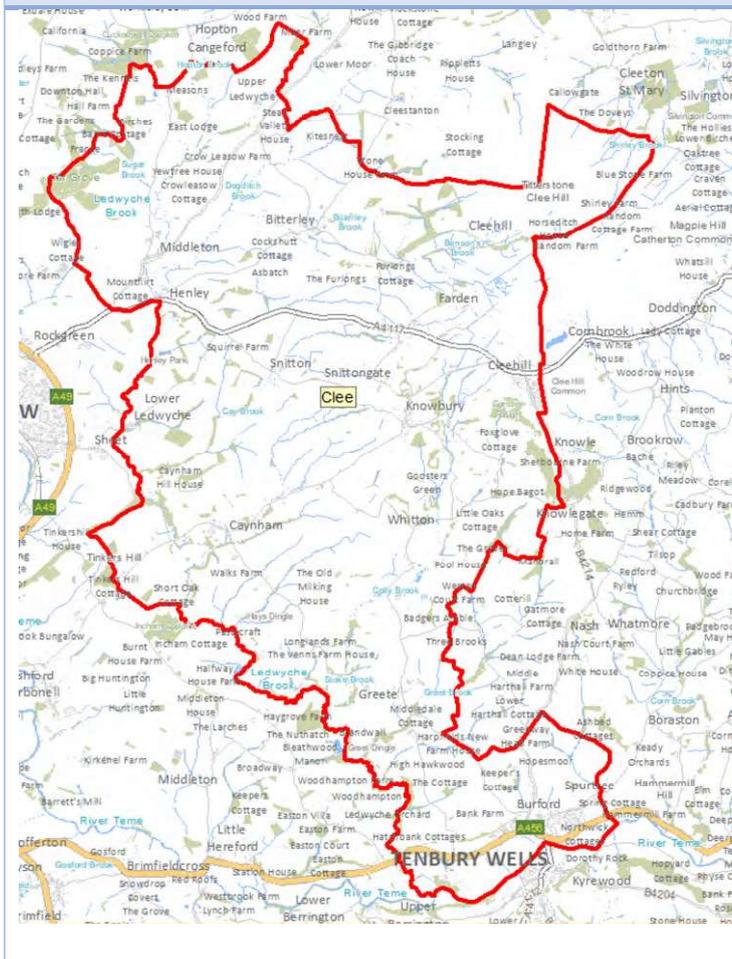
The proposed Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature and covers more than 23,000 hectares. It is very sparsely populated.

Clun is the key settlement and provides local shops and other amenities including two pubs, and two community centres as well as a Primary School and Doctors surgery and church. Clun Castle is a popular tourist attraction in the town which also has a small museum.

Smaller settlements in the division include Bucknell - which also has a school and railway station which is served by trains on the Heart of Wales line; Newcastle, Clunton, Clungunford and Llanfair Waterdine who have thriving village halls.

The A488 provides access to Knighton in the South and to Bishops Castle towards Shrewsbury to the north, while the B4368 road travels east to west across the division linking Clun to Craven Arms and the A49

## Clee



Located in the south of the county and dominated by the Titterstone Clee. Ludlow is situated close to the western border of the Electoral Division whilst Tenbury Wells of north Worcestershire is located to the south.

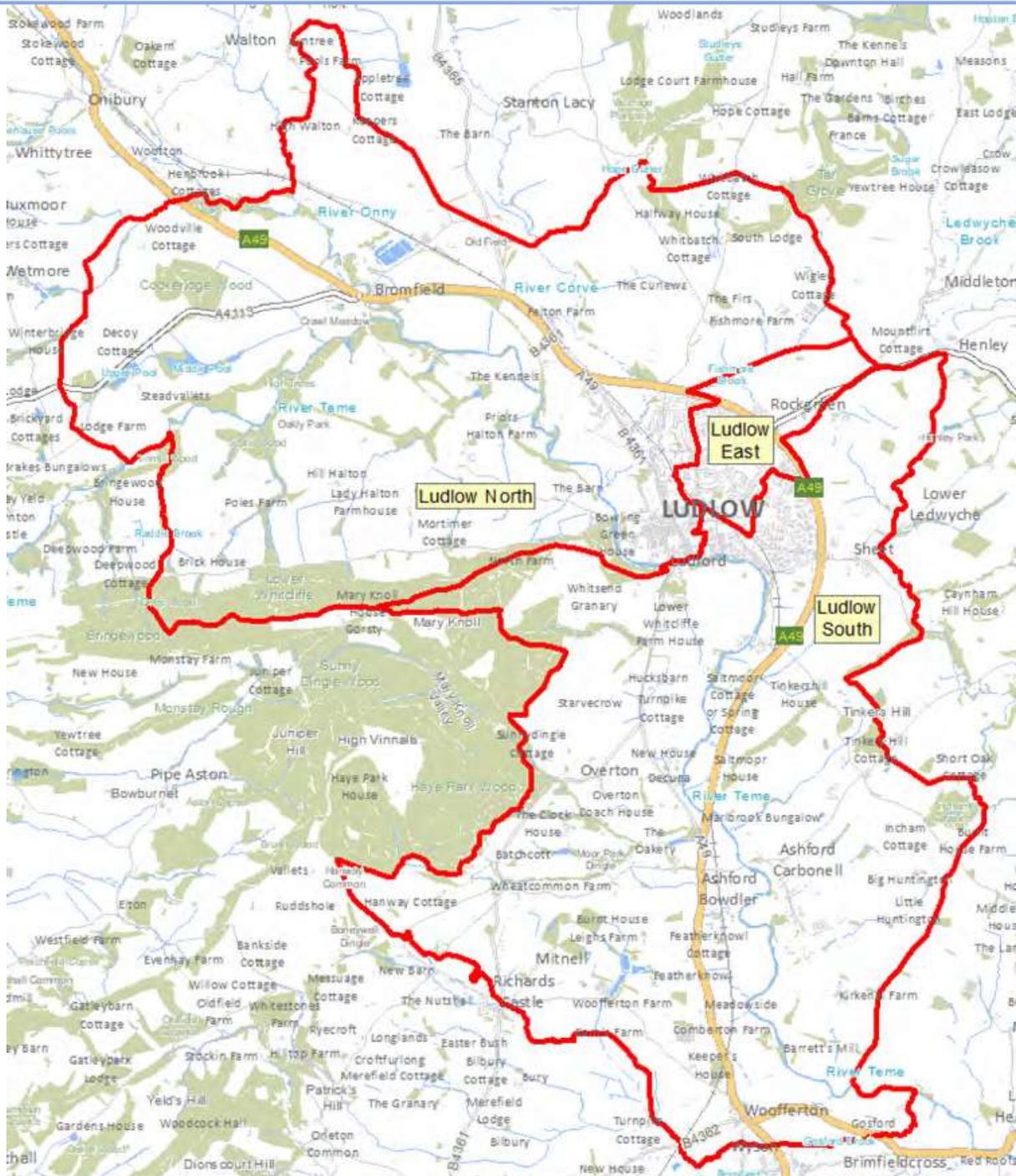
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Burford is a key settlement with a population of 1,200 and provides local shops, primary school and other amenities. Cleehill is smaller but also has a primary school with nursery, local shops, sheltered housing and a public house.

The village of Bitterley has a primary school, church and village hall.

There is good access to the A456 which provides access to Tenbury Wells and Kidderminster to the east and access to the A4117 linking to Ludlow to the west.

## Ludlow North, Ludlow East and Ludlow South



### Ludlow North

Located in the north-west of Ludlow town and borders Herefordshire to its west.

The proposed Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature with some urban areas to its east which takes in the Castle and town centre.

The proposed Electoral Division contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type, and it has a similar population density to Shropshire.

The A49 intersects the Electoral Division and provides access towards Hereford and Shrewsbury. Ludlow train station is located along the eastern boundary of the Electoral Division.

The Electoral Division is located close to the town centre, which is well served for shops, cafes, restaurants, public houses and with a secondary and two primary schools, a leisure centre and other amenities. This is a tourist destination with its thriving markets and art and food events within the castle.

### **Ludlow East**

Located to the east of Ludlow town centre.

The proposed Electoral Division is predominantly urban in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and it is densely populated.

The A49 forms the north-east boundary of the Electoral Division. The A49 is the main arterial route providing access to the A49 towards Hereford and Shrewsbury. Ludlow train station is located along the south-west boundary of the Electoral Division.

The Electoral Division is located close to the town centre, which is well served for shops, cafes, restaurants, public houses and with a secondary and two primary schools, a leisure centre and other amenities. This is a tourist destination with its thriving markets and art and food events within the castle.

### **Ludlow South**

Located to the south of Ludlow town.

The proposed Electoral Division is a mix of urban to its north where the Electoral Division adjoins the town centre and rural to the south which neighbours Herefordshire.

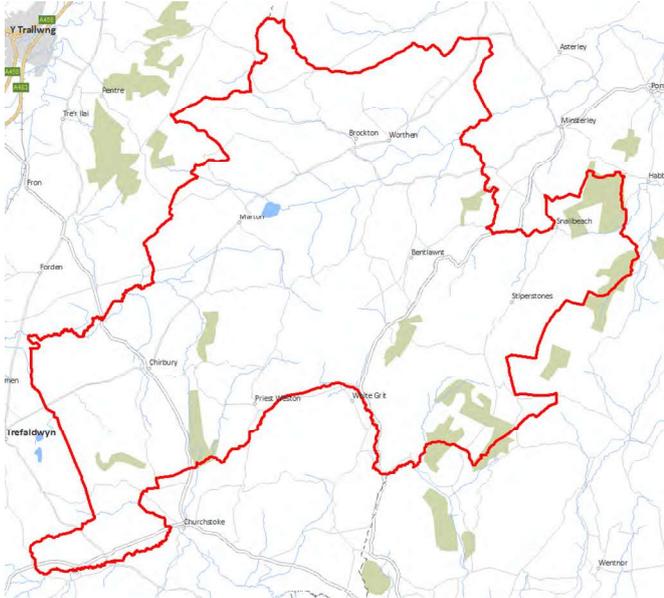
It contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and overall it has a similar population density as Shropshire.

There is good access to the A49 towards Hereford and Shrewsbury. Ludlow train station is located close to the northern border of the Electoral Division.

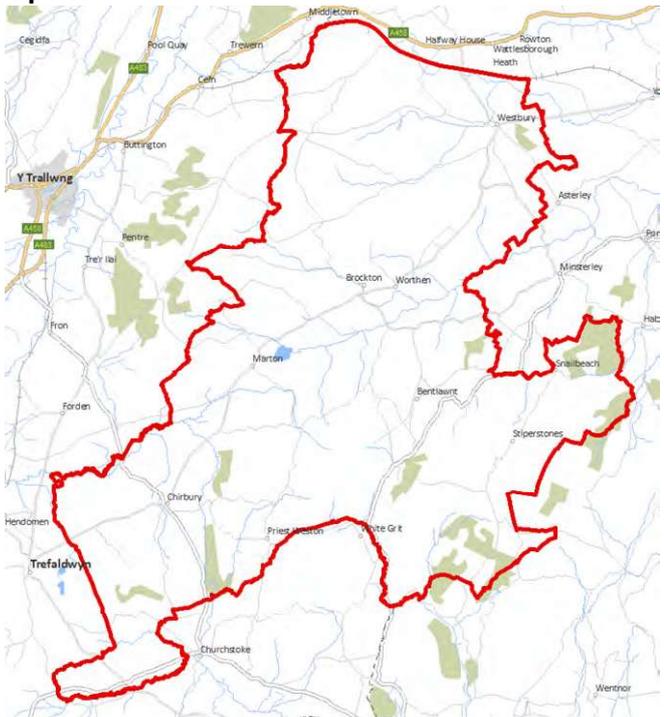
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## Chirbury and Worthen

### Option 1



### Option 2



As explained in paragraphs 4.2-4.4, two options are presented for Chirbury and Worthen. Option one excludes the settlement and hinterland of Westbury and option two includes it within Chirbury and Worthen. Many residents of Westbury and its hinterland use the amenities and school / nursery available in Worthen.

The proposed Division is located in the west of Shropshire bordering Wales to the west. It is predominantly rural in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and it is sparsely populated with many rural hamlets and villages. The inclusion of Westbury and its rural hinterland extends the area north along the Welsh border. All this area has a backdrop of Long Mountain on a continuous valley stretching from Bromlow Callow.

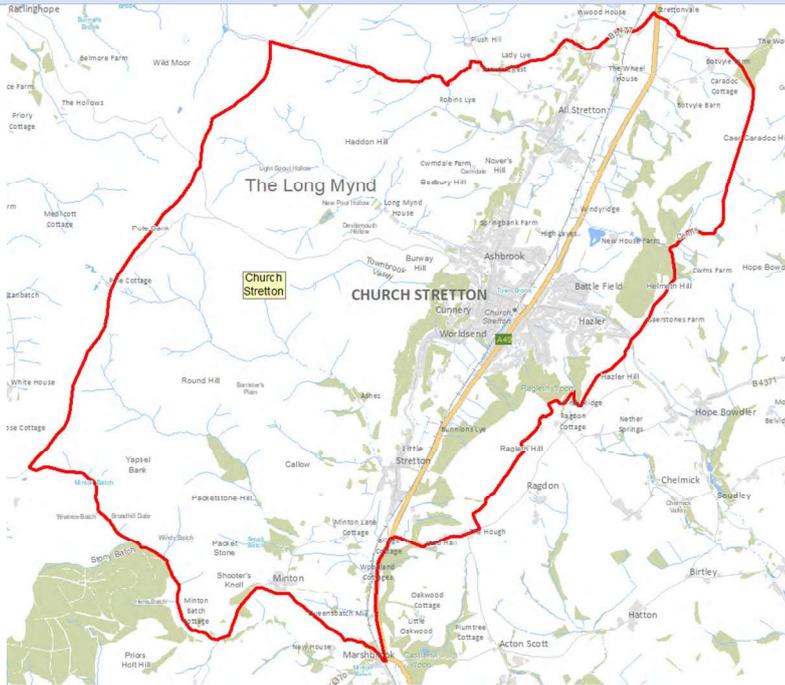
The key settlement is Worthen with 600 residents and provides local facilities including Long Mountain Church of England primary school, Worthen Medical Practice and pharmacy, Worthen village hall and recreation ground, Worthen and Brockton bowling club and the village Londis store, post office and All Saints Church. The Vicar is attached to both Worthen and Westbury Churches. Older children attend Mary Webb secondary school in Pontesbury.

Separated by a field, is the settlement of Brockton, with an estimated 162 residents and also has a chapel and village pub. They have a Christian centre, Methodist church and Church shared between them. Further west is the settlement of Chirbury which has a primary school, pub, village store and village hall.

For those electors living in the west of the Electoral Division, Welshpool and Shrewsbury will be the closest market towns. However, electors living in the east of the Electoral Division will access the key centres of Bishop's Castle and Pontesbury.

The A488 and the B4386 are the main roads in the Electoral Division and provides access to Shrewsbury to the north-east and to Bishops Castle to the south. Both these roads join the A5 which provides links towards Oswestry and Shrewsbury and the M54 towards the West Midlands. The main bus service (558) uses the B4386, starting at Montgomery and ending in Shrewsbury.

## Church Stretton



Located towards the south of the county including the separate villages of All Stretton and Little Stretton, adjacent to Church Stretton town.

The proposed Electoral Division is a mix of rural and urban and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type.

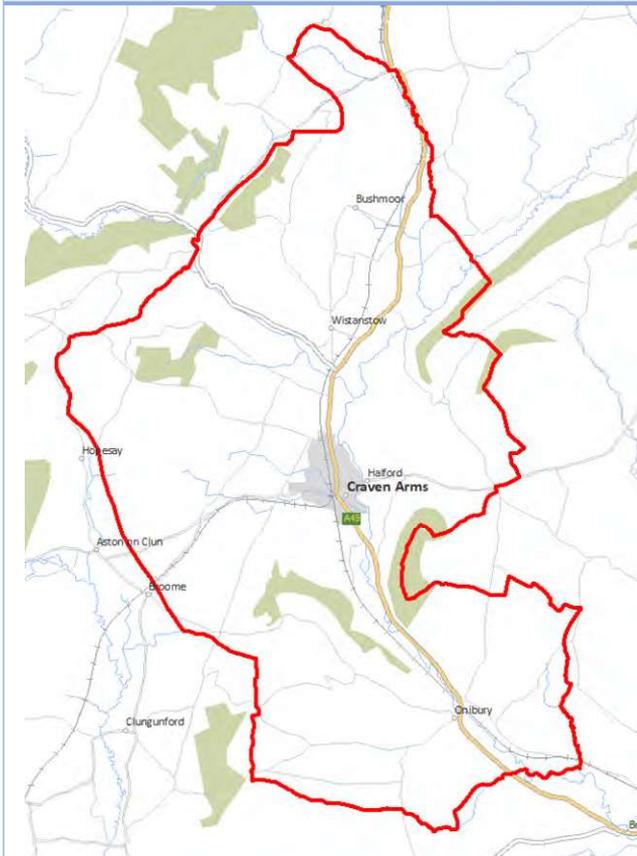
Its population density is similar to that of Shropshire as a whole.

There is access to train services in Church Stretton, providing direct links to Shrewsbury, South Wales and Manchester.

The A49 runs north to south through the Electoral Division, providing road links to Shrewsbury, the A5 and the M54 towards the West Midlands. The area is well served with local shops, secondary and primary school and other amenities.

The division incorporates much of the Long Mynd, which is a focus for outdoor tourism attracting large numbers of visitors from far afield and is managed by the National Trust

## Craven Arms



Located towards the south of the county.

The proposed Electoral Division is a mix of rural and urban and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type.

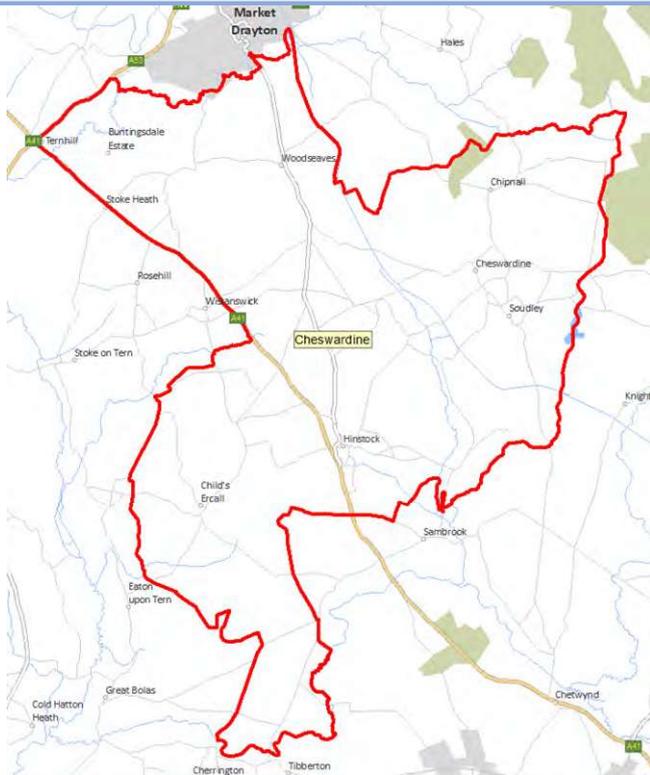
Its population density is similar to that of Shropshire as a whole.

There is access to train services from Craven Arms, providing direct links to Shrewsbury, South Wales and Manchester.

The A49 runs north to south through the Electoral Division, providing road links to Shrewsbury, the A5 and the M54 towards the West Midlands.

The area is well served with local shops, a library, sports and arts centre and primary schools at Craven Arms, Onibury and Wistanstow.

## Cheswardine



Located in the north-east of the county bordering Staffordshire to the east.

The proposed Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and it is sparsely populated.

Cheswardine, Child's Ercall and Hinstock are key settlement areas in the Electoral Division.

The A41 runs through the Electoral Division and provides northerly access to Cheshire and the north-west and southern access to the M54 towards the West Midlands.

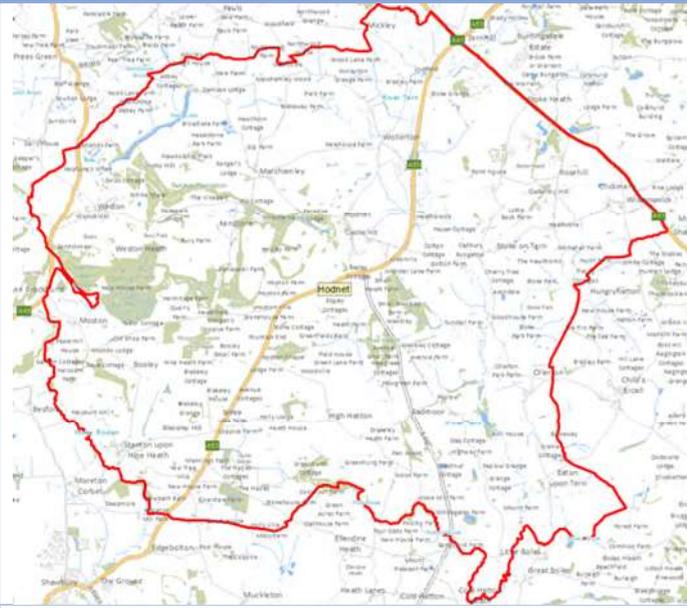
There are Primary education sites located in the Villages of Cheswardine, Hinstock and at Buntingsdale, Tern Hill.

A range of community facilities can be accessed in Cheswardine including a village hall, bowling club, playing field, public house and Church.

Hinstock has sporting amenities including a Tennis Club and football pitch, play areas, community hall and church. The village of Childs Ercall also has village social club and community hall facilities.

The village of Childs Ercall also has village social club and community hall facilities, Bowls Club and parish church.

## Hodnet



Located in the north-east of the county bordering Telford & Wrekin to the south.

The Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and it is sparsely populated.

There is good access to the A53 and the A49 towards Shrewsbury and Cheshire.

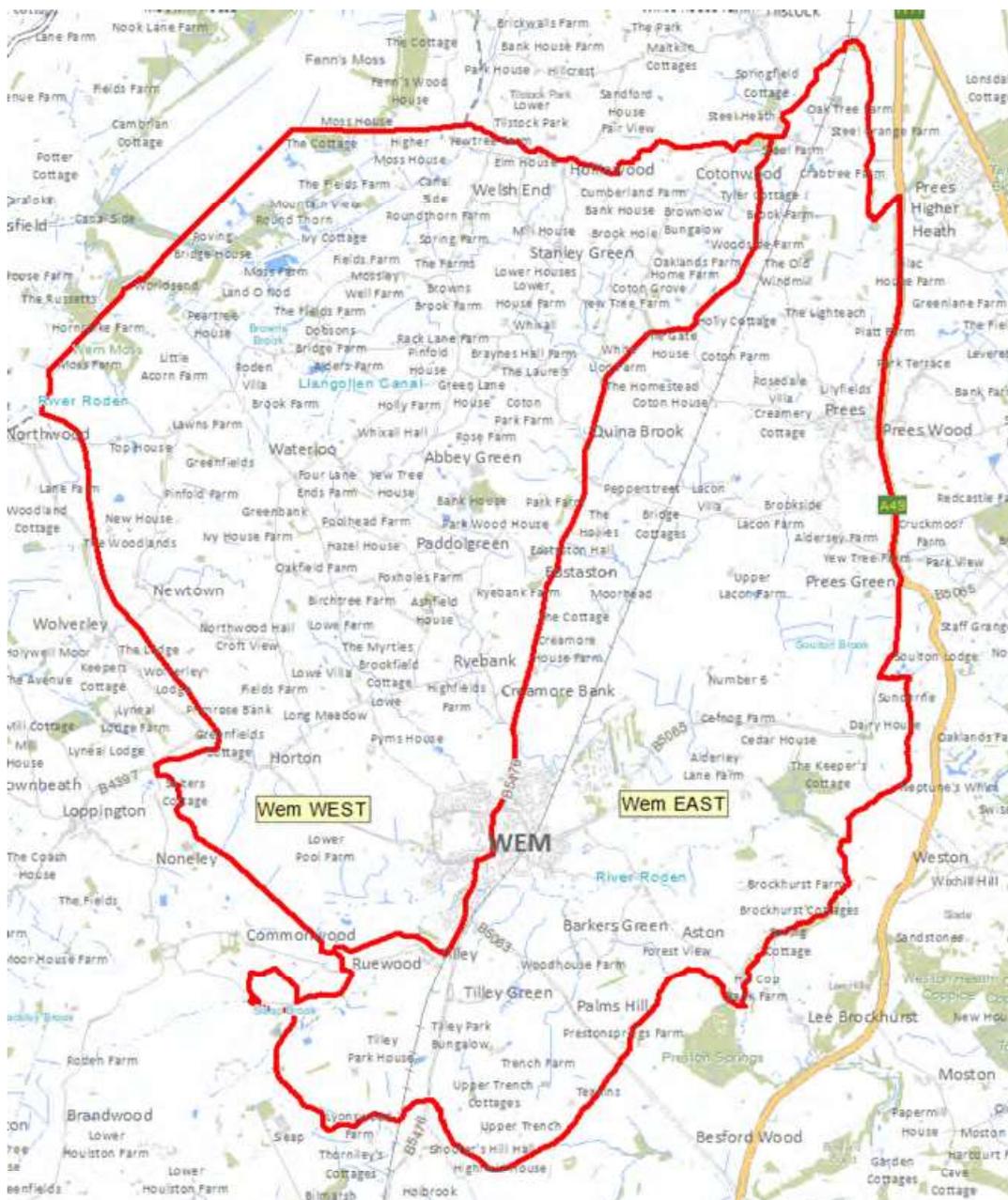
Hodnet is a key settlement with 670 residents, it has a village store and limited amenities. There are two Primary schools located within the Division, one at Hodnet and the other at Stoke-upon-Tern

Primary schools located within the proposed Electoral Division include, Hodnet Primary and Stoke-on-Tern Primary.

Stoke upon Tern has a village hall, St Peters Church and the Maurice Chandler Sports and Leisure centre.

Tern Hill Clive Barracks sits to the North of the Division.

## Wem West and Wem East



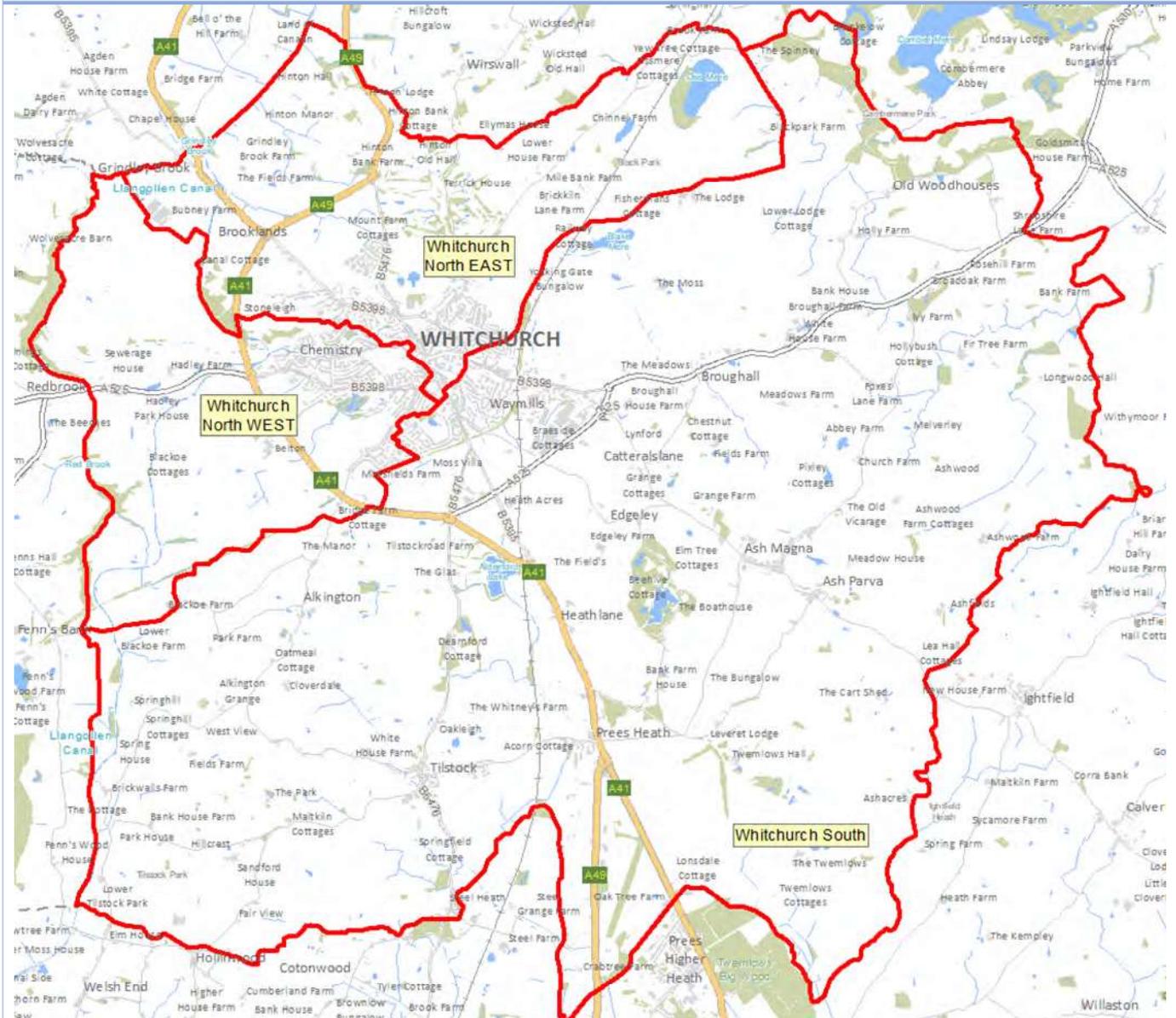
The proposed Electoral Divisions are located to the north of Shrewsbury. They are predominantly rural in nature and contain a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and a population density similar to Shropshire as a whole.

To avoid the current doughnut designed division boundaries, the market town of Wem has been split from south to north, forming Wem East and Wem West. This isn't ideal but meets the requirements for electoral equality.

The local communities in and around Wem are served well for shops, pubs, a library, town hall and other amenities including a weekly market. There are two primary schools and Thomas Adams secondary school along with a large recreation ground and a swim centre. Wem Business Park and Wem Industrial Estate are both centrally located and offer a good range of small to medium sized business premises along with storage and warehouse options.

The A49 is close to the proposed Wem East Electoral Division and provides access towards Shrewsbury and Cheshire. There is also a train station at Wem providing access for onward travel from Shrewsbury and Crewe. Llangollen canal runs through the north west side of the area.

## Whitchurch North-East, Whitchurch North-West and Whitchurch South



### Whitchurch South

Located in the north of Shropshire.

The proposed Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature with urban areas to the north of the Electoral Division.

It contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type, and it has a population density similar to Shropshire as a whole.

The town centre of Whitchurch is well served for shops and other amenities.

There is good access to the A49 towards Shrewsbury and Cheshire. Whitchurch has a train station providing access to onward travel from Shrewsbury and Crewe.

There is a rural primary school, Tilstock CE Primary school along with Whitchurch CE Infant school, Whitchurch CE Junior school and Sir John Talbot's Secondary School in the urban area.

There are Rugby and Cricket pitches within this area as well as sports facilities at the Secondary school.

There is a large industrial site at Waymills which host a large range of businesses employing local people and those from further afield.

### **Whitchurch North-East**

Located in the north of Shropshire.

The Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature with urban areas to the north of the Electoral Division.

It contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type, and it has a population density similar to Shropshire as a whole.

The town centre of Whitchurch is well served for shops and other amenities.

The Town centre host a library and Civic centre, Market Hall and Heritage centre. There is also a Leisure Centre with Swimming pool and Whitchurch Alport Football ground

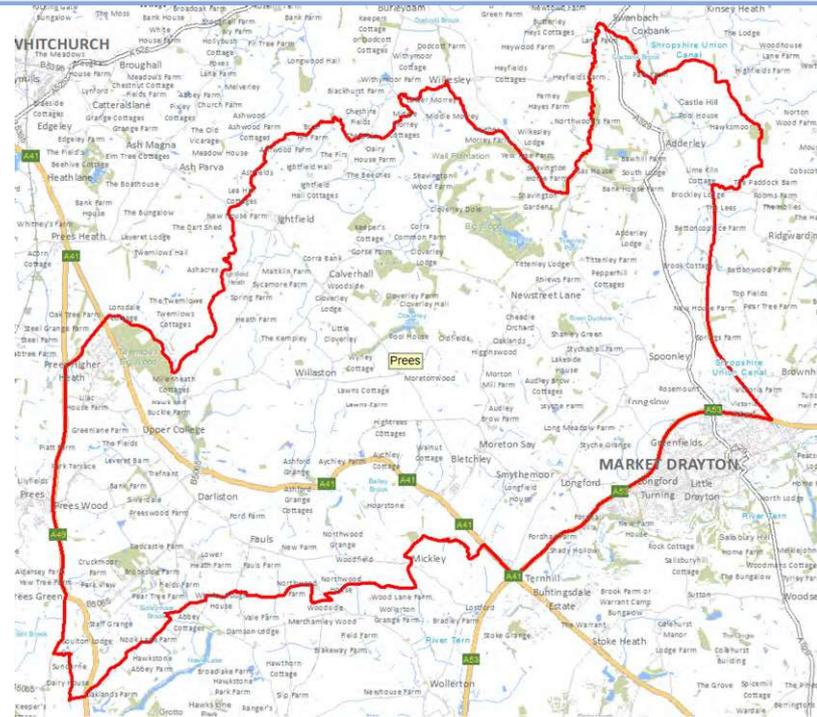
There is good access to the A49 towards Shrewsbury and Cheshire. Whitchurch has a train station providing access to onward travel from Shrewsbury and Crewe.

The town has Places of worship including St Alkmunds

### **Whitchurch North-West**

There is a large public recreation space, Jubilee Park. Bowling greens

## Prees (Shavington)



The proposed Electoral Division is located in the north-east of Shropshire. It borders Cheshire to its east and is located between the towns of Whitchurch and Market Drayton.

The Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and it is sparsely populated.

The A41, A49 and A53 provide access towards Cheshire, Shrewsbury and Stoke-on-Trent.

Prees is the main settlement with a population of 1,020 and provides a range of local shops and other amenities.

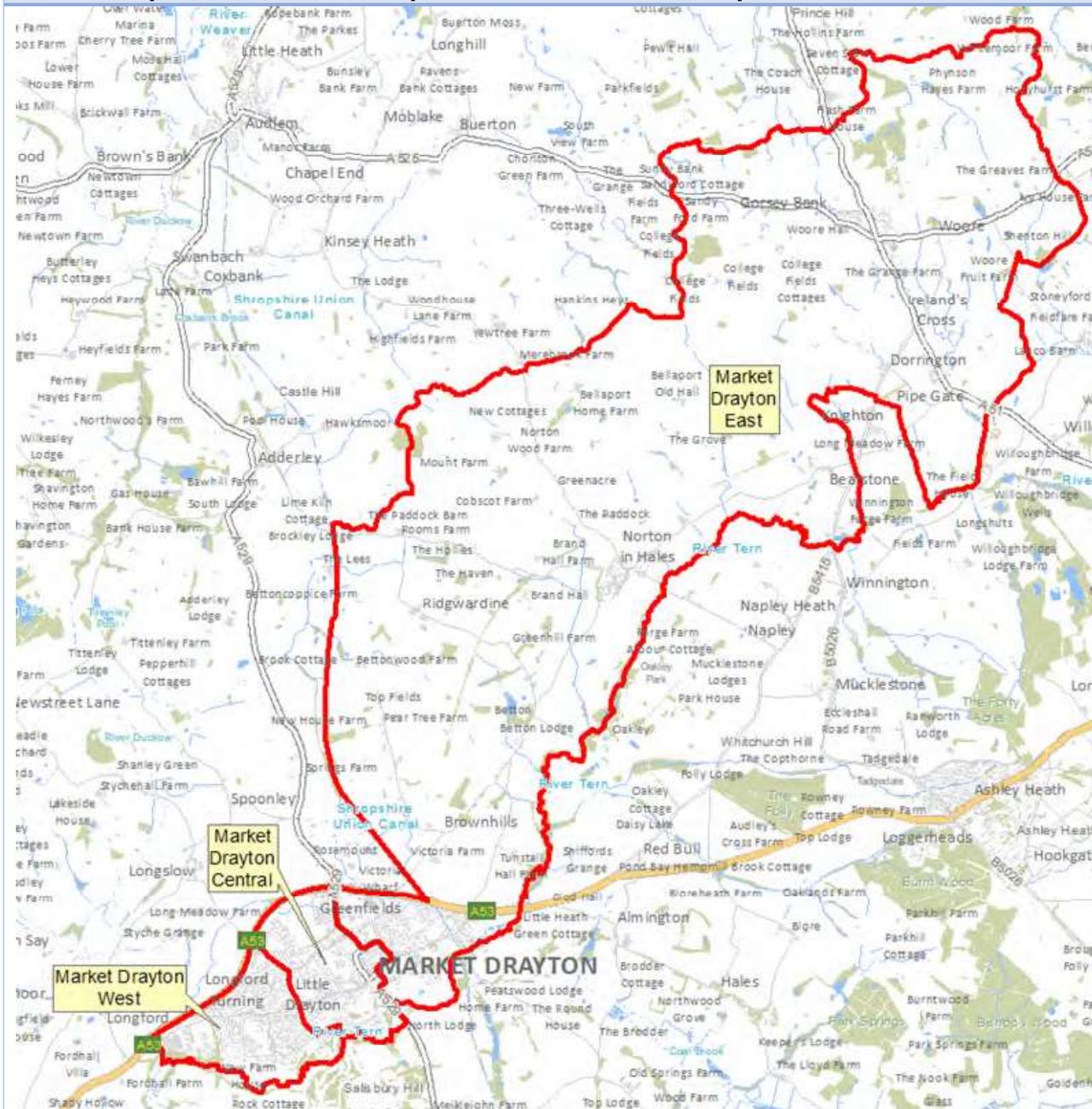
The boundary line between the proposed Prees and Wem East Electoral Divisions runs along the A49. This splits the village of Prees from south to north. This means Prees cricket / bowls and recreation club, Prees train station, the Wem and Prees Medical Practice and Prees Fire Station fall into Wem East division.

Primary schools are located at Adderley CE Primary, Moreton Say CofE Primary, Prees CE Primary and Lower Heath CE Primary.

Adderley has a section of the Shropshire Union Canal running through it. Village Hall and Parish Church Ightfield and Calverhall have a permissive footpath to link the two villages so residents can access the sporting facilities, pub and churches.

There are business and industrial sites at Prees Heath, Sandford and Adderley Road.

## Market Drayton West, Market Drayton Central and Market Drayton East



### Market Drayton West

Located in the north-east of Shropshire. The Electoral Division is predominantly urban in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and it is densely populated.

There is good access to the A53 towards Shrewsbury and Stoke-on-Trent.

The town is well served for shops and other amenities.

There is no train station in the town the nearest connections are Whitchurch or Prees.

There is a recreation area, Buntingsdale play area close to Christ Church at Little Drayton.

### **Market Drayton Central**

There are two education facilities in the proposed Division, Market Drayton Infants and Nursery school and Market Drayton junior's school.

The Division includes a leisure centre with swimming pool and skate park.

There are various community venues including The Beacon Centre, Festival Drayton.

There is the Town Park and Greenfields Sporting facility which includes cricket, football, rugby and Tennis. Market Drayton Football Club are also based here.

### **Market Drayton East**

Located in the north-east of Shropshire. Market Drayton town centre lies to the south of the proposed Electoral Division.

Market Drayton East extends north from the town centre into rural areas that border Staffordshire. The Electoral Division is a mix of urban and rural, it contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type.

Population density for the whole Electoral Division is similar to the Shropshire average but higher in the urban parts. The town of Market Drayton provides good access to shops and other amenities.

The A53 located to the south of the Electoral Division provides connections to Shrewsbury and Stoke-on-Trent.

There is no train station in the town. The nearest connections are Whitchurch or Crewe for those in the north of the Electoral Division.

There is a primary school, Longlands Primary school and The Grove Secondary and Sixth Form.

The Shropshire Union Canal travels through the Division and Talbot Wharf has a number of boat moorings.

There is a primary school; Longlands Primary school and The Grove Secondary and Sixth Form within the urban area and there are two rural primary schools; Norton in Hales CE primary and Woore Primary school.

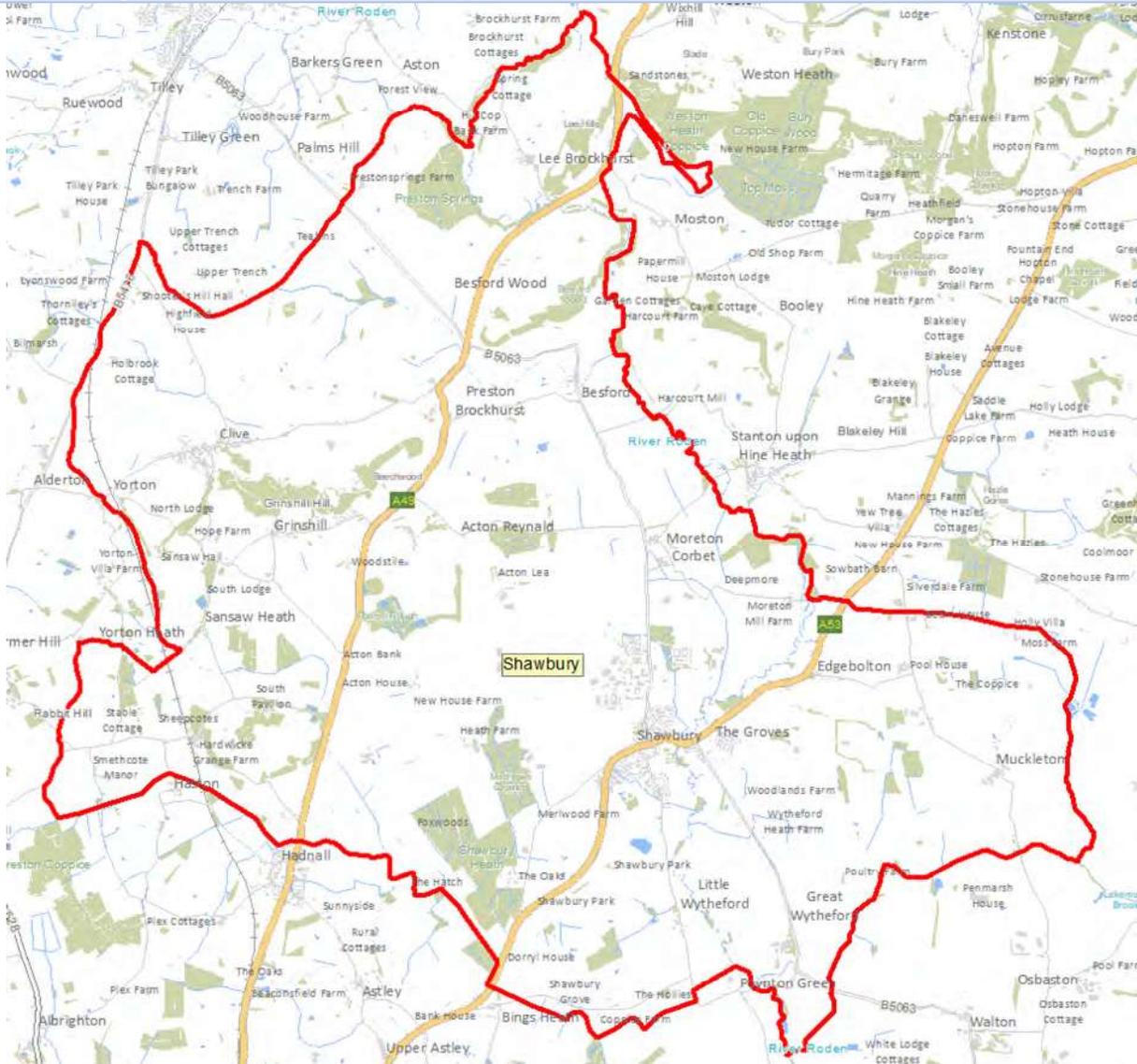
Drayton medical practice is close to the Town centre.

There are sporting facilities including a cricket pitch at Betton Road.

Woore has a Community Venue, the Victory Hall. Recreational area, bowls, tennis and cricket clubs. The Parish Church of St Leonards and Woore Methodist church sit within the village.

Norton in Hales also has sporting and recreation facilities in the form of Cricket and Bowls clubs. There is a village hall and St Chads Church.

## Shawbury



Shawbury is a village located in the north-east of the county and borders Telford and Wrekin area to its south.

The proposed Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and it is sparsely populated.

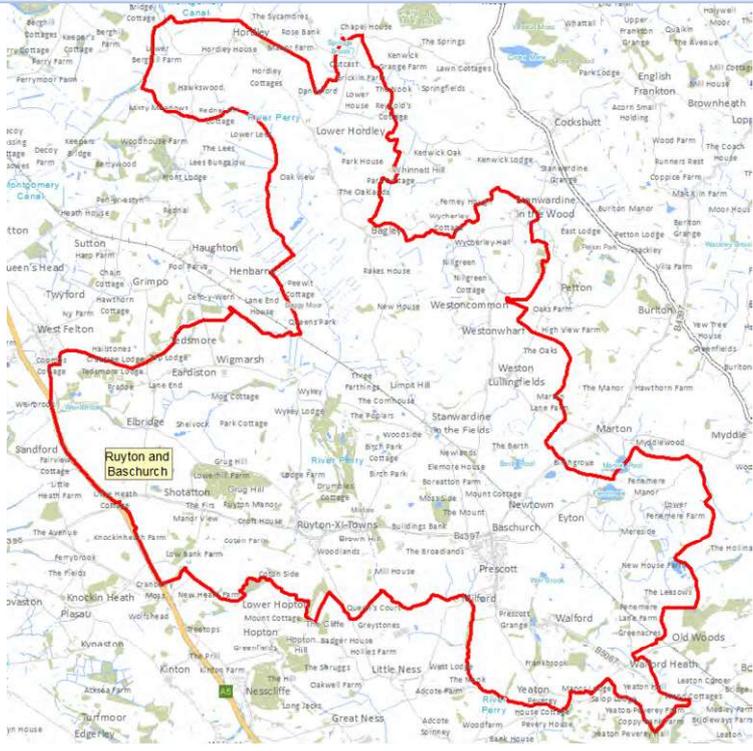
Shawbury is the key settlement with a range of local shops and amenities and St Mary's Primary School and St Mary's CE Church are both centrally located along with a couple of shops, pubs and village hall.

The A49 and A53 are key transport routes providing access to Shrewsbury and towards Cheshire and Staffordshire.

The RAF Shawbury base is also located close by and focusses on training students from across all three armed forces and is a big part of the local community.

There are also a primary schools located at both the villages of Hadnall and Clive.

## Ruyton and Baschurch



Located between Shrewsbury and Oswestry.

The Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and it is sparsely populated.

To the east of the Electoral Division there is good access to the A528 whilst the A5 lies to the west.

Baschurch and Ruyton XI towns are the key settlements, each providing a range of local shops and services.

Local schools include St John the Baptist CE Primary School in Ruyton, Baschurch CE Primary School, The Corbet School (a secondary school in Baschurch) and Weston Lullingfields CE Primary School.

Churches include Church around the Cliffe in Ruyton XI Towns, Holy Trinity Church in Weston Lullingfields and All Saints in Baschurch.

Community spaces include Baschurch Hall and Hordley and Bagley Village Hall.

## Ellesmere



Located in the north of the county. The Electoral Division is predominantly urban in nature with some rural areas to the north of the Electoral Division.

The Electoral Division contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type, and it is fairly densely populated in the town area.

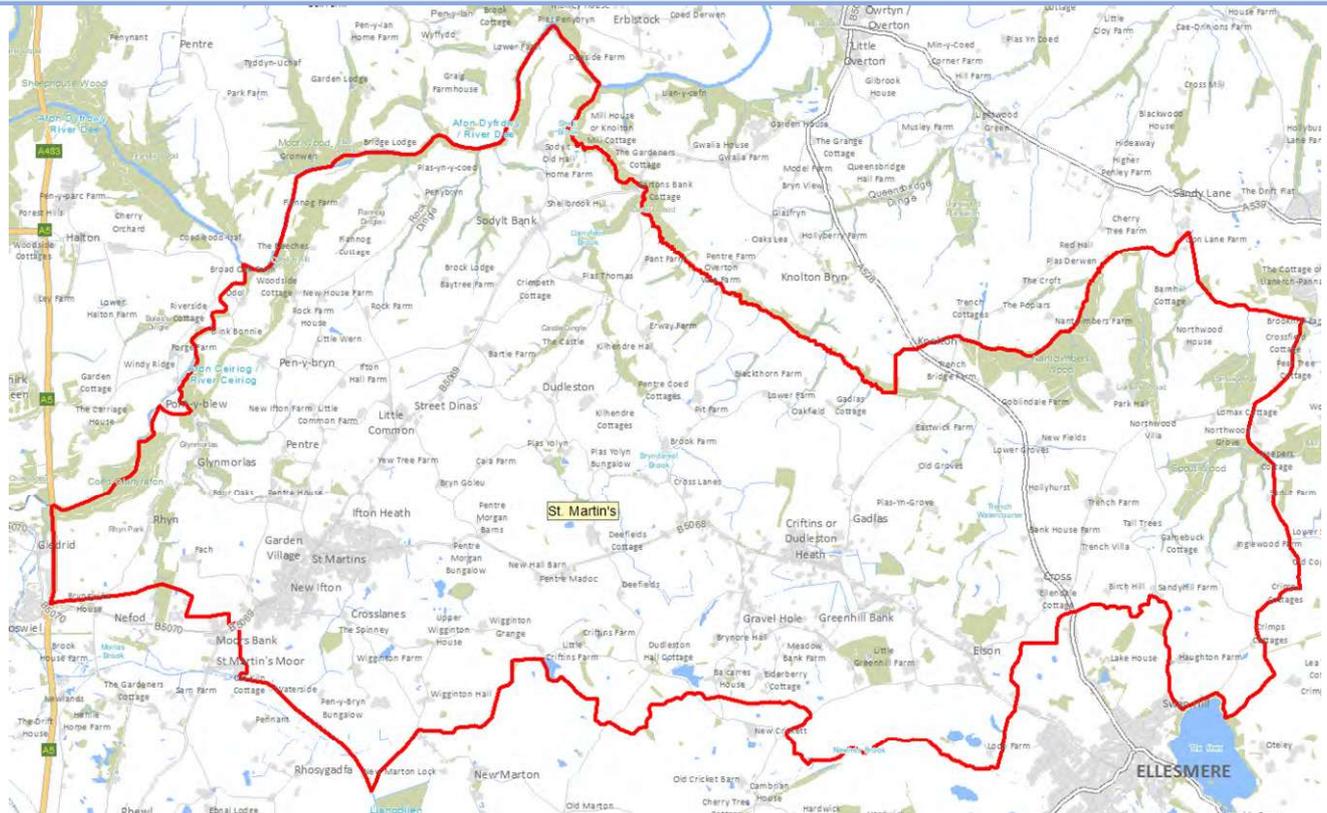
The A495 links to the A5 and A41. Ellesmere town centre provides a range of shops and other amenities.

Local schools include Ellesmere Primary School, Lakelands Academy in Ellesmere.

Churches in Ellesmere include St Mary's Church, The Cellar Church, Ellesmere Methodist Church, St Mary's Chapel and Saint Michael's Church.

Community spaces include Ellesmere Town Council building and Ellesmere Library.

## St. Martin's



Located in the north-east of the county, north of Ellesmere and borders Wales to the north and west.

The proposed Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and having a population density similar to that of Shropshire. St Martin's is the key settlement and provides a range of local shops and other amenities.

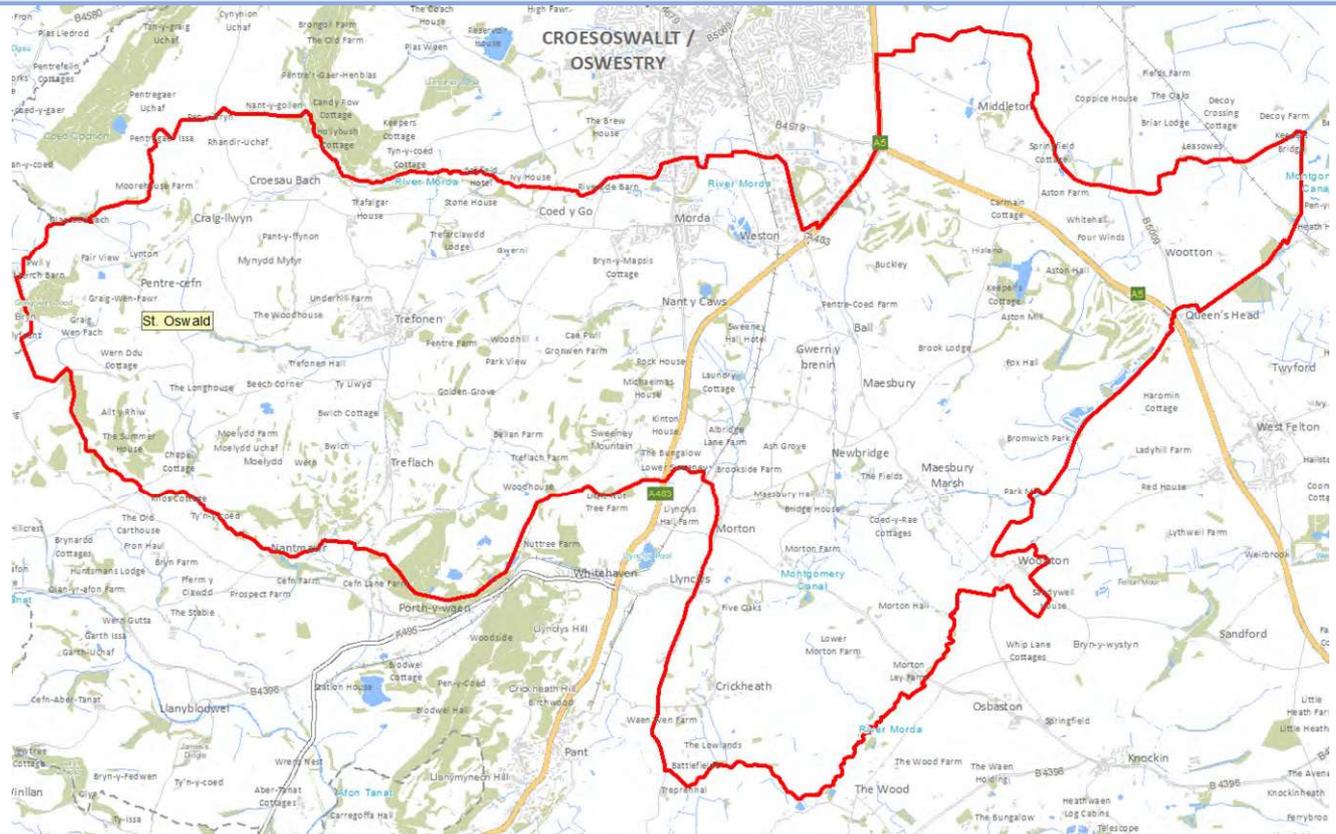
The A5 provides transport links towards Oswestry, Shrewsbury, North Wales and Wrexham.

Local schools include Criftins CE Primary School in Dudleston Heath and St Martin's School (primary and secondary).

Churches include St. Martins Parish Church.

Community spaces include St Martins Village Hall and Criftins Parish Hall.

## St. Oswald



Located to the south of the town of Oswestry.

The proposed Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and it is sparsely populated.

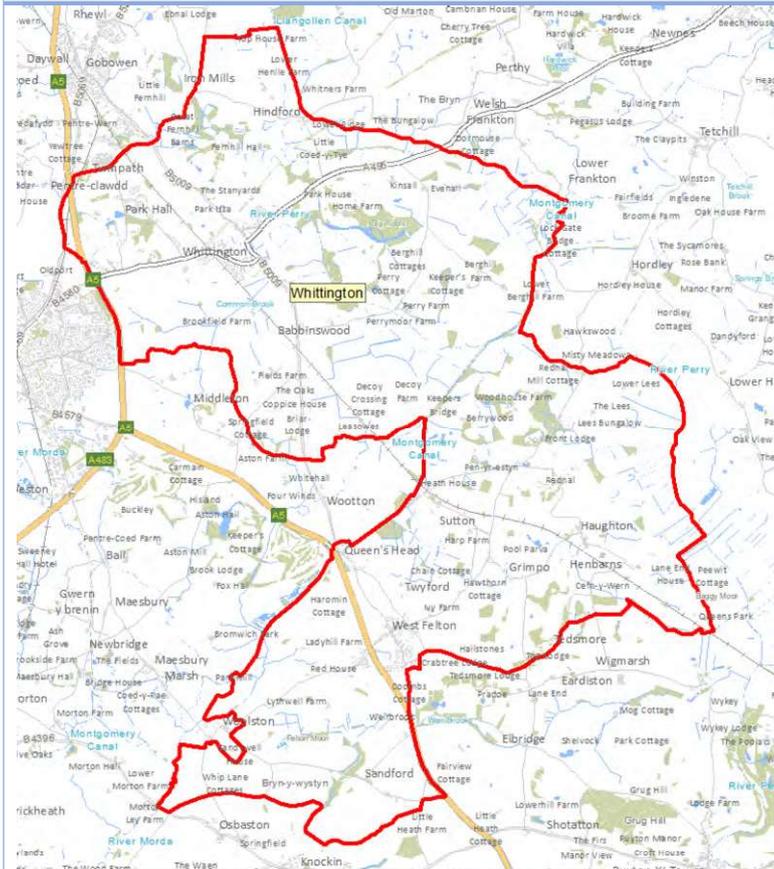
Trefonen is a key settlement with 740 residents, it provides a village store and other amenities. Oswestry is the nearest market town.

There is access to the A5 in the east of the Electoral Division providing access towards north Wales and Shrewsbury.

Local schools include Morda CE Primary School and Trefonen CE Primary School.

Churches include Morda Methodist Church, Trefonen Church, St John the Baptist Church in Maesbury, The Parish Church of Saint Philip and Saint James in Morton.

## Whittington



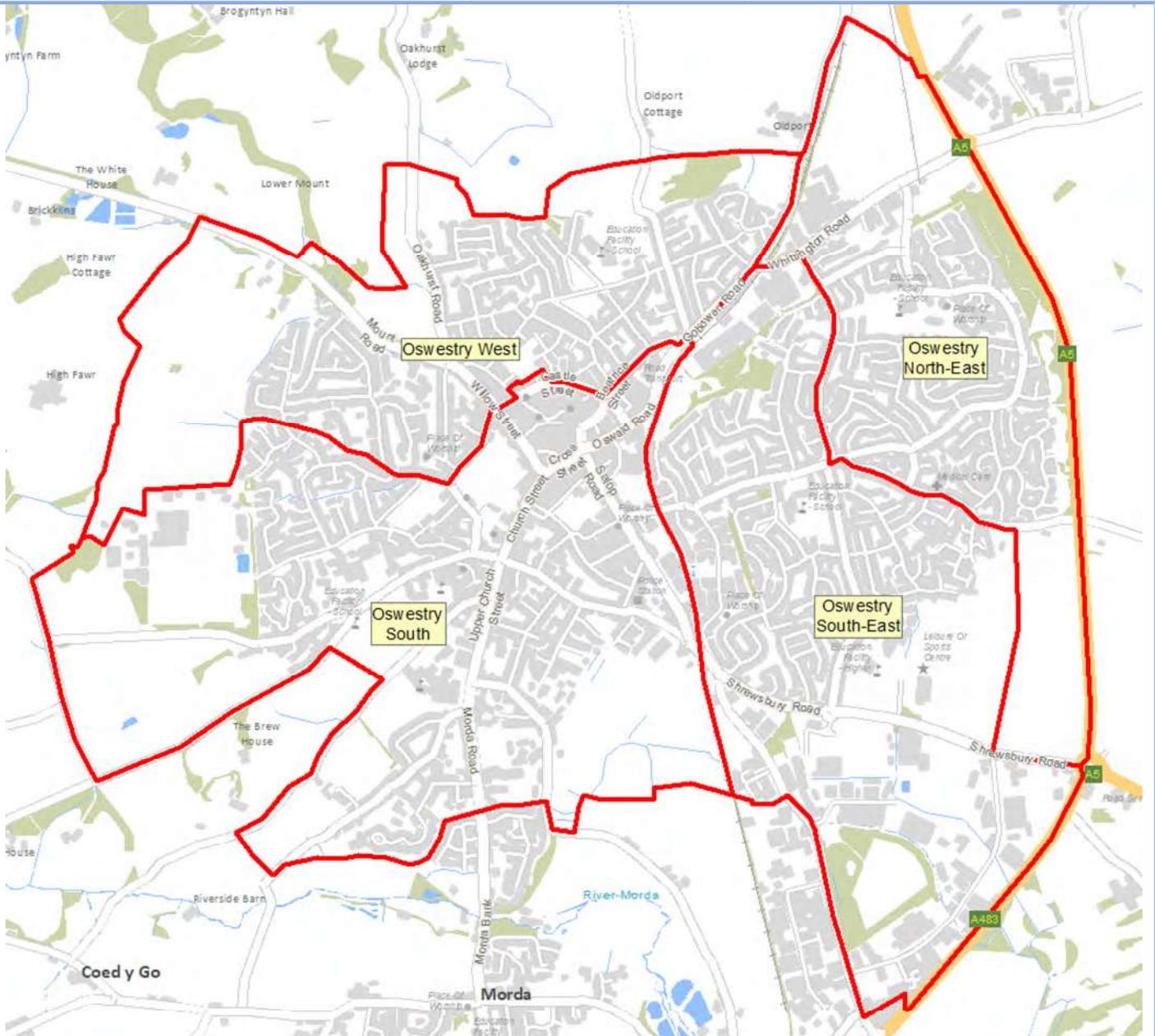
Located in the north-east of the county near Oswestry.

The proposed Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and it is sparsely populated.

Whittington is a key centre for the Electoral Division and provides a range of local shops and other amenities.

There is good access to the A5 towards Shrewsbury and Oswestry.

## Oswestry West, Oswestry South, Oswestry North-East and Oswestry South-East



### Oswestry West

Oswestry West Electoral Division forms part of the key market town of Oswestry.

The Electoral Division is predominantly urban in nature with some rural areas to its western borders.

The Electoral Division contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type, and it is densely populated.

The Electoral Division has good access to the A5 leading towards Shrewsbury and North Wales. The A5 corridor is a key strategic growth area for Shropshire. The nearest train station is in nearby Gobowen.

The town centre is well served for shops, pubs, restaurants and other amenities. There is an indoor market hall and weekly outdoor market. Old Oswestry Hill Fort provides a distinctive physical feature in the town.

Local schools include Woodside Primary School, Our Lady and St Oswald's Catholic Primary School, Meadows Primary School, Holy Trinity CE Primary School and Marches School (Secondary).

Churches include Hope Church, St Oswalds Church, Holy Trinity Church, Christ Church, Albert Road Evangelical Church, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Oswestry Methodist Church and Our Lady and Saint Oswald's Catholic Church.

Community spaces include Eastern Oswestry Community Centre and Oswestry Library.

### **Oswestry South**

Oswestry South Electoral Division forms part of the key market town of Oswestry.

The proposed Electoral Division is predominantly urban in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type.

Some areas of the Electoral Division are densely populated. The Electoral Division has easy access to the A5 leading towards Shrewsbury and North Wales.

The town centre is well served for shops and other amenities. The nearest train station is in nearby Gobowen.

### **Oswestry North-East and Oswestry South-East**

The Oswestry East Electoral Division forms part of the key market town of Oswestry.

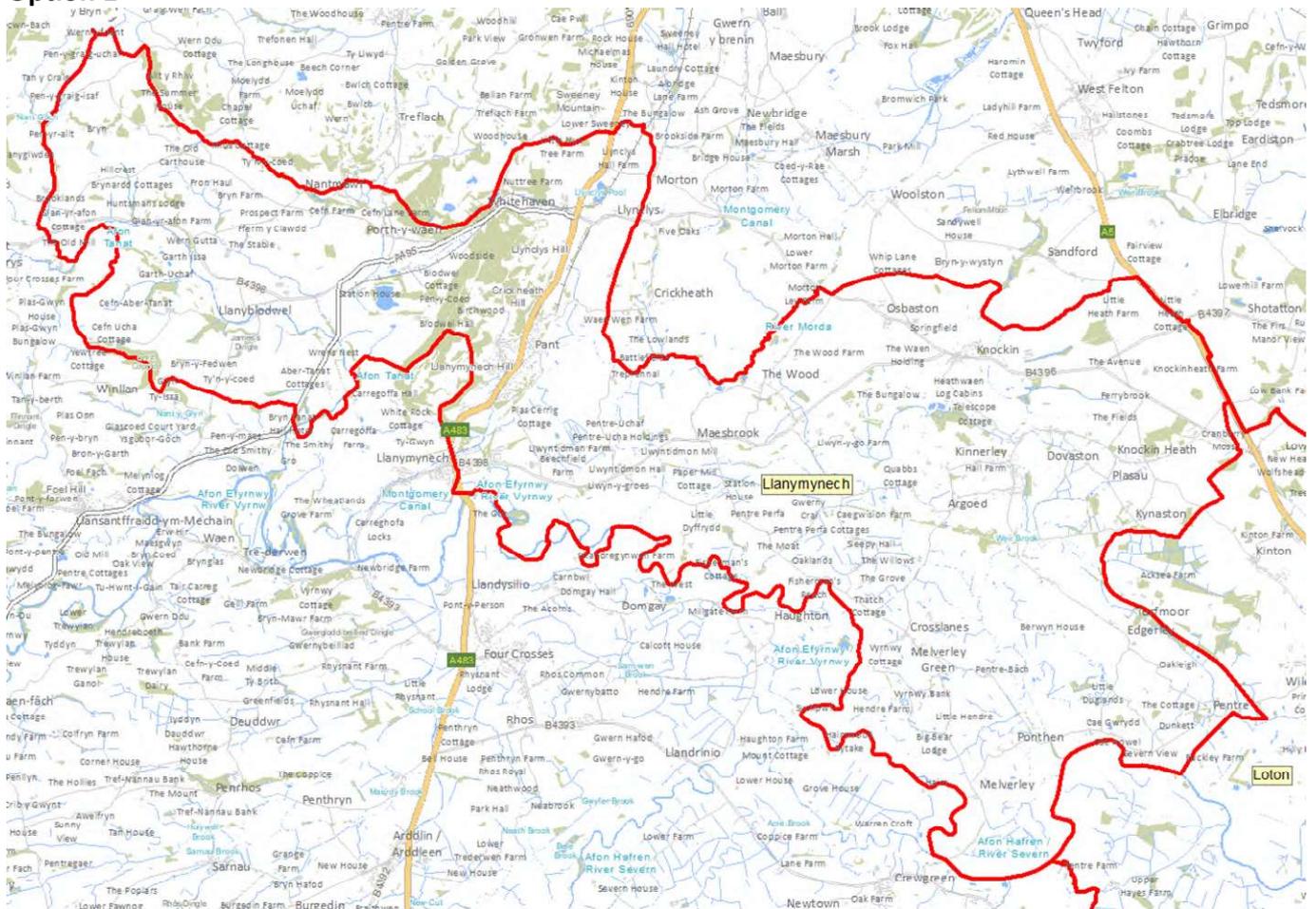
The Electoral Division is predominantly urban in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and it is densely populated.

The Electoral Division is bordered by the A5 leading towards Shrewsbury and North Wales.

The town centre is well served for shops and other amenities. The nearest train station is in nearby Gobowen.

## Llanymynech

### Option 1



The proposed Electoral Division is located in the north-west of the county bordering Wales to the west is predominantly rural in nature and sparsely populated.

Option 1 and 2 reflect the proposed changes to Chirbury and Worthen and Loton divisions.

Llanymynech is the key settlement, which is divided by the England and Wales border. Admiral Rodney's Pillar across the Welsh border in Powys provides a striking point of interest. The town provides a range of local services with main facilities located in Oswestry.

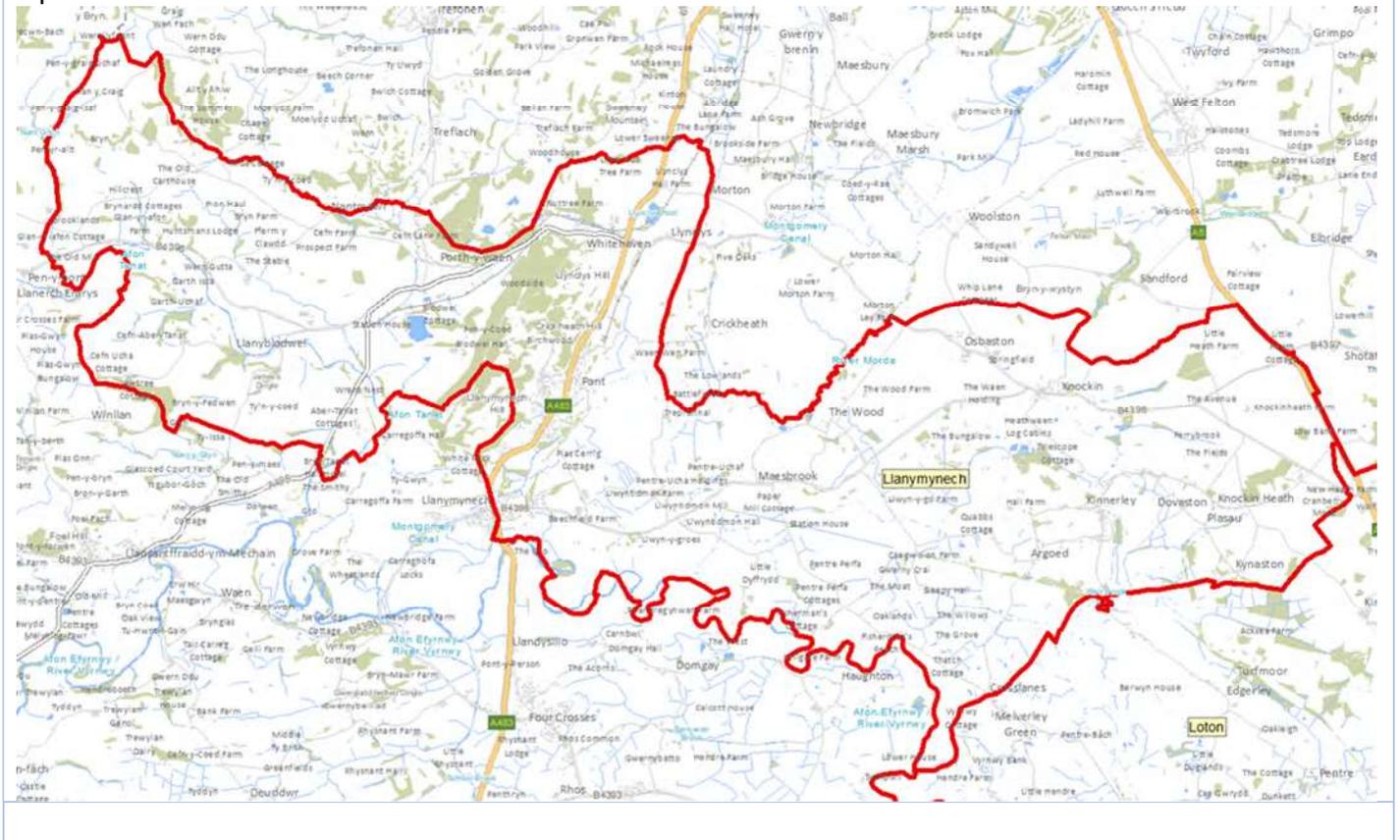
Local schools include Kinnerley CE Primary School and Bryn Offa CE Primary School.

Churches include St Michael's Church in Llanymynech, Pant Methodist Church, Saint John's Maesbrook, Kinnerley St Mary's Church and Saint Mary's Church in Knockin.

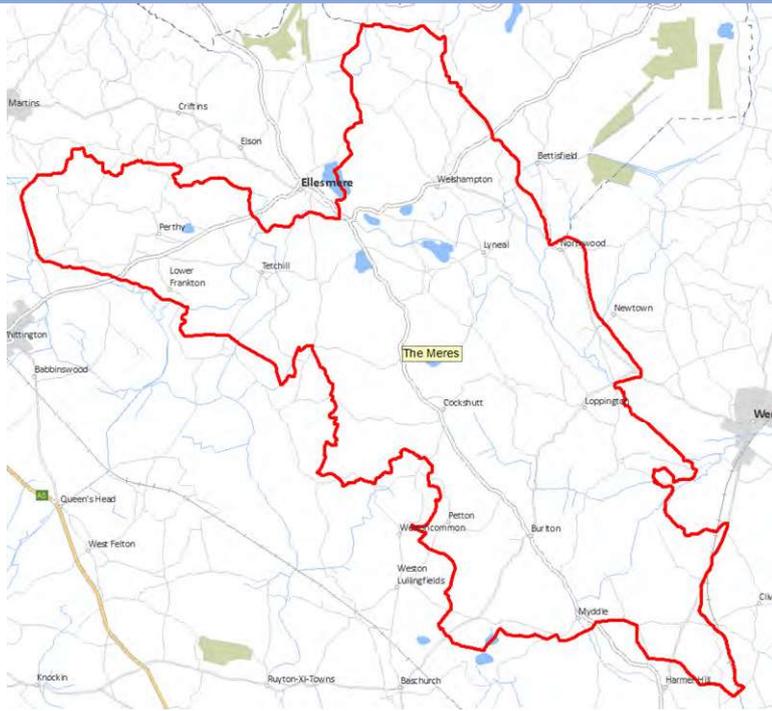
Community spaces include Pant Memorial Hall

# Llanymynech

## Option 2



## The Meres



Located to the south of Ellesmere, east of Oswestry, west of Wem and north of Shrewsbury.

The proposed Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and it is very sparsely populated.

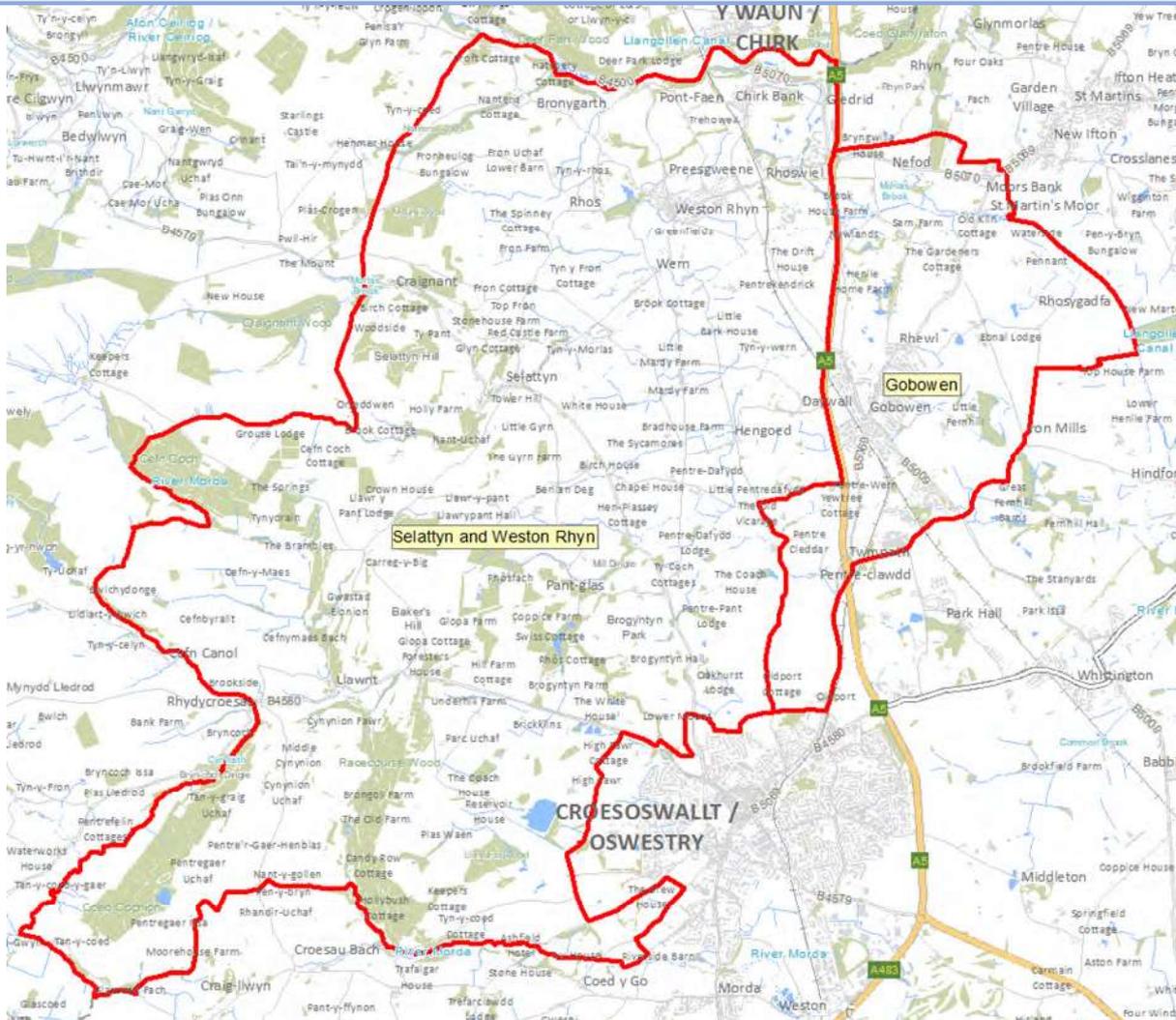
Cockshutt, and Myddle are key settlements in the Electoral Division, each with village stores and other amenities.

The A528 runs through the Electoral Division providing access towards Shrewsbury and Wrexham.

Local schools include Welshampton CE Primary School, Cockshutt CE Primary School and Myddle CE Primary School.

Churches include Lee Bridges Methodist Church, St Michael and All Angels Church in Loppington, Cockshutt (Ss. Simon and Jude) Church and Saint Peter's in Myddle.

## Selattyn and Weston Rhyn Electoral Division and Gobowen Electoral Division



Located in the north-west of Shropshire, bordering Wales to the north and west, with the key market town of Oswestry to its east.

The proposed Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type.

Gobowen is the key settlement, it provides local shops and other amenities, it has a railway station which also serves the Oswestry area, providing links to Shrewsbury and Chester. The A5 runs through the Electoral Division and provides links to Cheshire and Shrewsbury.

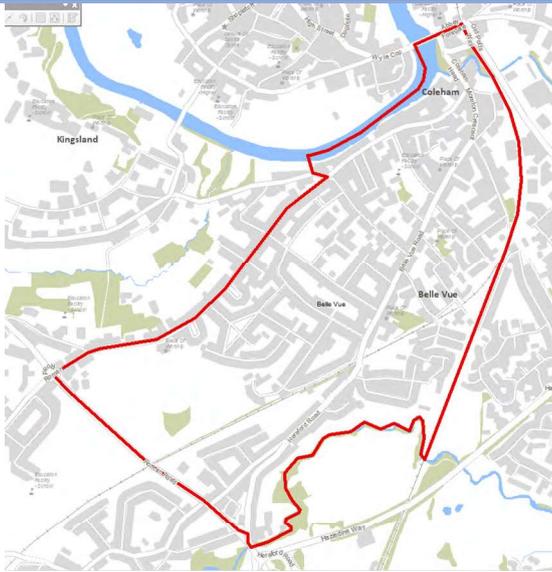
Local schools include Weston Rhyn Primary School, Selattyn CE Primary School, Gobowen Primary School.

Churches includes All Saints C of E Church and Preeshenlle URC Church in Gobowen, St Mary's the Virgin CoFE Church in Selattyn, Weston Rhyn Parish Church and Quinta Independent Evangelical Church.

Community spaces include Gobowen Library.



## Belle Vue



Located to the south of Shrewsbury town river loop, Belle Vue Electoral Division is predominantly urban in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type. It is one of the most densely populated Electoral Divisions in Shropshire.

To the north of the Electoral Division there is good access to the town centre, but the community is also well served for local shops, public houses, restaurants and other amenities. There is a Coleham Primary within the Division as well and two pre-school nurseries. There are two GP practices called Marysville to the south-east and The Hermitage Practice in the centre of the Division. There are also four places of worship; The Holy Trinity St Julian; Wellspring Apostolic Centre; Belle Vue Methodist Church and the Barnabas Community Centre which also provides a community meeting place and local foodbank.

Being situated close to Shrewsbury town provides good access to the road network where the A5 links to the A458, A49 and M54 towards the West Midlands.

The nearest rail station is situated in the town centre and the rail line provides a natural boundary to the south east of this division.

## Bowbrook (Bicton Heath)

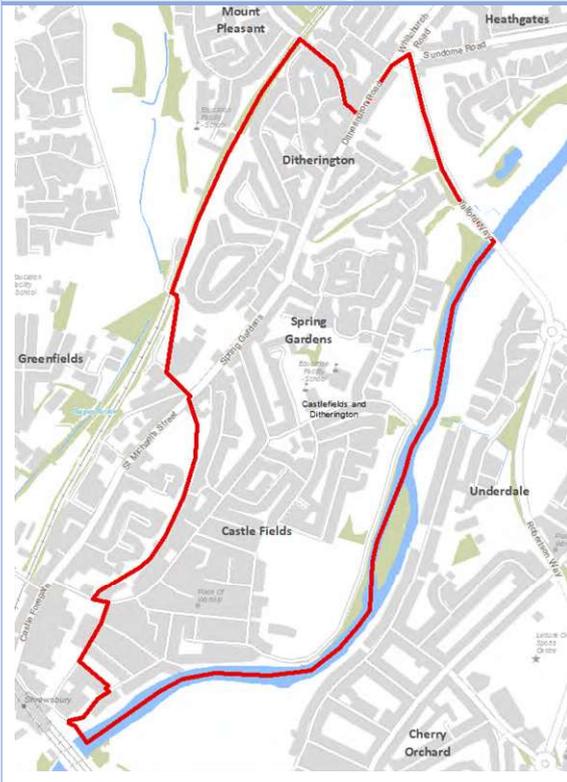


Located in the west of Shrewsbury town, Bowbrook (Bicton Heath) Electoral Division is predominantly urban in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type. There has been a significant new development in the local area in recent years and it is amongst the most densely populated Electoral Divisions in Shropshire. The area also contains Oxon Business Park and the large employer of Severn Trent Water.

The main hospital for Shropshire is located in the Electoral Division and there is also a GP practice and a primary school. The Community benefits from a Community Hall near the school and also a cricket club which also acts as a community centre. There is a large amount of recreational ground with a cricket pitch and football pitches. The area also contains a local church which is active in the community. There is also a small parade of shops that serves Gains Park and the wider area as well as a parade of shops on Welshpool Road. The area has three public houses/restaurants.

Being situated close to Shrewsbury town means the centre is easily accessible via car or bus. The nearest rail station is situated in the town centre. There is also very easy access to the A5, which in turn links to the A458, A49 and M54 towards the West Midlands. The A5 forms a clear boundary to the Western side of this Division.

## Castlefields and Ditherington

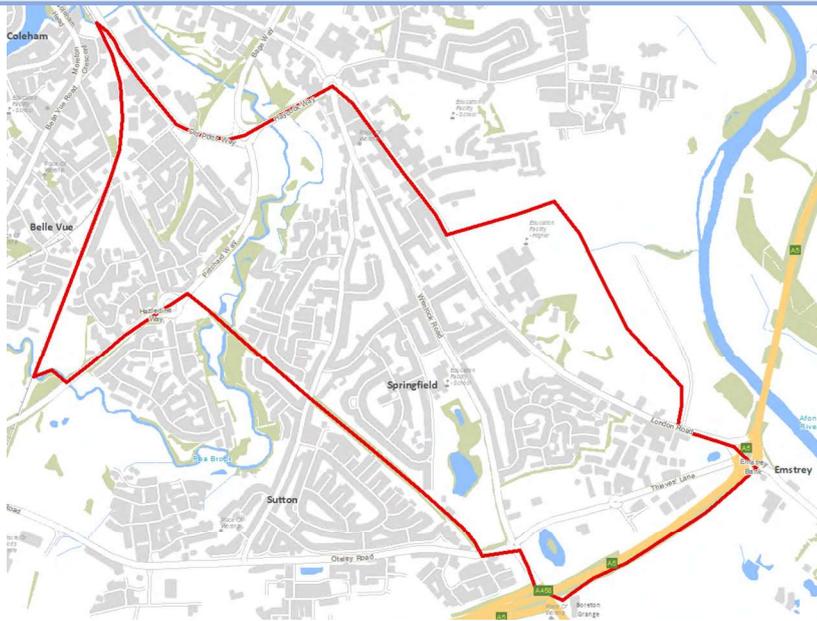


Located in the north of Shrewsbury town, Castlefield and Ditherington Electoral Division is predominantly urban in nature and is the most densely populated area in the County with approximately 54 people per hectare. It contains a mixture of housing in terms of age, type and tenure.

The Electoral Division's proximity to the town centre provides easy access to a rail station and the road network provides good access to the A5 and its links to the A458, A49 and M54 towards the West Midlands.

There are several shops and public houses within the Electoral Division, as well as other amenities including two primary schools and the Flaxmill Maltings, which is the home of the world's first skyscraper and historically important iron framed building. The site has been the focus of an important regeneration project which has delivered an important tourism attraction, commercial space and community facility which benefits local residents.

## Column and Sutton



Located in the south-east of Shrewsbury this is a predominantly urban area with a mix of housing and educational facilities

The Electoral Division's proximity to the town centre and A5 provides easy access to a rail station and the road network provides good access to the A5 and its links to the A458, A49 and M54 towards the West Midlands.

Shrewsbury College (SCAT) is located in the east of the division. This provides a range of post 16 courses, and athletics track, and sports pitches are also on the site. Also located in the east is Shrewsbury crematorium at Emstrey.

There are two Primary schools in the Division at Mereside and Prestfelde, as well as St Giles Church, and a public house and small shopping area at Springfield.

At the south west of the division is a Co-operative supermarket, bakery, and takeaway restaurant, which serves the local area and forms the entrance to the Shrewsbury Business Park (located on the southern edge of the Division).

A dedicated cycle path runs along the south west of the division and forms a natural boundary and links the division to the wider Shrewsbury cycle network. The Rea Brook countryside site is also in the division and provides open space and walking routes along the Rea Brook.

The community is well served with facilities and amenities and areas of public open green space.

## Oteley and Reabrook West



Located in the south-east of Shrewsbury the proposed Oteley and Reabrook Electoral Division is a mixture of residential, retail and leisure development.

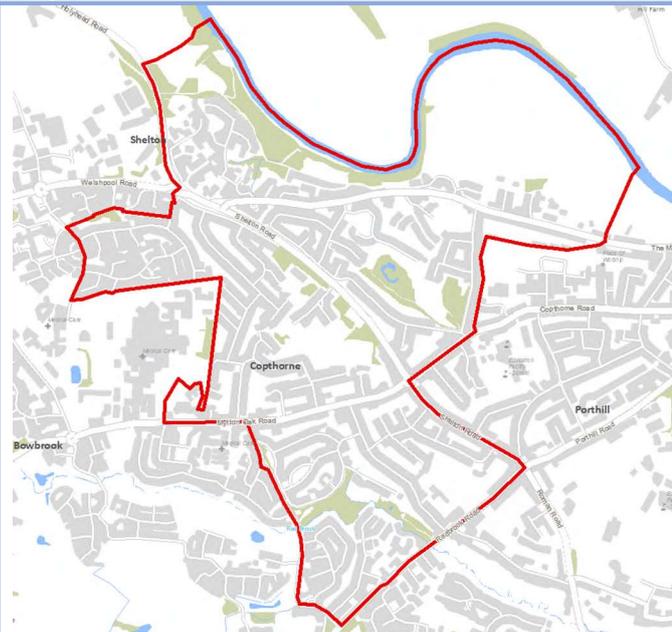
The Electoral Division's proximity to the town centre and A5 provides easy access to a rail station and the road network of the A458, A49 and M54 towards the West Midlands. The A5 provides a boundary at the south of the division, the Shrewsbury to Cardiff rail line to the west and the Shrewsbury Cycle way route a boundary to the north east.

Shrewsbury Town Football Club is located at the west of the Division where there are community playing pitches in addition to the commercial football club, and there is also Meole Brace municipal golf course, health club and Reabrook Reserve which provides access to green space and the Reabrook Local Nature Reserve which is in the north of this division.

Shrewsbury Greek Orthodox Church is located on Oteley Road and has been a place of worship for over 4000 years

Oteley Road runs along the south of the division and is part of the Shrewsbury South urban extension where approximately 600 new homes have been developed along with two supermarkets (Aldi and Lidl) a large garden centre, vets and small retail outlets which provide a range of retail options for the neighbouring community.

## Copthorne



Located in the west of Shrewsbury town, Copthorne Electoral Division is predominantly urban in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and it is densely populated. At its most northerly point, Copthorne adjoins the Shropshire Way as it follows the banks of the River Severn.

The Electoral Division has good access to the road network with the A458 leading to Mid-Wales and linking to the A5 which in turn links to main arterial routes leading eastwards, southwards and northward. The nearest rail station is situated in the town centre.

The area contains a range of facilities including a parade of shops which features a co-operative supermarket, pharmacy and takeaway restaurant. There is also a full-sized community football pitch in the south of the division which is well used by local junior football teams, and The Beacon pub. Copthorne Park is a well-used community green space in the centre of the division and Shelton BMX track is also a popular community facility.

## Harlescott

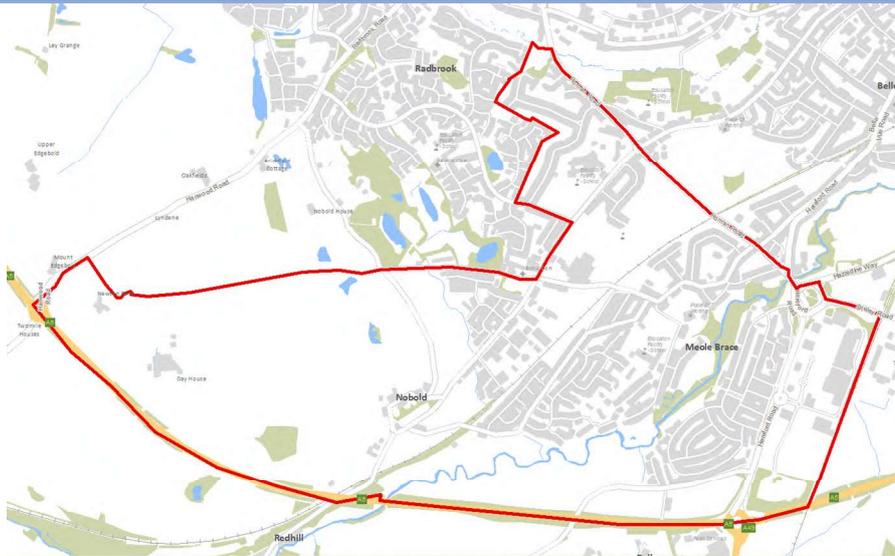


Located in the north of Shrewsbury town, Harlescott Electoral Division is predominantly urban in nature, with a relatively high population density, despite a significant unpopulated area to the north of the division. Harlescott contains a mixture of housing in terms of age, type and tenure and is also an important economic hub, housing Battlefield Enterprise Park to the north.

Shrewsbury town provides good access to the road network where the A5 links to the A458, A49 and M54 towards the West Midlands. The nearest rail station is situated in the town centre, and the Shrewsbury to Manchester rail line forms a boundary to the east of the division

The area is well served for shops and other amenities. There are three primary schools – Mount Pleasant, Greenacres and The Grange, which is a through school for the neighbouring Grange Secondary School. A leisure centre and youth centre are also located near the Grange School site. To the north there us a multiuse sports pitch at Kynaston Road along with Harlescott Grange Community Club

## Meole Brace



Meole Brace Electoral Division is located 2km to the south of Shrewsbury town centre.

Meole Brace has close access to the road network with the A5 just to the south of the division, which provides easy links to the A458, A49 and M54 towards the West Midlands. The A5 also forms a clear boundary to the south of the division

The nearest rail station is situated in the town centre. The Electoral Division is predominantly urban in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and it is densely populated.

Meole Brace retail park is located within the Electoral Division, offering out-of-town retail opportunities for the wider population of the town and shopping facilities for the local population.

Other amenities which benefit the local community include a primary school (Meole Brace) and two secondary schools The Priory and Meole Brace, which also has a sports centre and extensive sports pitches which are used by the community, and host Shrewsbury Hockey clubs matches.

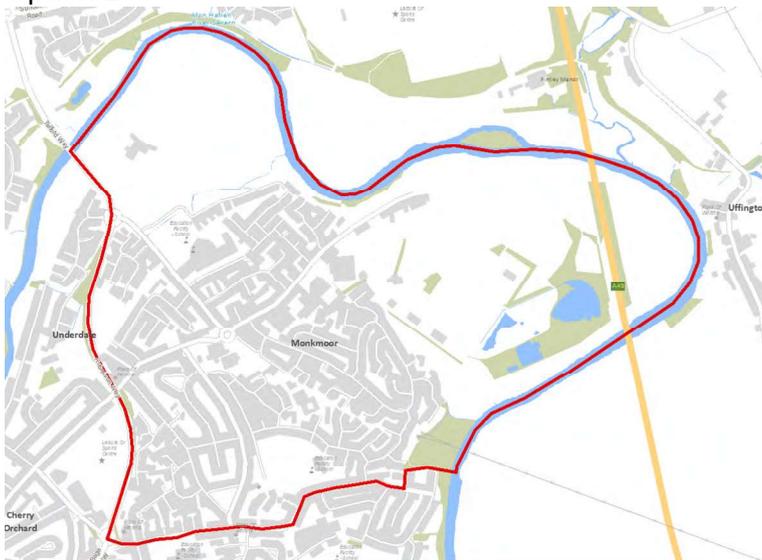
Holy Trinity Church in Meole Brace also provides a community hub for the local population, and the Meole Brace Memorial Hall hosts community events

## Monkmoor

### Option 1



### Option 2



Located approximately 2 km east of Shrewsbury town centre, Monkmoor Electoral Division is predominantly urban in nature, albeit including an unpopulated area in the north east of the division. It contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type, and it is densely populated.

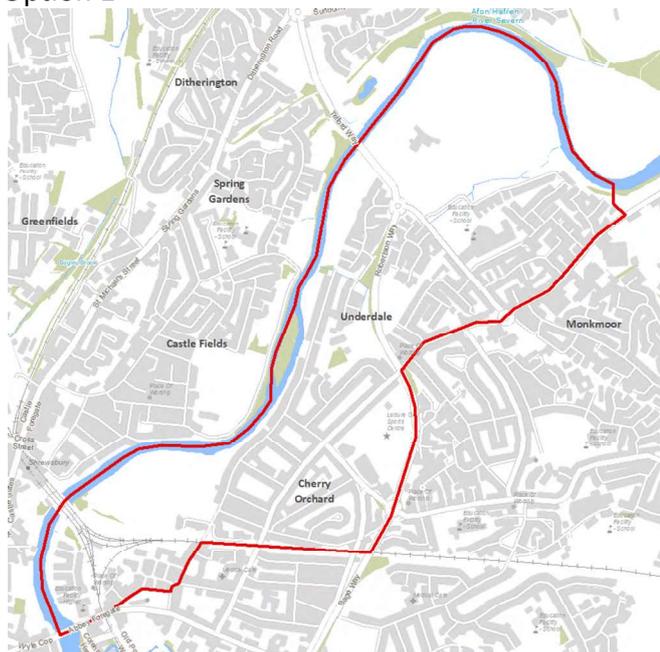
There is good access to Shrewsbury which is well served for shops and other amenities. The A49 runs to the east of the Electoral Division which provides links to the A5, A458, A49 and M54 towards the West Midlands.

The nearest rail station is situated in the town centre.

There is a primary school within the local area (two in option 2) and the town's main police station is also located within the electoral division.

## Underdale and Abbey

### Option 1

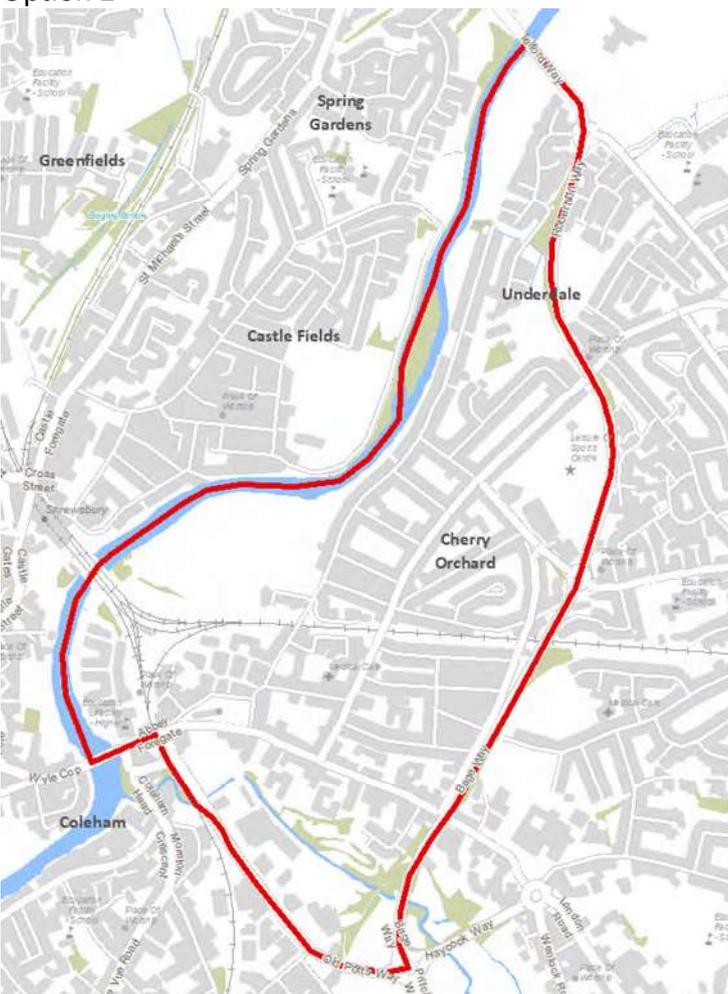


Located to the north-east of Shrewsbury town, Underdale and Abbey Electoral Division is predominantly urban in nature, is relatively densely populated and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type.

The Electoral Division benefits from its location close to the town which offers a wide range of retail outlets and amenities but there are a range of more local shops and service-oriented businesses which serve the local community. The area also benefits from access to sports fields at Castle Walk to the east of the division, and Monkmoor Recreation ground to the west

Underdale and Abbey has good links to the nearby road network with links to the A5, A458, A49 and M54 towards the West Midlands. The nearest rail station is situated in the nearby town centre.

### Option 2

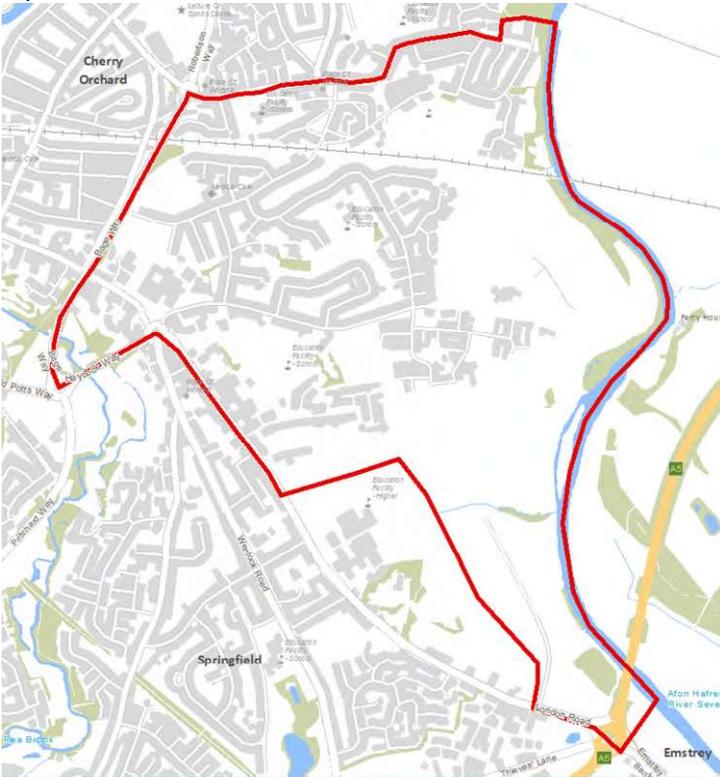


## Former Abbey

### Option 1



### Option 2



Abbey Electoral Division is located to the west of Shrewsbury town centre.

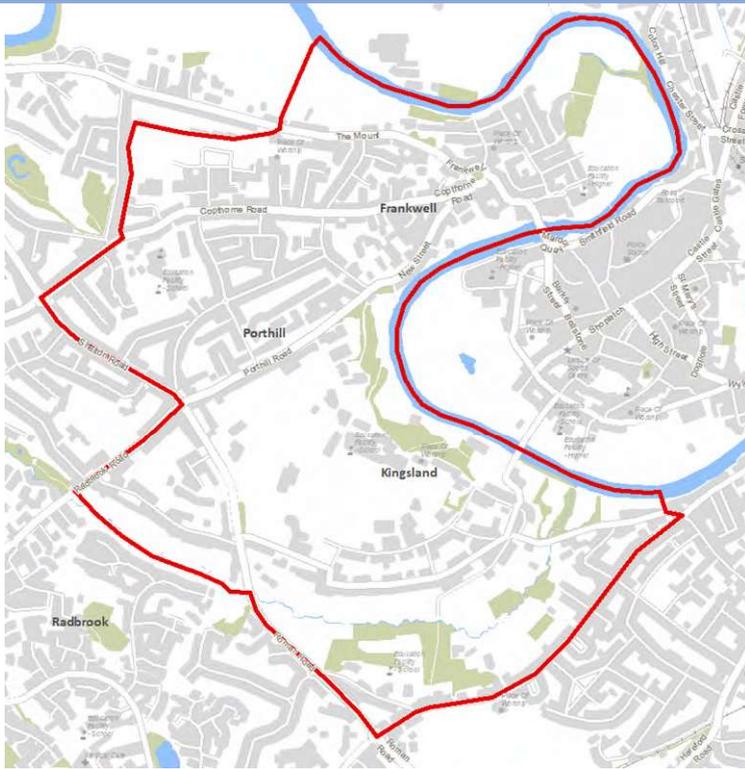
The Electoral Division is predominantly urban in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type, the population density is above average for Shropshire.

The Electoral Division has good access to public transport with bus and train facilities in the nearby town centre. Abbey Electoral Division is located near to the A5 for onward travel to the M54 towards the West Midlands.

The area is well served for shops and other amenities. Including Shropshire Councils headquarters at Shirehall, where Court buildings are also located. Belvidere Medical Practice is also located in both options.

Option 1 includes St. Giles' CE Primary School. Option 2 also includes Belvidere Secondary School.

## Porthill



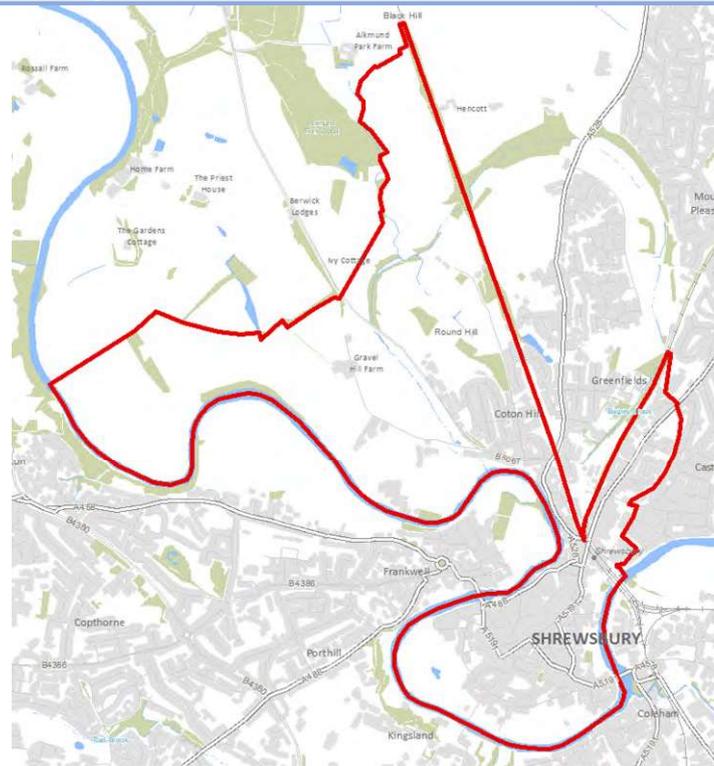
Located along the south and west of the Shrewsbury town river loop, Porthill Electoral Division is predominantly urban but does include some areas of open land (primarily housing Shrewsbury School) within its boundary. There is a mixture of housing in the division in terms of age and type, including a significant amount of new development on the site of a former army barracks.

Being close to the town centre the area is well served for shops and other amenities, but more locally there is a large cluster of retail outlets, restaurants and public houses in the Frankwell area, which is also home to the town's theatre and university centre, and St Georges Church. To the west of there are St Georges Junior and Woodfield Infant Schools

Shrewsbury School occupies a significant area of land to the south of the division which includes school buildings and accommodation as well as a chapel and conference hall. Two rowing clubs are in the division and sit alongside the River Sever which forms the natural boundary to the north west of this division

Porthill has good links to the nearby road network with links to the A5, A458, A49 and M54 towards the West Midlands. The nearest rail station is situated in the town centre.

## Quarry and Coton Hill



Quarry and Coton Hill Electoral Division encompasses Shrewsbury town centre (the River loop) but stretches northwards up the A5191 and in a north east direction where the population is less dense.

The Electoral Division contains a mixture of housing, retail and commercial properties, the latter primarily within the loop itself. There are leisure and outdoor amenities within the area, including the Quarry Park and swimming pool and the West Midlands Show Ground. The main town library is also located within Quarry and Coton Hill Electoral Division.

Shrewsbury castle and grounds sit in the centre and form the historic centre not only of the division but of Shrewsbury as a whole.

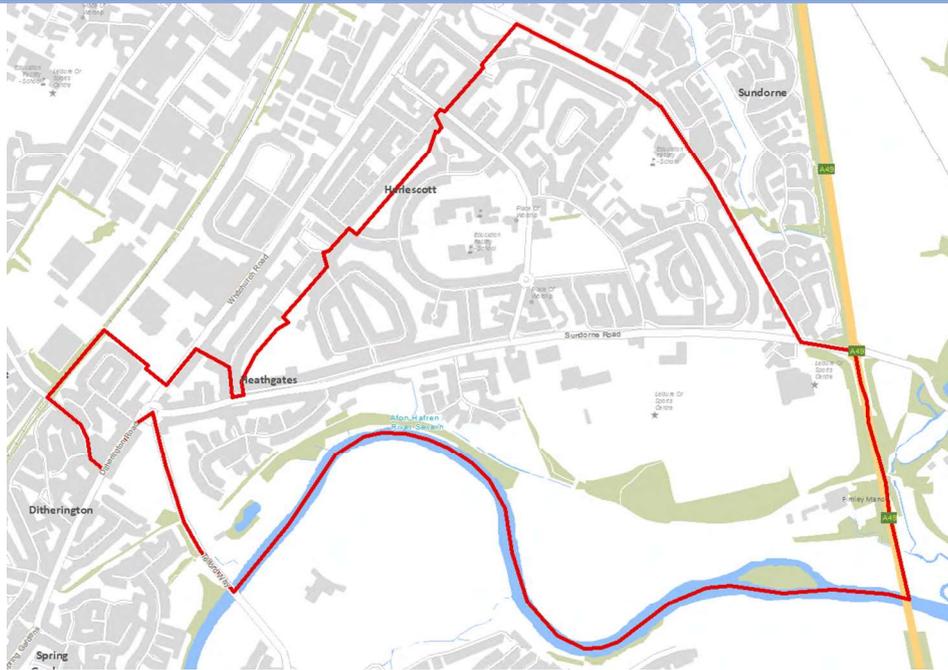
Shrewsbury High School is located to the south of the division on the historic town walls, and nearby is St Chad's Church which is the largest place of worship in the division and where Charles Darwin was Baptised.

Local roads lead from the centre to the key roads of Shropshire for onward travel via the A5, A458, A49 and M54 towards the West Midlands.

Shrewsbury train station is within the division and provides direct access to south and mid Wales, the North-West and West Midlands, and is adjacent to Shrewsbury bus station where urban and rural services in the town start and terminate their routes.



## Sundorne



Located in the east of Shrewsbury town, Sundorne Electoral Division is predominantly urban in nature, is densely populated and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type. It is located to the north of the River Severn and the Shropshire Way.

Sundorne has good links to the nearby road network with close links to the A49 linking to the A5, A458, and M54 towards the West Midlands.

The nearest rail station is situated in the town centre.

Sundorne is well served with local amenities and being close to the town centre the area is also well served for usual town centre facilities. The local community benefits from the Shrewsbury Sports Village leisure centre and the Shrewsbury Club sports centre within the Electoral Division boundary.

Sundorne Nursery, Primary and Secondary Schools provide a through school for the area, and the Lantern Centre has a library, meeting spaces and community café, as well as playing pitches for community use.

## Bayston Hill



Located to the south of the A5 in the suburbs of Shrewsbury is Bayston Hill Electoral Division. The village itself is surrounded by rural areas.

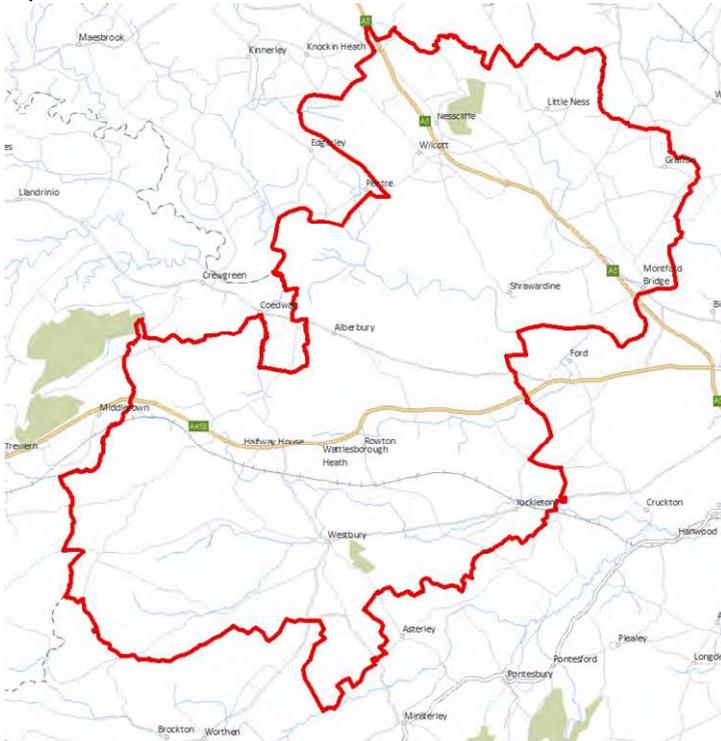
The Electoral Division contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type.

The local community is serviced by a range of shops and retail service providers as well as a number of restaurants and public houses. There area benefits from Lythwood Road Sports Complex with a bowling club, Skate Park and football pitches.

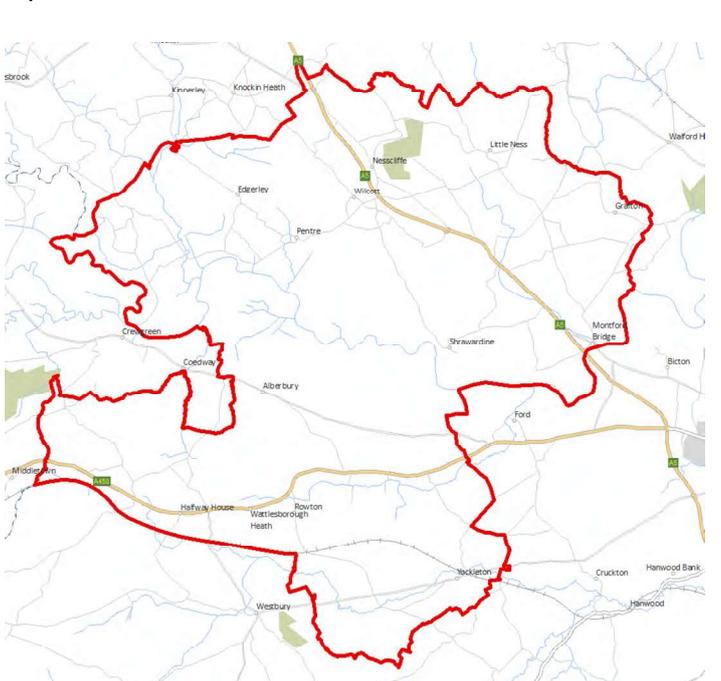
The A5 provides good access towards Mid Wales and the West Midlands, the A49 which runs through Bayston Hill links to the nearby A5 and provides access to the south of the county passing through Church Stretton, Craven Arms and Ludlow.

## Loton

### Option 1



### Option 2



### Option 1

Located in the west of the county bordering Wales to the west.

The proposed Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature with small village settlements located near the two main roads that pass through the west and north west of the area. It contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type, and it is sparsely populated.

Westbury is a settlement with a population of 510 and has a village hall, church and pub and agricultural supplies outlet. Nesscliffe is located to the north close to the A5 and has a Primary School, village hall and garage/shop and pub, and Nesscliffe Country Park which is a popular green space in the division. The MOD own land near Nesscliffe which is used for military training

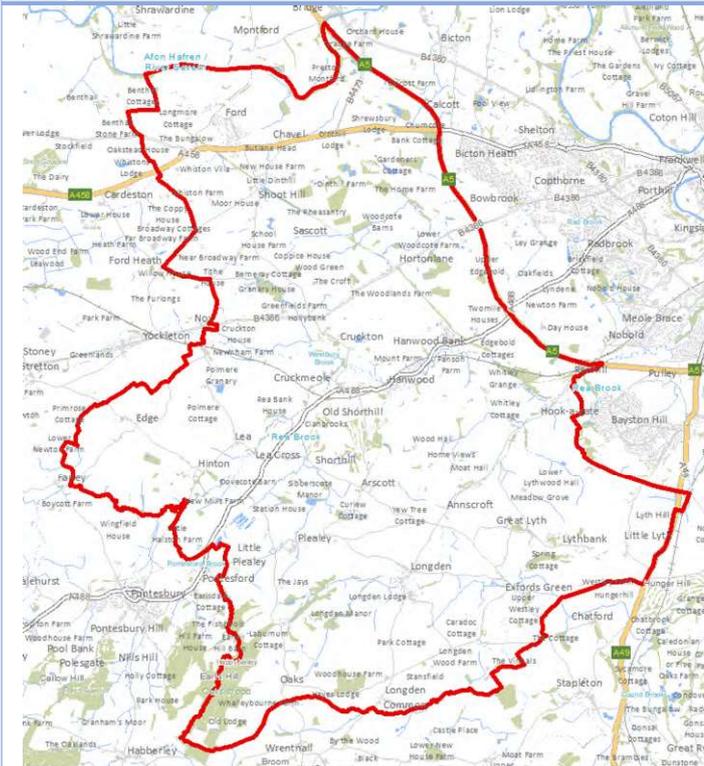
The A458 provides access towards Welshpool and Shrewsbury, where the settlements of Wattleborough, Half Way House and Rowton are located where there is a village hall, car sales unit and health club at Rowton.

To the north of the Electoral Division the A5 provides links towards Oswestry and Shrewsbury and the M54 towards the West Midlands.

### Option 2

The settlement of Westbury is included in the adjoining electoral division of Chirbury and Worthen. This area is also very rural and sparsely populated.

## Longden



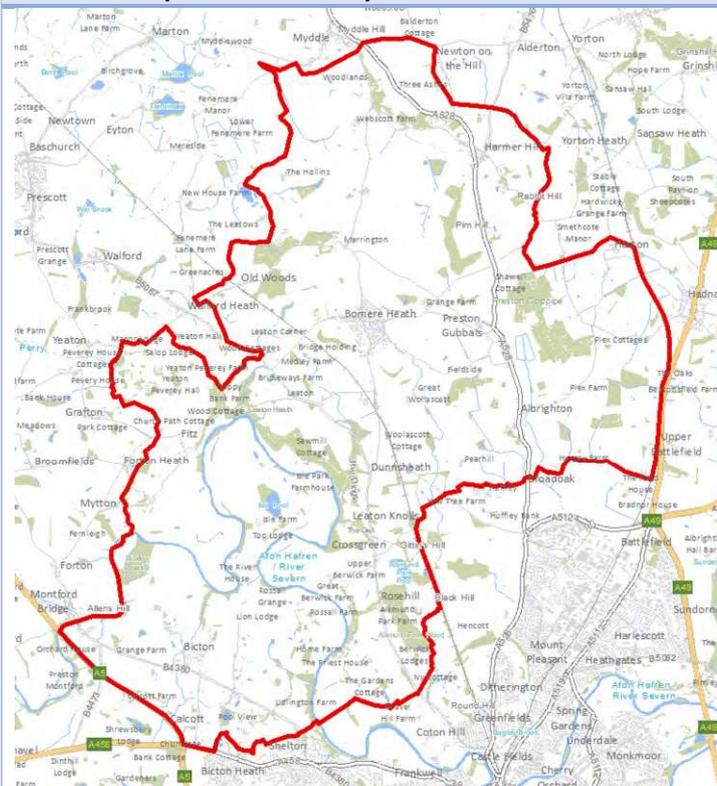
Located to the west of Shrewsbury, Longden Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature, consisting primarily of sparsely populated small settlements, including Ford, Cruckton, Hanwood, Hook-a-Gate, Annscroft, Plealey, Lythbank and Exfords Green as well as Longden itself.

There are primary schools at Ford, Hanwood and Longden, as well as pubs and village halls in each of these settlements, there is also a tennis club at Longden and a football club at Hanwood

To the south east of the division is Lyth Hill Country Park which is a popular green space for residents of the division

The A488 runs through the Electoral Division and provides access to Shrewsbury which is well served for shops and other amenities.

## Tern West (Bomere Heath)



The proposed Tern West (Bomere Heath) Electoral Division wraps around the west and north fringes of Shrewsbury.

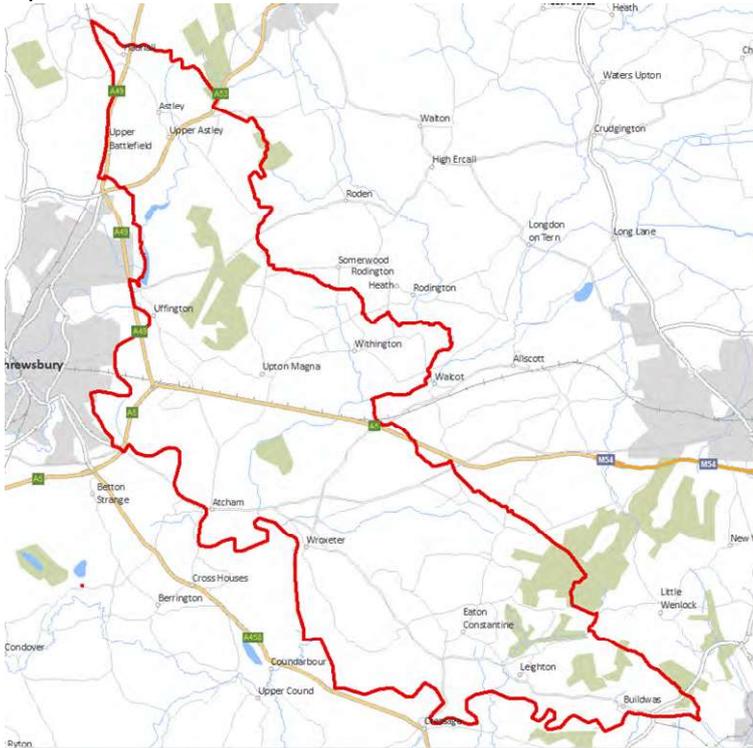
The Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature and is sparsely populated.

There are a number of small settlements within the Division with Bomere Heath and Bickton the most populated.

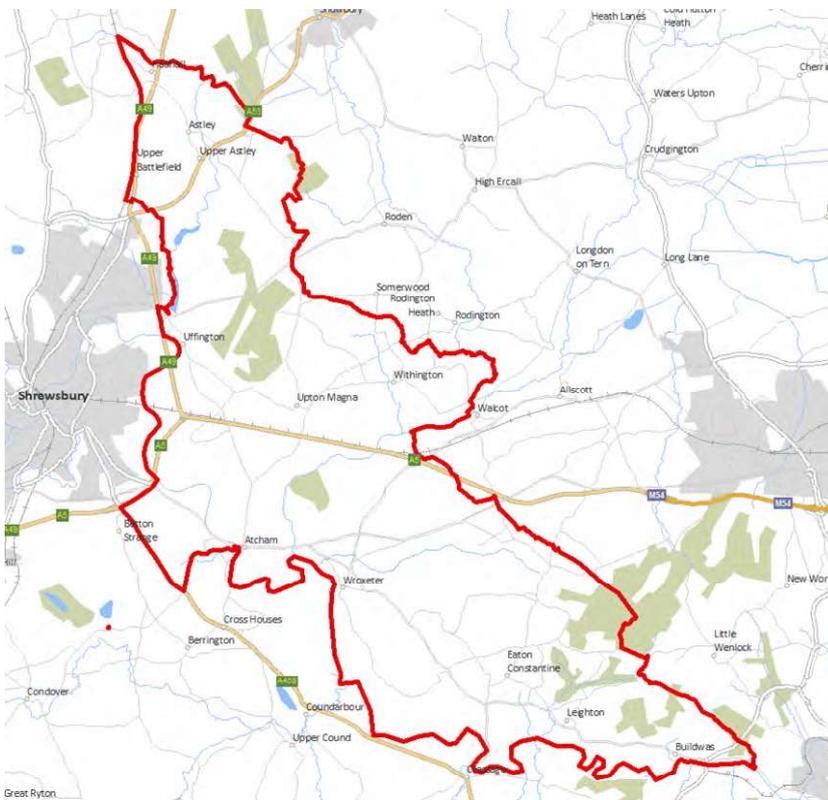
Bomere Heath is the largest settlement and is located in the centre of the Division and acts a mini service centre for the rural area surrounding it. The village has a Primary school, pre-school, Village Hall, post office and small supermarket and takeaway food store. Bickton is in the south of the Division and is mainly residential but does have a village hall and social club, bowling club, primary school, church and pub, and Bomere Heath Cricket club is located on the edge of the village

## Tern East (Severn Valley East)

### Option 1



### Option 2



The proposed Tern East (Severn Valley East) Electoral Division is located to the east and south east of Shrewsbury, north of Much Wenlock.

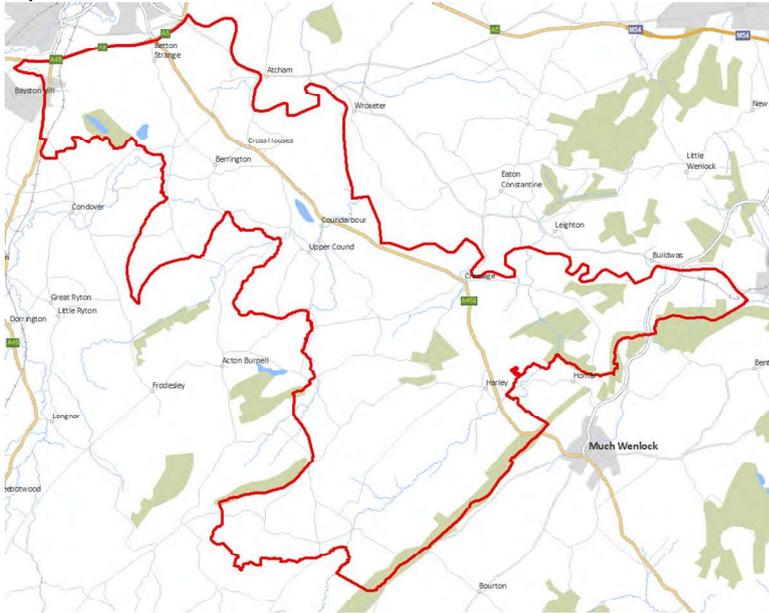
The Electoral Division is predominantly rural in nature and is very sparsely populated, although there are a number of small distinct settlements which include Astley and Upper Astley to the north, Withington and Upton Magna in the centre and Atcham, Wroxeter, Eaton Constantine, Leighton and Buildwas further south. Each of these settlements has a village hall where community activities take place, and there is a Primary School at Upton Magna and small industrial estate which provides employment opportunities in the area

Attingham Park, one of the National Trusts most visited properties in the West Midlands is located in the centre of the division near Atcham, and the English Heritage site of Wroxeter Roman City is close to Wroxeter

The A458 provides links to Shrewsbury and Much Wenlock towards Bridgnorth while the A5 also cuts through the Electoral Division, linking to Shrewsbury in a westerly direction and to the M54 to the east.

## Severn Valley West

### Option 1

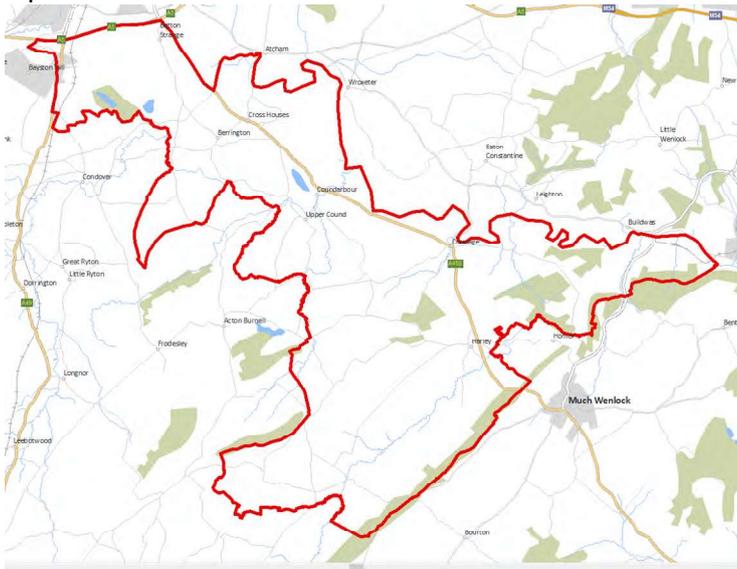


The proposed Severn Valley West Electoral Division is to the south-east of Shrewsbury, and is predominantly rural, with a number of settlements dispersed within the countryside.

The largest settlements in the Electoral Divisions are Cross Houses and Cressage. Both are located on the A458 which runs through the centre of the division and is served by a regular bus service.

Cross Houses has a petrol station and small shop, a community centre and public house, while Cressage has a Primary School, doctors' surgery, playing pitch and village store

### Option 2



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## Appendix A: Option 1

Name	Area (KM <sup>2</sup> )	Number of Electors (April 2022)	Number of Electors (December 2022)	Estimated Electors Number of Electors 2028	Variance from the average based on 75 Councillors in 2028 (3,547)
Abbey	1.6	3201	3197	3297	-7.0%
Albrighton South	17.8	2717	2691	3271	-7.8%
Alveley and Claverley	69.5	3450	3445	3748	5.7%
Bagley	4.5	3809	3822	3896	9.8%
Battlefield	2.8	3471	3469	3804	7.2%
Bayston Hill	2.7	3727	3724	3994	12.6%
Belle Vue	1.1	3486	3424	3551	0.1%
Bishop's Castle	181.5	3313	3288	3351	-5.5%
Bowbrook (Bicton Heath)	3.1	3438	3437	3782	6.6%
Bridgnorth Central	5.2	3828	3755	3902	10.0%
Bridgnorth East	5.0	3536	3531	3543	-0.1%
Bridgnorth West	4.9	3233	3228	3969	11.9%
Broseley	7.4	4040	4004	4164	17.4%
Brown Clee	152.4	3153	3167	3325	-6.3%
Burnell	137.6	3647	3678	3796	7.0%
Castlefields and Ditherington	0.9	3406	3375	3628	2.3%
Cheswardine	68.7	3423	3459	3484	-1.8%
Chirbury and Worthen	122.1	2380	2368	2442	-31.2%
Church Stretton	29.2	3937	3889	4011	13.1%
Clee	54.8	3153	3189	3312	-6.6%
Cleobury Mortimer East	104.9	3293	3260	3334	-6.0%
Cleobury Mortimer West	67.2	3073	3038	3098	-12.7%
Clun	231.7	3147	3178	3159	-10.9%
Column and Sutton	2.1	3504	3489	3588	1.2%
Oteley and Reabrook	1.9	2681	2956	3608	1.7%
Copthorne	2.0	3829	3759	3829	8.0%
Corvedale	199.5	3049	3006	3096	-12.7%
Craven Arms	63.6	2989	2942	3368	-5.0%
Ellesmere Urban	4.2	3382	3380	3814	7.5%
Gobowen	9.9	2830	2901	3166	-10.7%
Selattyn and Weston Rhyn	46.7	2966	2904	3429	-3.3%
Harlescott	3.6	3336	3291	3477	-2.0%
Highley	24.9	3456	3425	3684	3.9%
Hodnet	94.8	3044	3060	3300	-7.0%
Llanymynech	63.3	3514	3488	3714	4.7%
Longden	58.3	3477	3489	3593	1.3%
Loton	124.4	3508	3502	3569	0.6%
Ludlow East	1.9	3213	3177	3225	-9.1%
Ludlow North	27.4	3101	3102	3398	-4.2%
Ludlow South	27.2	3022	3037	3645	2.8%
Market Drayton East	35.8	3714	3727	3910	10.2%
Market Drayton Central	1.6	3621	3611	3628	2.3%
Market Drayton West	1.6	3487	3513	3915	10.4%

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Meole	3.5	3474	3495	3746	5.6%
Monkmoor	1.8	3218	3226	3229	-9.0%
Much Wenlock	82.2	3270	3293	3508	-1.1%
Oswestry North-East	1.3	2875	2846	3431	-3.3%
Oswestry South-East	1.9	3486	3449	3566	0.5%
Oswestry South	2.5	3370	3362	3581	1.0%
Oswestry West	1.6	3495	3498	3520	-0.8%
Porthill	2.1	3489	3548	3819	7.7%
Prees	81.5	2914	2867	3514	-0.9%
Quarry and Coton Hill	3.3	3273	3163	3418	-3.6%
Radbrook	2.5	3638	3620	4117	16.1%
Rea Valley	27.6	3478	3413	3767	6.2%
Ruyton and Baschurch	65.3	3447	3449	3859	8.8%
Severn Valley East	85.3	2852	3058	3576	0.8%
Severn Valley West	85.4	2819	2837	3388	-4.5%
Shawbury	54.8	3141	3140	3350	-5.6%
Shifnal East, Cosford and Albrighton	39.6	3206	3321	3521	-0.7%
Shifnal North	37.7	3528	3513	3608	1.7%
Shifnal West	10.4	3587	3552	3611	1.8%
St. Martin's	43.4	3499	3506	3844	8.4%
St. Oswald	49.3	3490	3513	3554	0.2%
Sundorne	1.7	3181	3207	3294	-7.1%
Tern West	50.2	2997	3072	3750	5.7%
The Meres	116.0	3546	3541	3606	1.7%
Underdale	1.6	3548	3513	3555	0.2%
Wem East	34.2	3832	3827	3971	12.0%
Wem West	38.4	3578	3575	3874	9.2%
Whitchurch North-East	9.0	3068	3121	3464	-2.3%
Whitchurch North-West	7.1	2999	3002	3225	-9.1%
Whitchurch South	43.3	3218	3252	3885	9.5%
Whittington	49.4	3422	3478	3836	8.1%
Worfield	92.6	3034	3006	3091	-12.9%

## Appendix B: Option 2

Electoral Ward	Area KM <sup>2</sup>	Number of Electors (April 2022)	Number of Electors (December 2022)	Estimated Number of Electors 2028	Variance from the average based on 75 Councillors in 2028 (3,547)
Abbey	2	2506	2724	3211	-9.5%
Albrighton South	18	2717	2691	3271	-7.8%
Alveley and Claverley	70	3450	3445	3748	5.7%
Bagley	4	3809	3822	3896	9.8%
Battlefield	3	3471	3469	3804	7.2%
Bayston Hill	3	3727	3724	3994	12.6%
Belle Vue	1	3486	3424	3551	0.1%
Bishop's Castle	182	3313	3288	3351	-5.5%
Bowbrook (Bicton Heath)	3	3438	3437	3782	6.6%
Bridgnorth Central	5	3828	3755	3902	10.0%
Bridgnorth East	5	3536	3531	3543	-0.1%
Bridgnorth West	5	3233	3228	3969	11.9%
Broseley	7	3792	3760	3916	10.4%
Brown Clee	152	3153	3167	3325	-6.3%
Burnell	138	3647	3678	3796	7.0%
Castlefields and Ditherington	1	3406	3375	3628	2.3%
Cheswardine	69	3423	3459	3484	-1.8%
Chirbury and Worthen	155	3093	3066	3167	-10.7%
Church Stretton	29	3937	3889	4011	13.1%
Clee	55	3190	3226	3349	-5.6%
Cleobury Mortimer North	125	3189	3135	3220	-9.2%
South	47	3140	3126	3175	-10.5%
Clun	232	3147	3178	3159	-10.9%
Column and Sutton	2	3504	3489	3588	1.2%
Oteley and Reabrook	2	2681	2956	3608	1.7%
Cophthorne	2	3829	3759	3829	8.0%
Corvedale	200	3049	3006	3096	-12.7%
Craven Arms	64	2989	2942	3368	-5.0%
Ellesmere Urban	4	3382	3380	3814	7.5%
Gobowen	10	2830	2901	3166	-10.7%
Selattyn and Weston Rhyn	47	2966	2904	3429	-3.3%
Harlescott	4	3336	3291	3477	-2.0%
Highley	25	3456	3425	3684	3.9%
Hodnet	95	3044	3060	3300	-7.0%
Llanymynech	51	3236	3216	3436	-3.1%
Longden	58	3477	3489	3593	1.3%
Loton	103	3073	3076	3122	-12.0%
Ludlow East	2	3213	3177	3225	-9.1%
Ludlow North	27	3101	3102	3398	-4.2%
Ludlow South	27	3022	3037	3645	2.8%
Market Drayton East	36	3714	3727	3910	10.2%
Market Drayton Central	2	3621	3611	3628	2.3%
Market Drayton West	2	3487	3513	3915	10.4%
Meole	4	3474	3495	3746	5.6%

Electoral Ward	Area KM <sup>2</sup>	Number of Electors (April 2022)	Number of Electors (December 2022)	Estimated Number of Electors 2028	Variance from the average based on 75 Councillors in 2028 (3,547)
Monkmoor	2	3860	3867	3867	9.0%
Much Wenlock	82	3518	3537	3756	5.9%
Oswestry North-East	1	2875	2846	3431	-3.3%
Oswestry South-East	2	3486	3449	3566	0.5%
Oswestry South	3	3370	3362	3581	1.0%
Oswestry West	2	3495	3498	3520	-0.8%
Porthill	2	3489	3548	3819	7.7%
Prees	82	2914	2867	3514	-0.9%
Quarry and Coton Hill	3	3273	3163	3418	-3.6%
Radbrook	2	3638	3620	4117	16.1%
Rea Valley	28	3478	3413	3767	6.2%
Ruyton and Baschurch	65	3447	3449	3859	8.8%
Severn Valley East	88	2644	2639	2760	-22.2%
Severn Valley West	82	2779	2795	3348	-5.6%
Shawbury	55	3141	3140	3350	-5.6%
Shifnal East, Cosford and Albrighton	40	3206	3321	3521	-0.7%
Shifnal North	38	3528	3513	3608	1.7%
Shifnal West	10	3587	3552	3611	1.8%
St. Martin's	43	3499	3506	3844	8.4%
St. Oswald	49	3490	3513	3554	0.2%
Sundorne	2	3181	3207	3294	-7.1%
Tern West	50	2997	3072	3750	5.7%
The Meres	116	3546	3541	3606	1.7%
Underdale	1	3849	3806	3859	8.8%
Wem East	34	3832	3827	3971	12.0%
Wem West	38	3578	3575	3874	9.2%
Whitchurch North-East	9	3068	3121	3464	-2.3%
Whitchurch North-West	7	2999	3002	3225	-9.1%
Whitchurch South	43	3218	3252	3885	9.5%
Whittington	49	3422	3478	3836	8.1%
Worfield	93	3034	3006	3091	-12.9%