

# Northumberland

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**Related subject:** Stocksfield and Prudhoe

It would be better if Stocksfield division included. Stocksfield, Mickley, Hedley (currently south Tynedale) and Eltringham (currently Prudhoe) This would give the projected electoral number for Stocksfield 3430 (losing Riding and Broomhaugh to Corbridge) and South Tynedale 3802.

Hedley borders Mickley and Stocksfield; it has a Stocksfield post code. Eltringham, a small hamlet, borders Mickley, currently in the Prudhoe division but separated by the A695, a natural boundary line. This new proposed division would reflect the rural area these villages lie within and the similar challenges they face. This also meets with the 3 priorities of the Electoral Review;-

Improves electoral equality

Reflects community identity

Supports effective and convenient local government

To suggest Prudhoe hall is connected to Stocksfield makes no sense. It is not connected geographically and does not make for effective/convenient local governance. The ward lies to the east of Prudhoe.

If Stocksfield were to be joined with Prudhoe, Eltringham and Bewick grange lie to the west and have connectivity to Mickley, geographically and historically, reflecting community identity and supporting effective and convenient local government. This would be a better division of the wards, as is often the case a planning application which borders a ward can have an impact on a neighbouring parish.

Prudhoe; the present division of North/South is far from clear and is in need of reconfiguring. It is difficult to determine which councillor is

responsible for a division and the haphazard way the divisions have been drawn up is confusing; for eg Castlefields and South/Moor road. There is a natural divide the B6395 which runs across the town, east to west. This would simplify matters and naturally create the two divisions of North and South.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*