

# Shropshire

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**Related subject:** Burnell Ward

Whilst I understand the overarching and wholly sensible desire from the LGBC to try to even up numbers within electoral boundaries, in this case there appears to be an overemphasis on equalization to the detriment of the electors in the Burnell Ward for the following main reasons:

1. Burnell and Bayston Hill are very different in character with Burnell consisting of relatively small, isolated rural parishes and Bayston Hill being essentially a town area and suburb of Shrewsbury. Accordingly, in many ways, residents of both areas have very different needs & concerns and combining them will risk neither group being properly served.
2. Burnell and Bayston Hill will be in different parliamentary constituencies, which will undoubtedly lead to confusion and complexity regarding representation.

Additionally, it should be noted that Cound will find itself in a similar situation to Burnell and adding Cardington to Corvedale will create a very large ward comprising no less 11 parish councils.

Overall therefore, the overemphasis on numbers would create a significantly inferior position from the current one for virtually all concerned. Perhaps it would be better to join Bayston Hill with Otley and Reabrook, thereby creating a 2-member town ward that is not only within the tolerance, but also avoids linking a town ward with a rural ward.

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*