

Westmorland and Furness

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Related subject: Appleby & Brough Ward

The current proposal put forward by W&F Council to create an Appleby ward and a much extended Kirkby Stephen and Brough ward do not meet the historic or cultural connections of the residents. There has always been competition between Appleby & Kirkby Stephen and when I refer to Appleby I mean the town of Appleby and all the surrounding communities (the former Westmorland Villages) that under current W&F proposals will be in the Kirkby Stephen and Brough ward. The current plans totally ignore the historic and cultural connections to Appleby in fact many would have to travel through Appleby to access Kirkby Stephen. Brough has historically looked to Appleby (the former County Town) it is only recently with the closure of the doctors surgery that residents of Brough have needed to go to Kirkby Stephen to access a doctor. At the same time the doctors in Kirkby Stephen has told everybody west of Brough they need to register with the doctors in Appleby. These are the same residents the W&F proposals suggest should be in the new Kirkby Stephen & Brough Ward. The recreation of the name 'Westmorland' has been welcomed in the town and surrounding villages of 'Appleby in Westmorland' the full name of the town since 1973 when Westmorland was incorporated into the name. To sever these historic links will be a travesty and will destroy much of the positive image of the recent recreation of the old county.

Attached Documents:

None attached