

# Westmorland and Furness

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Brough Parish

The following is an extract from Brough Parish Council's Minutes of 20 March 2025, which sets out the Council's response to the recommendation relevant to Brough Parish:

"8. Community Governance Review – the Clerk informed the Meeting of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's (LGBCE) review of electoral arrangements for Westmorland & Furness Council.

Their first round of consultation finished late last year, and the LGBCE have now published their draft recommendations for how wards should be configured. A public consultation is being conducted which runs until 12 May. Town and parish councils are encouraged to look at the draft recommendations, to consider how they may affect their communities and to respond to the consultation.

The proposal most directly impacting on Brough is the recommendation that Brough should become part of a Kirkby Stephen & Brough Ward, with two councillors, as opposed to being part of a ward with Appleby.

This was largely welcomed by Brough Parish Council, as links with Kirkby Stephen are greater than links with Appleby. These include a greater tendency to look towards Kirkby Stephen rather than Appleby for shopping, public transport (train), medical appointments, education (including secondary school education) and community events (such as Brough Agricultural Show, Cumbria Easter Rally, Westmorland Dales Weekend). Brough Parish Council has repeatedly argued for greater emphasis on links with Kirkby Stephen rather than with Appleby.

However, concern was expressed about the geographical size of the proposed ward, which covers a number of villages at some distance from either Kirkby Stephen or Brough.

The Clerk was charged with conveying the Council's views to the LGBCE."

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*