

# Cumberland

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Afternoon,

I would like to express my support to the attached boundary changes put forward by Whitehaven & Workington Labour Party.

Regards

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## Attached Documents:

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## **Whitehaven & Workington Labour Party**

### **Proposal for Local Government Boundary Commission**

Whitehaven and Workington Labour Party represents over 500 members who are residents in the constituency of Whitehaven and Workington, from Flimby in the north to Drigg and Holmrook in the south and east into the Lake District National Park, covering the Wasdale and Ennerdale valleys.

In producing this submission, we consulted our members widely, which includes Cumberland councillors, town and parish councillors, community leaders, local business owners and workers in our local public services and nuclear industry. This submission received broad support and the unanimous agreement of our Executive Committee, which includes representatives from all communities within the constituency.

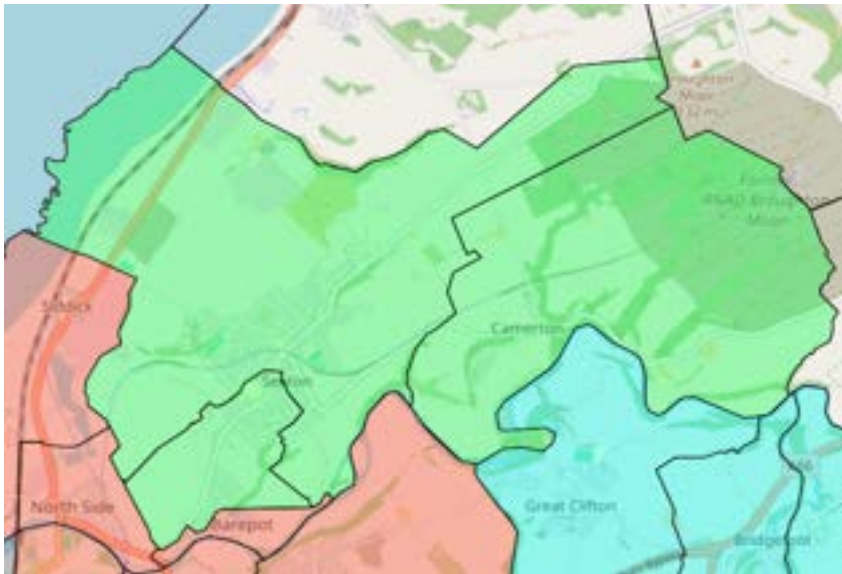
Our primary goal has been to create wards which bring natural communities together, which we believe we have done very effectively. We have attempted to keep parish council areas within single wards; where this has not been possible due to their size, we have split them in ways which make sense to the communities living there. However, we have also attempted to produce wards which follow our constituency boundary where it is possible and makes sense and where this is in line with your own criteria. We appreciate that this is not a requirement of the Boundary Commission but it is something we feel is important as wards which cross Parliamentary constituency boundaries can end up with some parts being overlooked.

Below you will find our proposals for each of the wards in our constituency with an explainer and suggested title. Our proposals produce 17 wards which fit your variance of +/- 10% and one ward which is over the variance. We have explained why.

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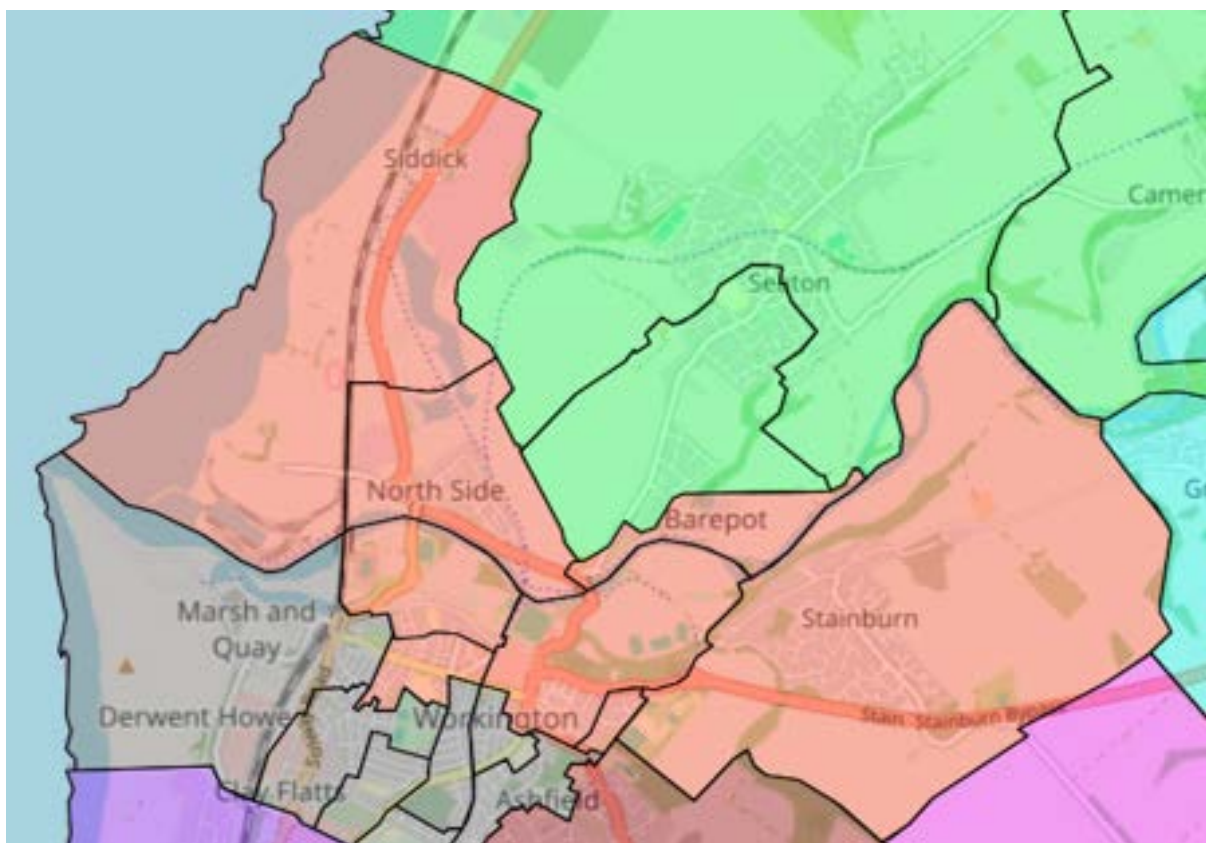
Name of ward	Number of cllrs per ward	Electorate 2024	Variance 2024	Electorate 2030	Variance 2030
Seaton	1	4,086	4%	4,146	6%
Workington Central & Stainburn	1	3,898	-1%	3,825	-2%
Workington South	1	4,120	5%	4,084	5%
Moorclose	1	3,564	-9%	3,783	-3%
Westfield	1	3,730	-5%	3,886	0%
Harrington	1	4,119	5%	4,074	4%
Marron	1	4,160	6%	4,014	3%
Bransty & Parton	1	4,153	5%	4,196	8%
Hillcrest & Hensingham	1	3,850	-2%	3,928	1%
Howgate	1	3,966	1%	3,904	0%
Whitehaven Central	1	3,927	0%	3,779	-3%
Kells	1	3,706	-6%	3,909	0%
Mirehouse	1	4,280	9%	4,106	5%
Cleator Moor West & Frizington	1	3,930	0%	3,939	1%
Cleator Moor East	1	4,070	3%	4,010	3%
St. Bees & Coastal	1	4,132	5%	4,082	5%
Egremont	1	4,641	18%	4,636	19%
Gosforth	1	3,952	0%	3,845	-1%

## Seaton



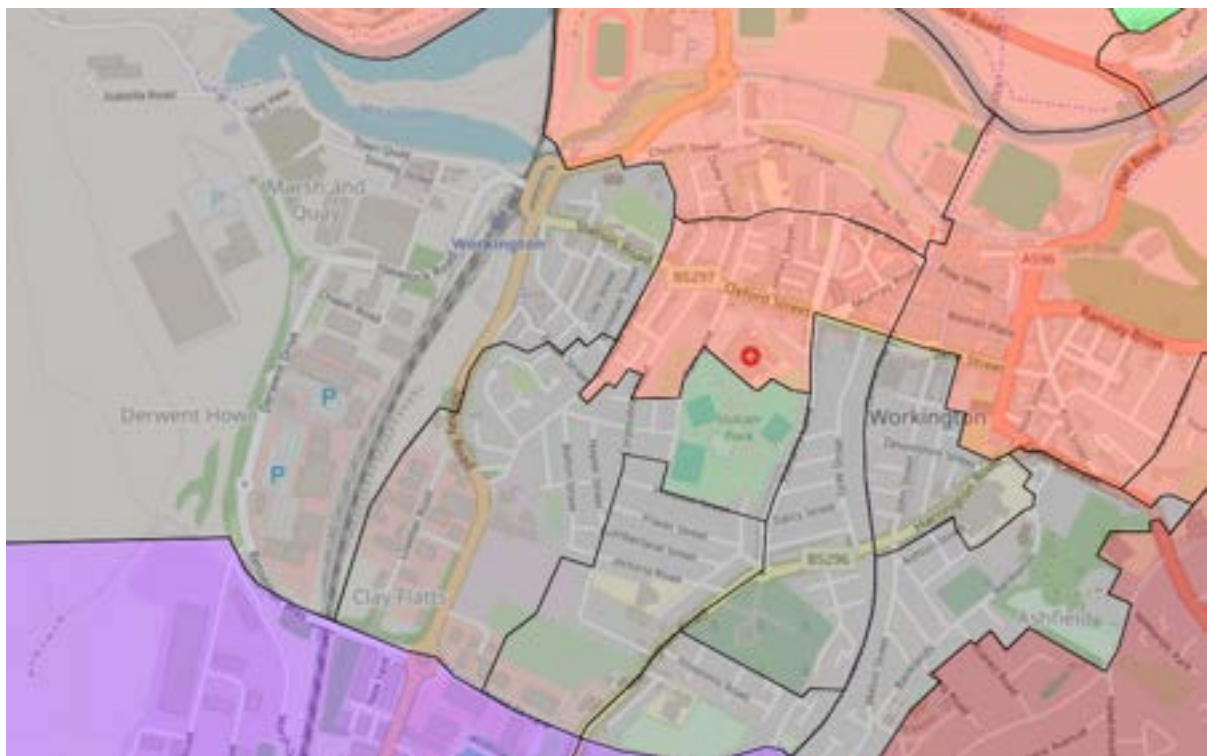
This maintains most of the existing ward of Seaton and keeps the village of Seaton intact while removing the southern polling district to bring the projected electorate in line with your requirements.

## Workington Central & Stainburn



This combines Stainburn and the centre of Workington with communities on the north side of the river which look to Workington as a service centre, and are a natural extension of the town centre; they are connected by a footbridge, roads, bus and rail services into the town centre, where people who live here work, shop and engage in leisure activities.

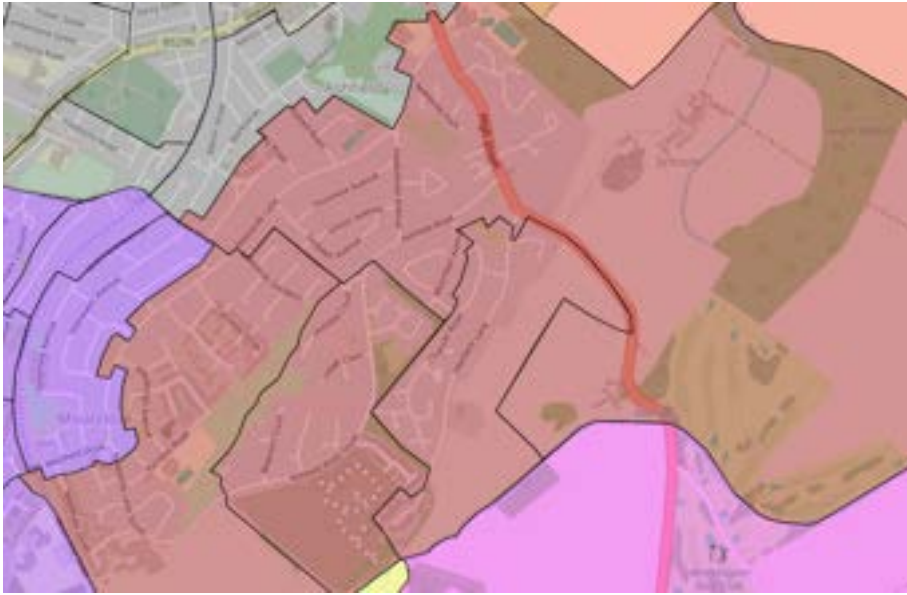
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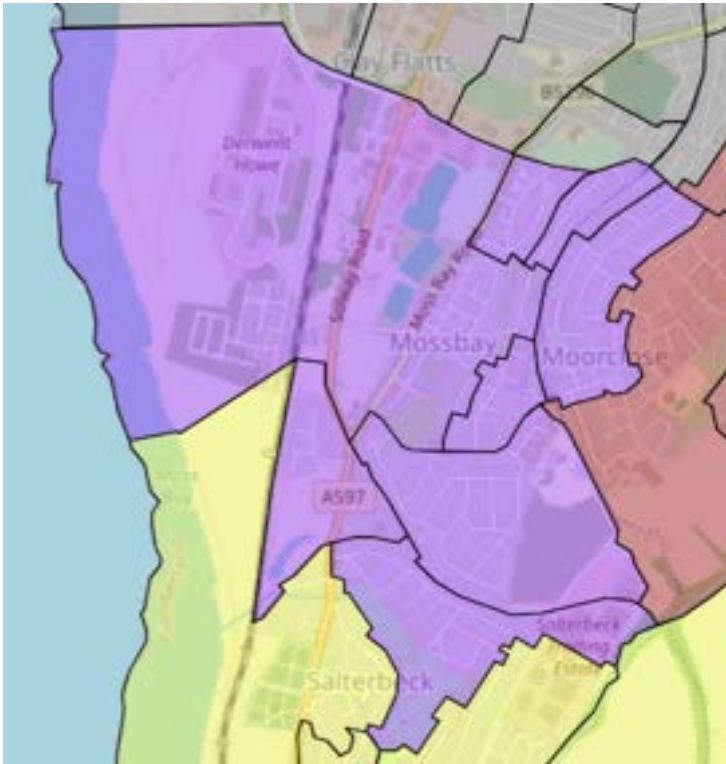
This ward brings together the south and west of Workington.



## Moorclose

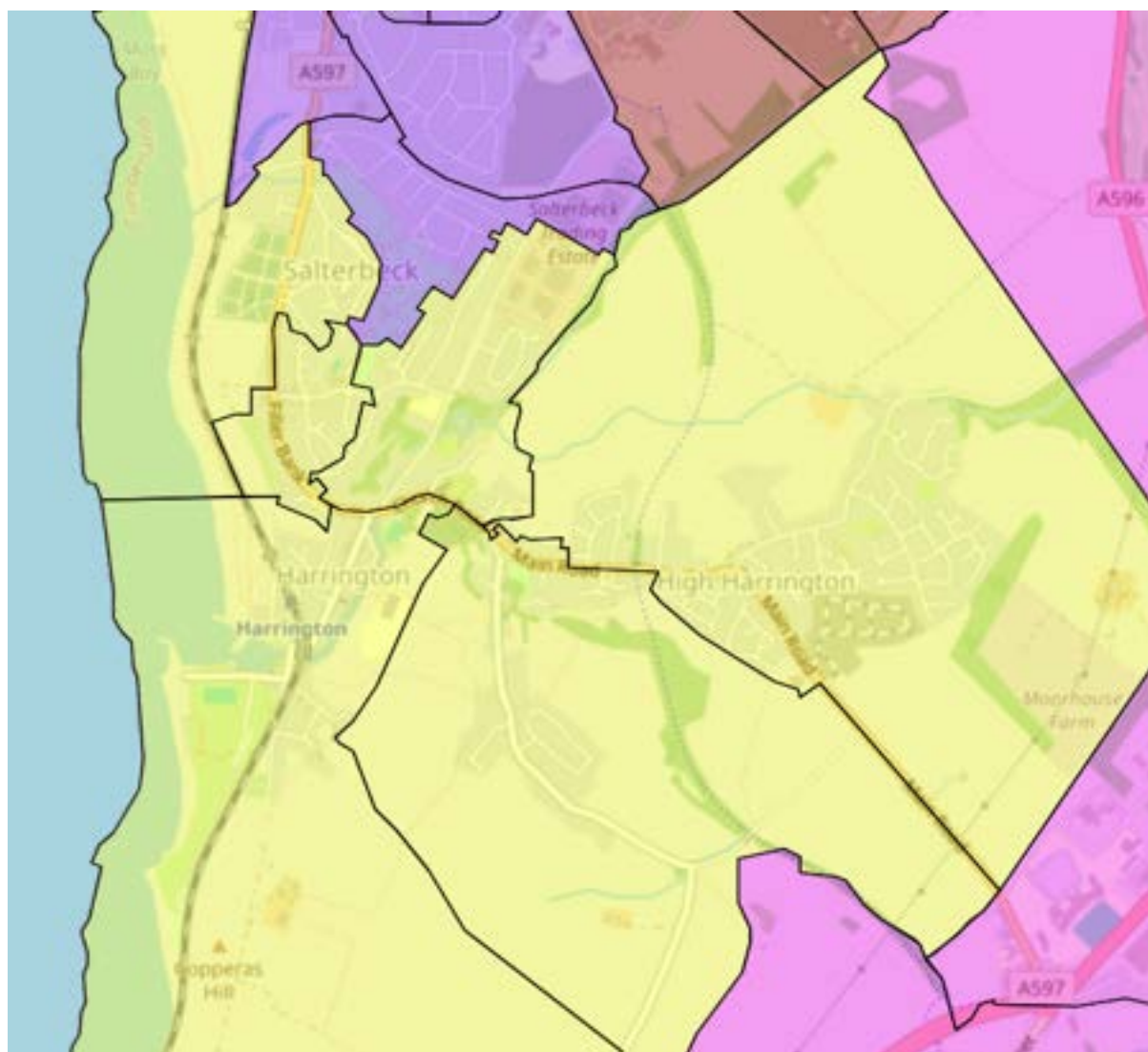


## Westfield



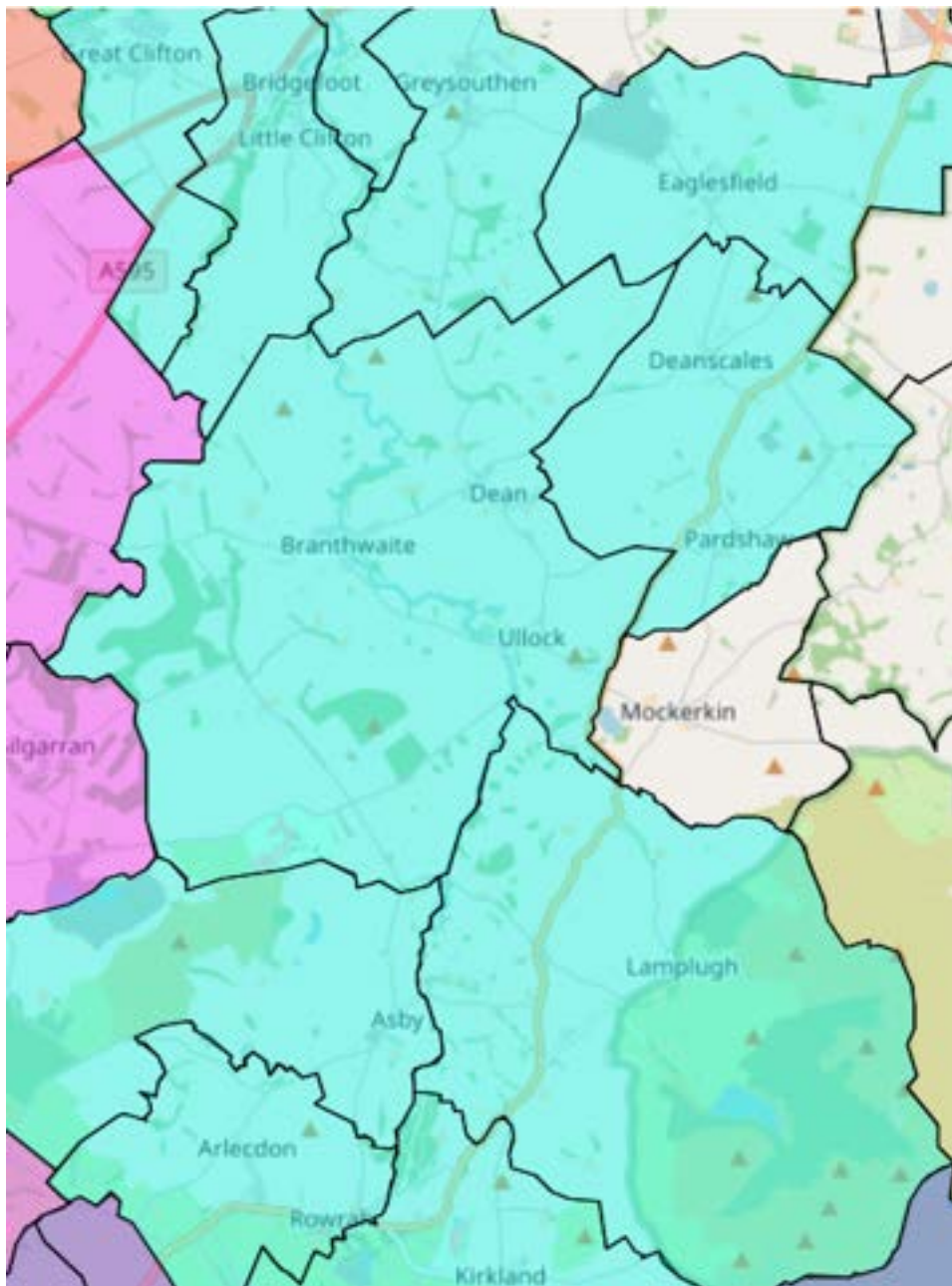
The Moorclose and Westfield wards split and expand the current Mossbay and Moorclose ward into the Mossbay and Westfield communities, maintaining important community ties.

## Harrington



The communities of Harrington and Salterbeck are distinct and well established and this ward maintains those two communities with only a minor alteration to the existing ward boundary.

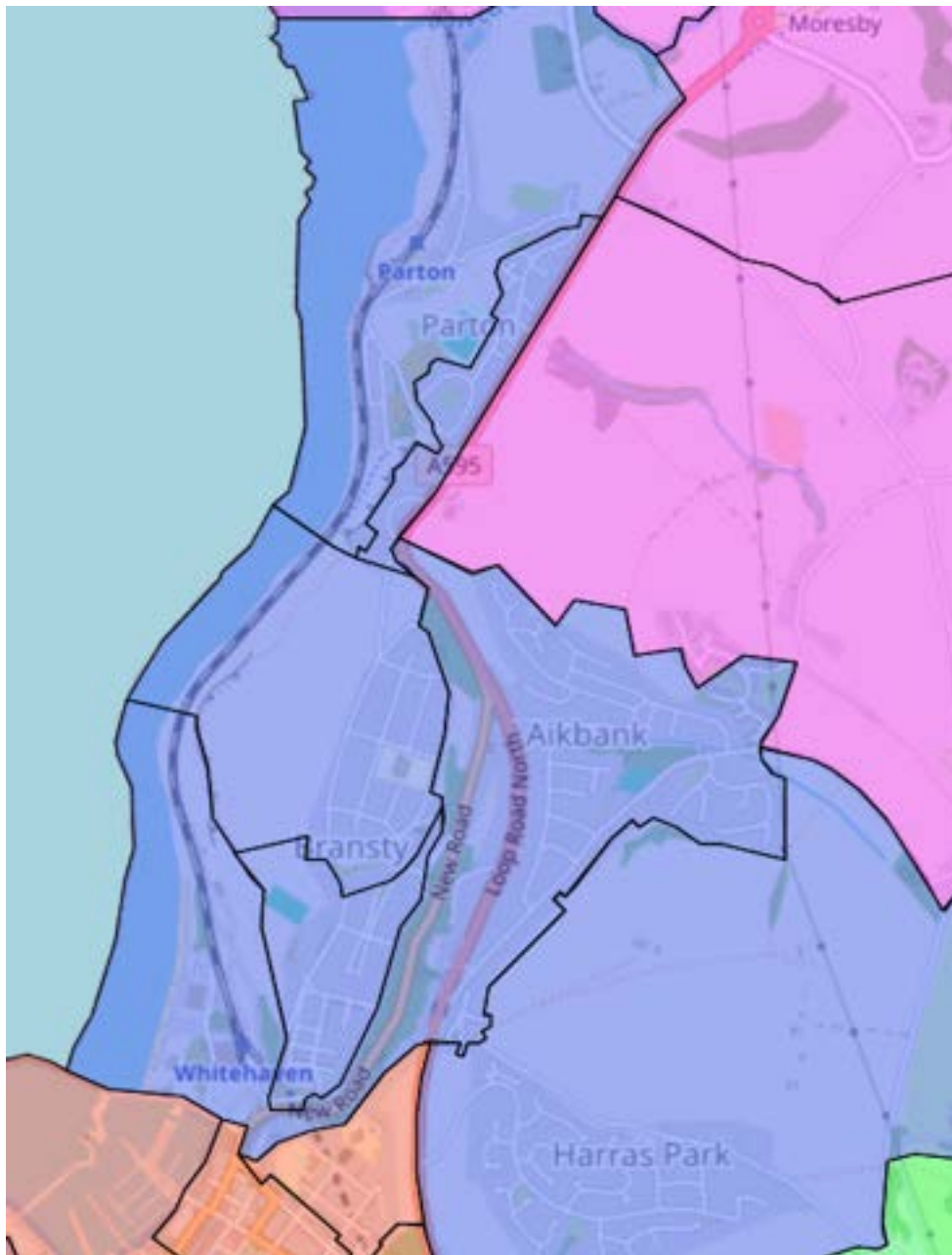
## Marron



This ward brings together a series of villages in the east of the constituency which have natural community ties but are currently split between multiple different wards. The River Marron runs through the middle of the new ward, which brings together the parishes of Arlecdon, Dean, Great Clifton, Greysouthern, Lamplugh and Little Clifton. Bringing these villages into one ward would give the area one strong voice to advocate for this part of rural West Cumbria on Cumberland Council.

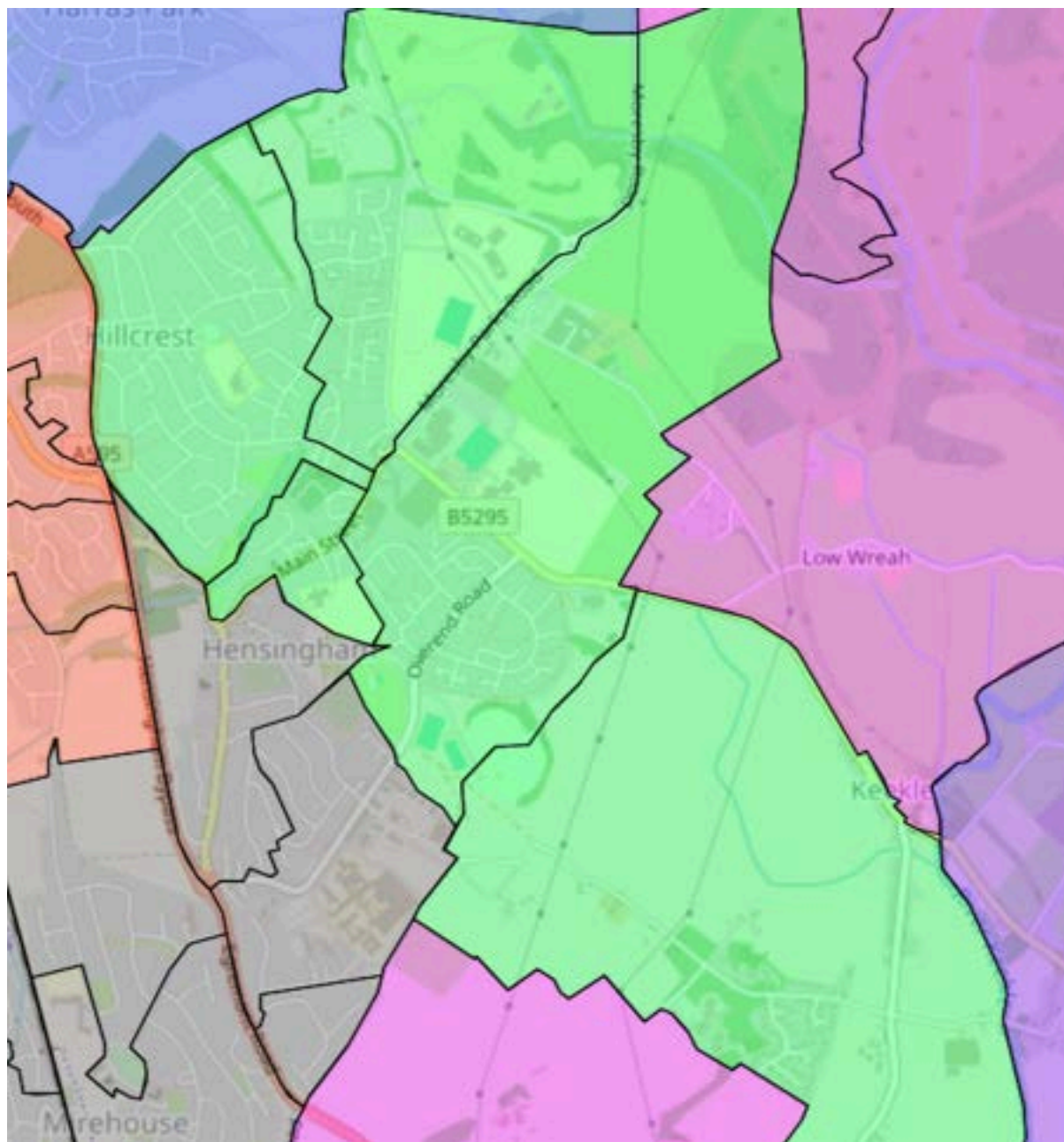


## Bransty & Parton



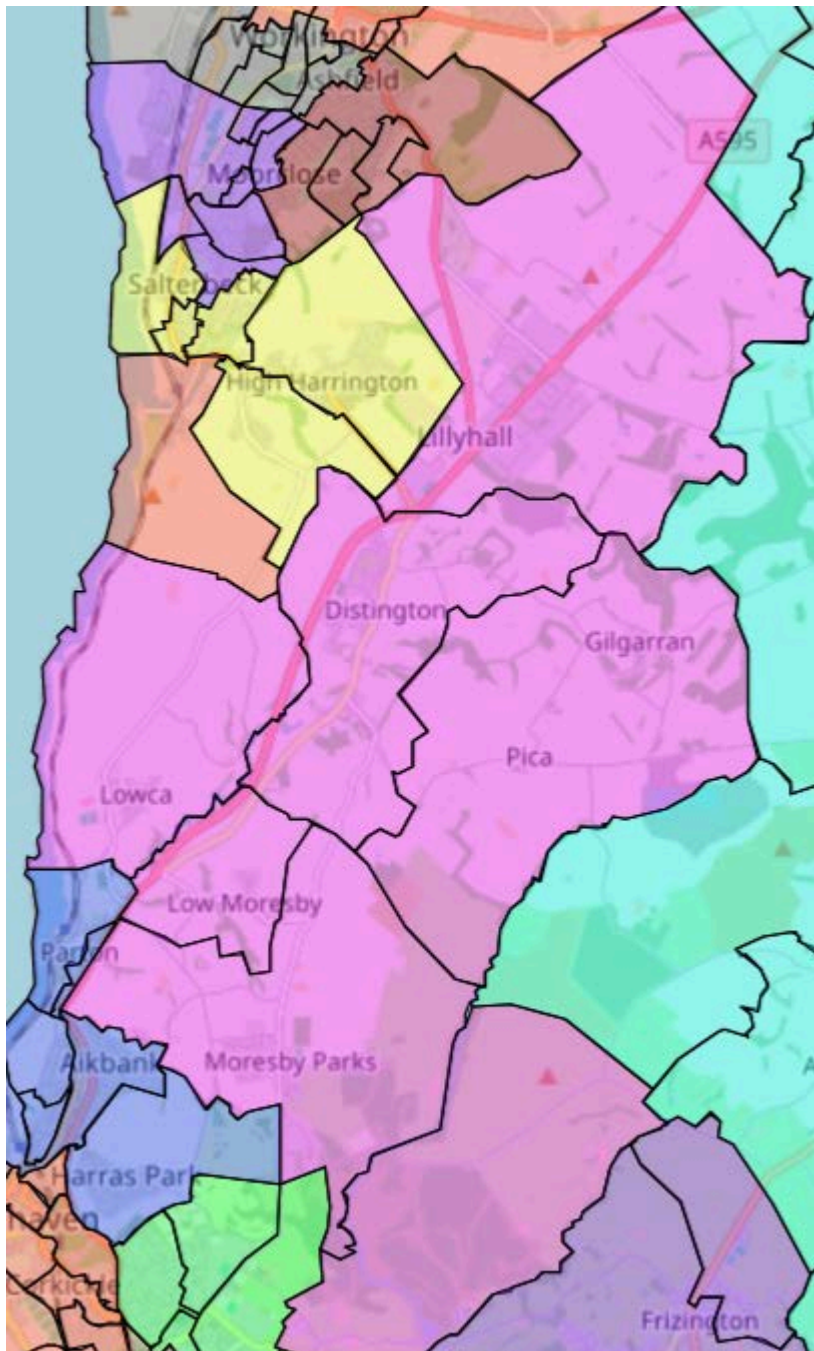
Parton naturally connects to Bransty This ward maintains most of the existing ward of Bransty other than that within the town centre and adds in an area with natural connections thereby meeting the target electorate. There is an anomaly in this ward, in that one road, The Mount, is currently split across polling districts as a result of being split between the parishes of Whitehaven and Moresby in a way that makes no community sense. Previous similar issues in this area were tidied up under an earlier review with changes to parish boundaries.

## Hillcrest & Hensingham



This maintains most of the existing Hillcrest and Hensingham ward.

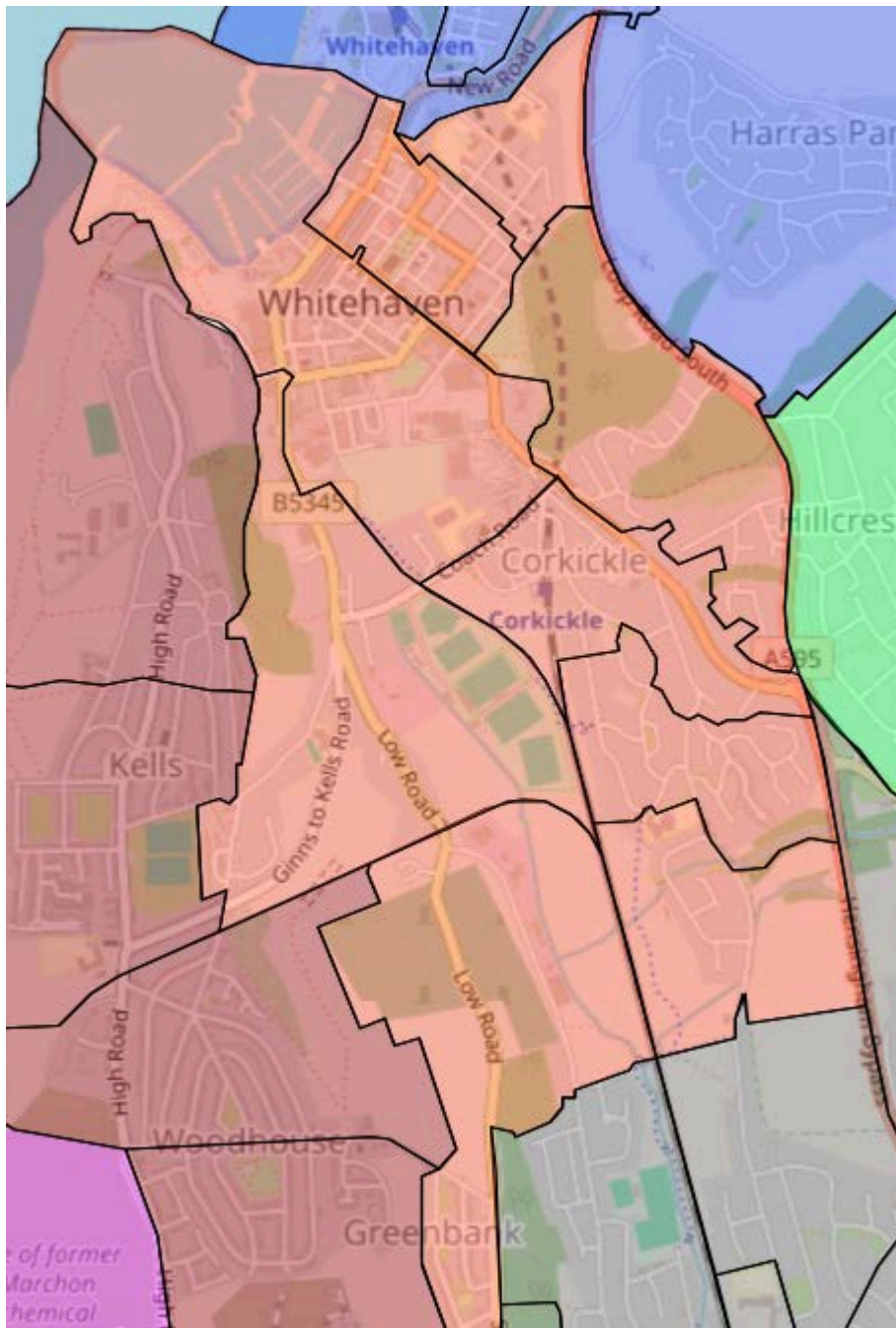
## Howgate



This maintains most of the existing Howgate ward, with Winstanley in the north added in given its natural connection into Distington. We are suggesting a tweak to the polling districts, so that the whole of Whitehaven Golf Course is in this Ward; there are no dwellings or electors in this area. (The Golf Course is in Moresby Parish and this would keep the whole parish within one ward.)

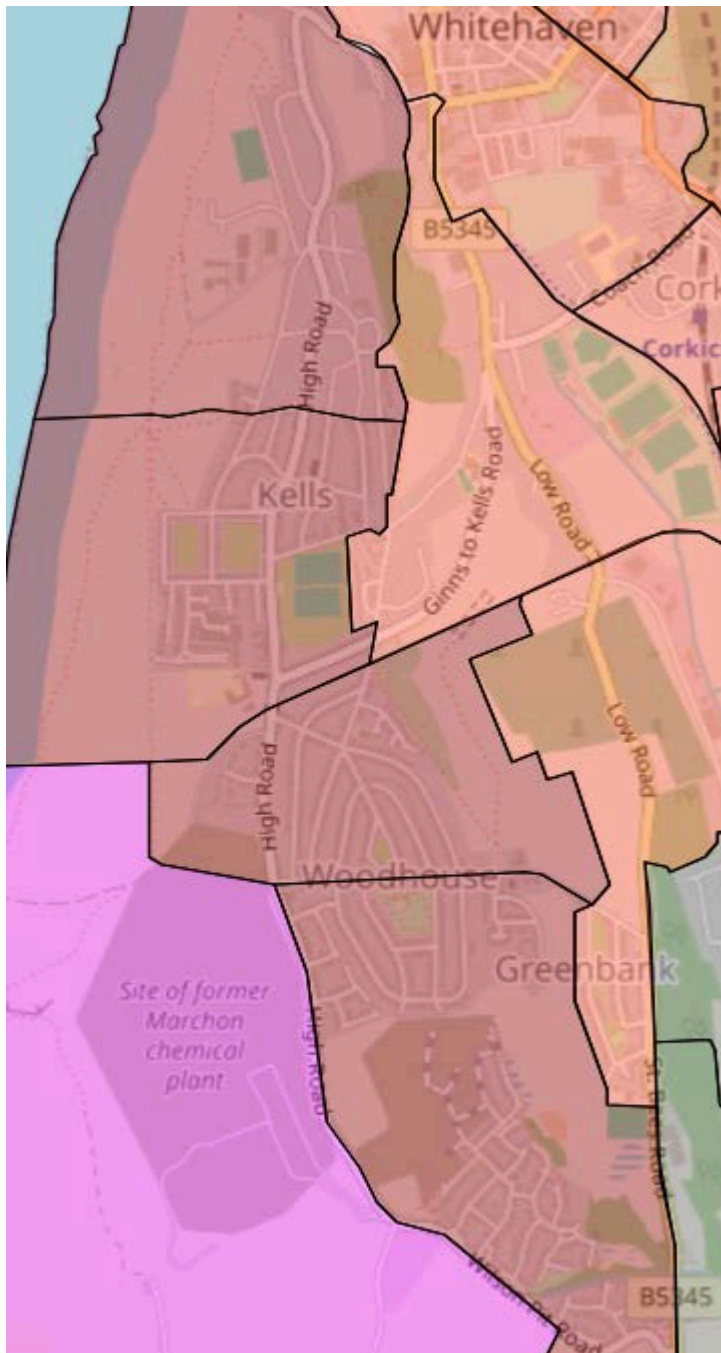


## Whitehaven Central



The centre of Whitehaven is a distinct community which is currently split across three wards. Our proposal brings Whitehaven town centre together into one ward and gives the town centre its own representative. Redevelopment of the town has been identified as a key priority for the council and the MP. It currently suffers from not having one councillor to represent the town centre.

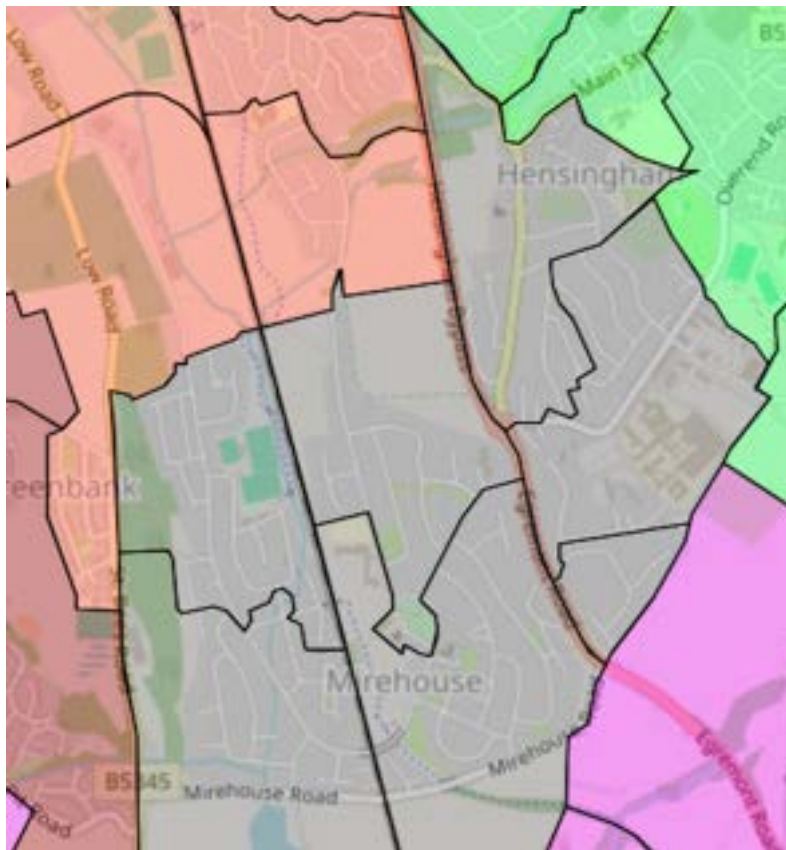
## Kells



Kells and Woodhouse are distinct communities which it makes sense to keep together and this maintains the target electorate.

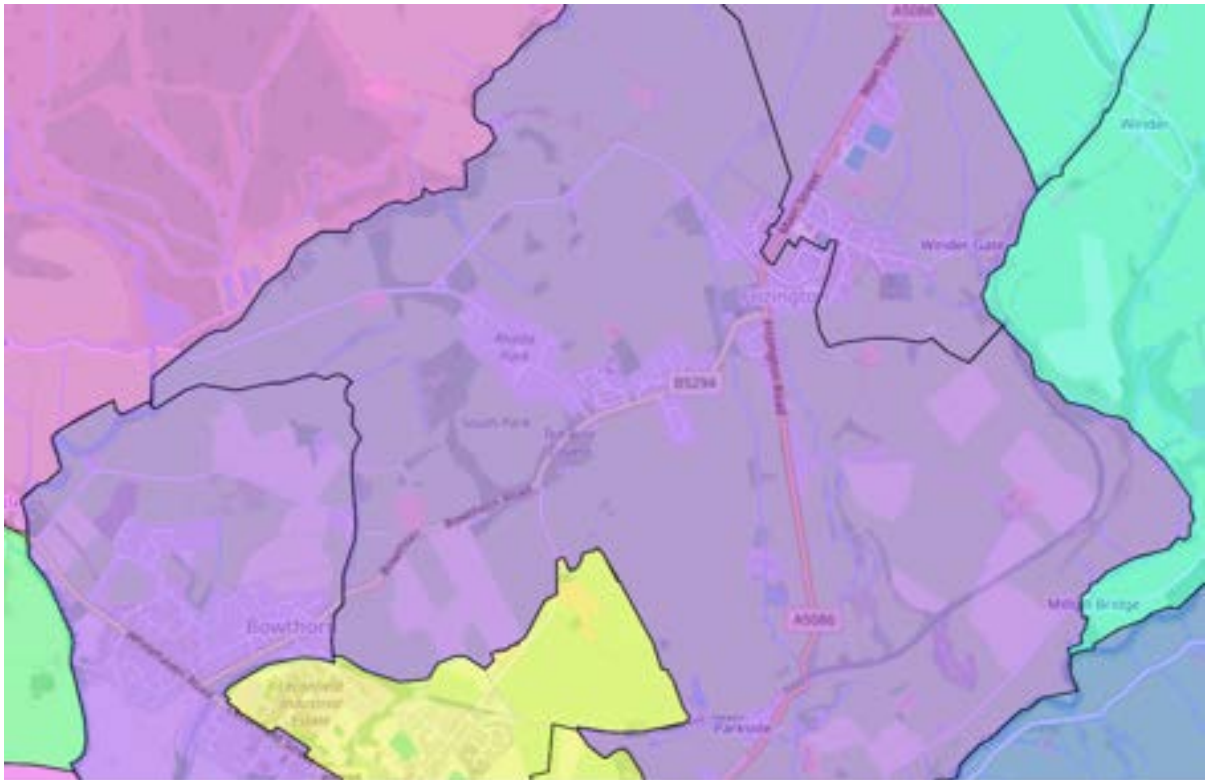


## Mirehouse



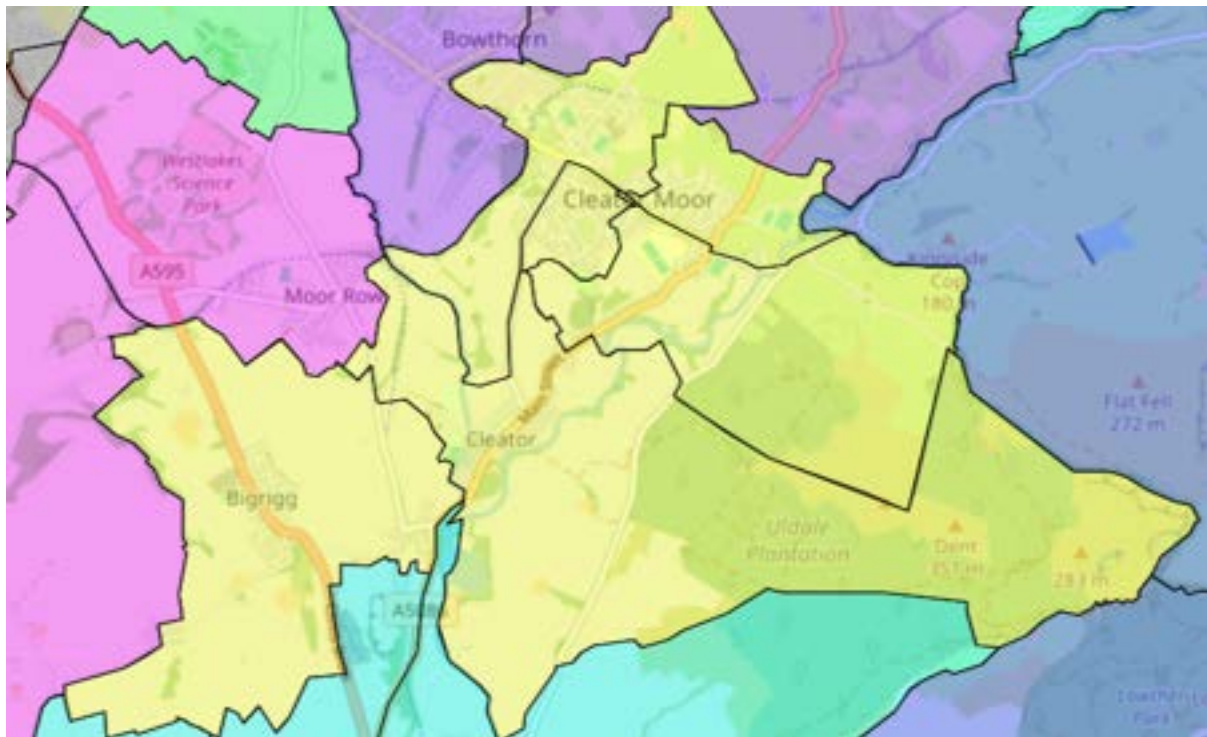
Currently, Mirehouse is split between two wards, despite the community's strong identity and clear community connections across the whole estate. This proposal brings the whole Mirehouse estate together with the areas of Hensingham that are in the current Mirehouse ward.

## Cleator Moor West & Frizington



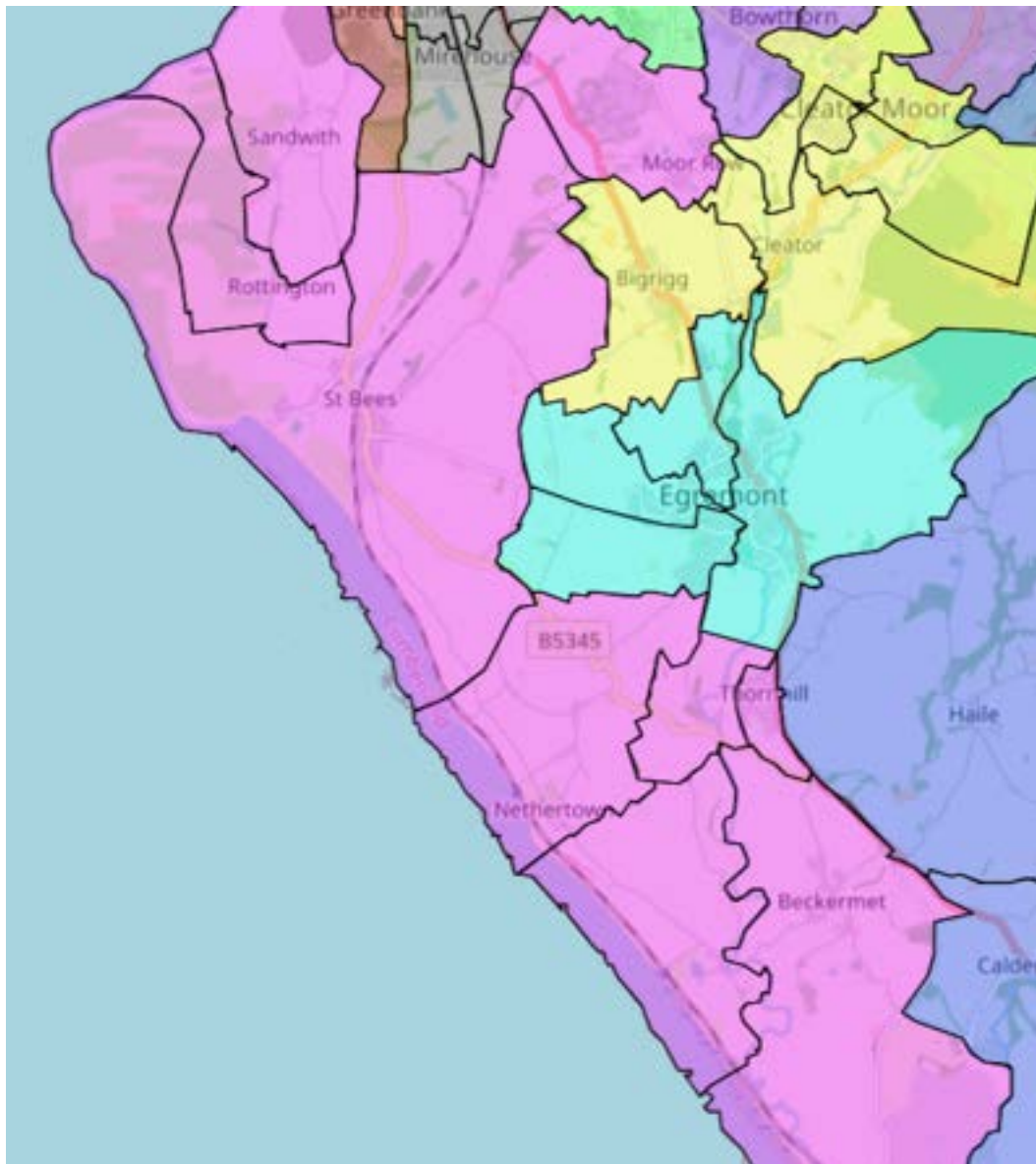
It is important to keep the whole of Frizington together, and it naturally connects with the west of Cleator Moor via Bowthorn Road. The west of Cleator Moor has a natural boundary at Bowthorn Road which, given Cleator Moor has to be split somewhere in order to meet the electorate target, is the best place to break it up.

## Cleator Moor East



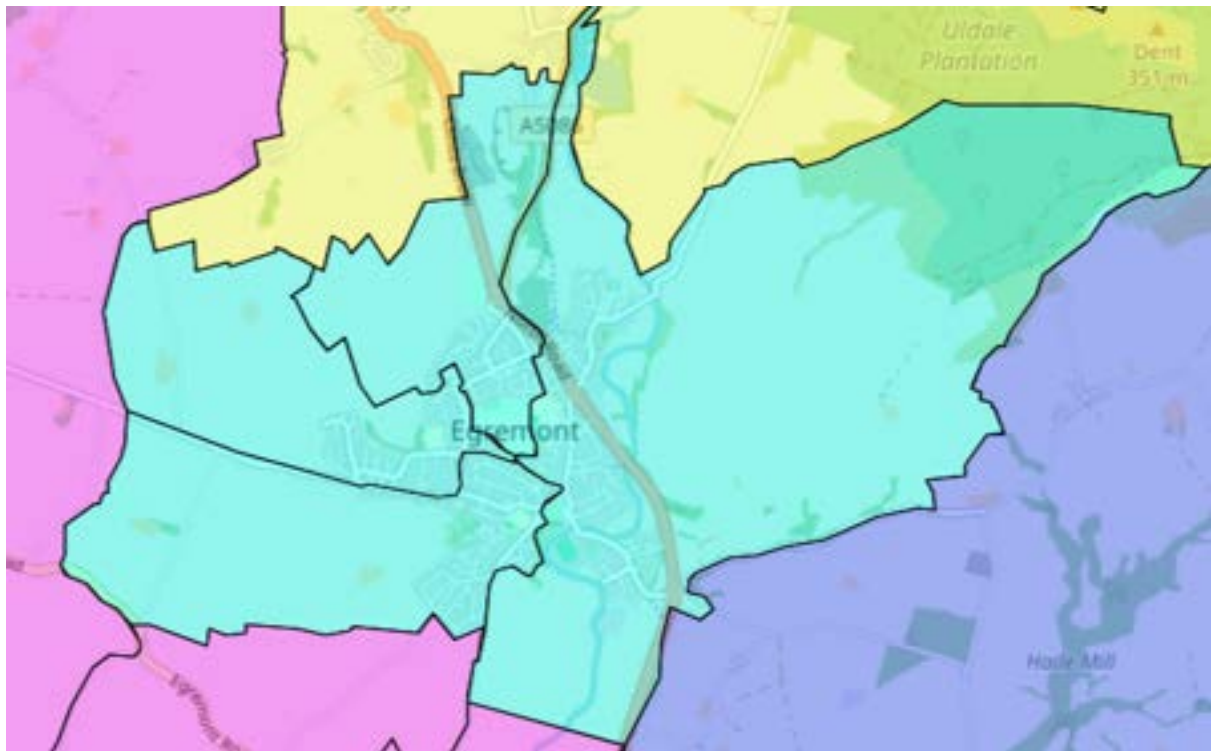
This maintains the main communities of Cleator Moor and Cleator in one ward, with Bigrigg added in. This brings the eastern polling district of Cleator Moor back into the town rather than have it attached to Frizington and the surrounding area, as had happened previously, which created an unnatural boundary.

## St. Bees & Coastal



This creates a new coastal ward with St. Bees at its core, bringing in Moor Row and communities that connect along the west of the A595 and the B5345. We think this creates a distinct coastal ward that would give it a more effective voice than having these communities split into three different wards.

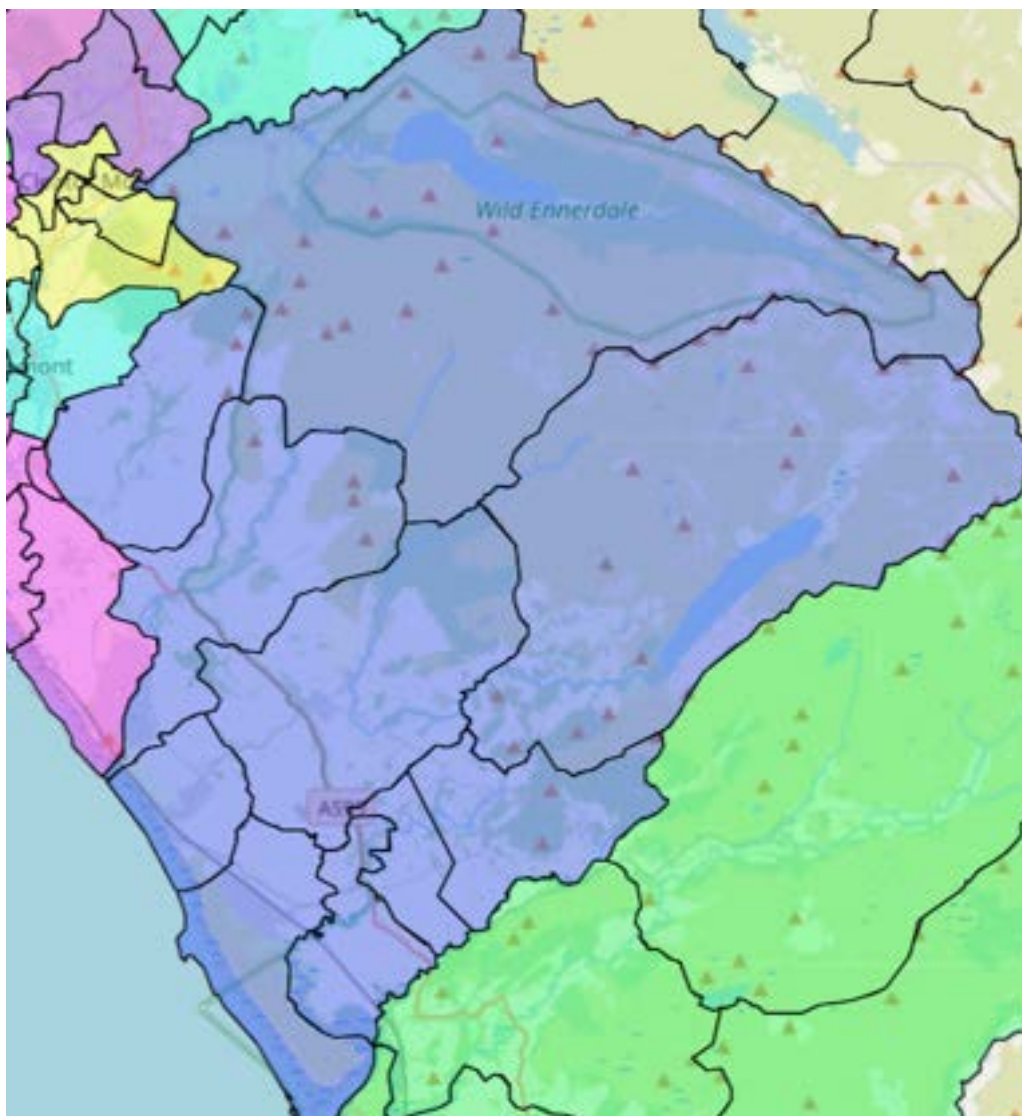
## Egremont



The current polling district configuration of Egremont makes it very difficult to split the town in a way that isn't detrimental to the strong identity of the town. Despite the numbers being over the variance, we feel it is important to keep the town together in one ward, with its very distinct identity and community ties.



## Gosforth



This maintains much of the existing Gosforth ward but brings in the Ennerdale and Wasdale valleys and areas along the constituency boundary that are currently in Millom Without. This creates a ward that fits with our constituency boundary and meets your electoral target. Drigg and Holmrook to the south are tied in with Gosforth and Seascale for school, shopping and leisure activities and the River Mite creates a natural boundary along the southern edge. Further, bringing the Ennerdale and Wasdale valleys together brings the Western Fells and western stretch of the Lake District National Park together into one ward.

Although outside our constituency, our configuration ensures that Millom Without and Millom can be maintained within your variance on new boundaries.