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Related subject: Lower Wensleydale !

On reflection, my personal view is that Patrick Brompton Parish should return to the Lower Wensleydale division. We argued this case at the last Boundary Commission review that the ruralicity of the village and its surrounding area is more compatible with villages like Finghall, Constable Burton and Harmony. It was only a temporary measure to link Patrick Brompton and Scotton (Catterick) to allow for the election of a new Councillor for the new authority. It is disappointing that this review didn't recognise the huge differences between Patrick Brompton and the Scotton patch.

The proposal to place Patrick Brompton in Scotton Ward fails one of the Boundary Commission's key criteria: -

- Community Identities – that the pattern of wards should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities.

As a Village our community ties remain with our neighbours particularly the Village of Newton-le-Willows with whom the Village share a Parish Church community, a joint Village Hall Committee and where both Parish Councils to work jointly.

The removal of Patrick Brompton from the original Lower Wensleydale Ward and its area of common interest is in contravention to the Local Government's Boundary Commission's own terms of statutory criteria and separates our village from other villages in which we share a common interest.

The decision to link the Parish of Patrick Brompton in the predominately urban ward of Scotton, where the community interests are predominately focussed on the Garrison community and the Armed Forces is in contradiction to the issues which face the Villages and communities in the Lower Wensleydale area. I hope some re-consideration can be given to this.

Attached Documents:

None attached