

Dorset

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Related subject: Stour & Allen Ward.

In 2024, the southern lobe of Furzehill was transferred from Colehill Parish to Holt Parish because its rural character was considered more aligned with Holt's scattered hamlets than with the more urbanised village of Colehill. However, the southern part of Furzehill remained within the East Colehill Ward, while the northern part of Furzehill and the rest of Holt Parish sit in the Stour & Allen Ward.

Our proposal argues that all of Furzehill should be included within the Stour & Allen Ward to better reflect its shared rural identity with Holt and strong links with neighbouring communities such as Gaunts Common, Hinton Martell and Horton. These connections are demonstrated through shared use of local amenities, including St James School, village halls, churches, Holt Football Club, the Furzehill Village Shop and Post Office, and local pubs.

Overall, the case emphasises Furzehill's strong rural community ties and argues that inclusion in the Stour & Allen Ward would more accurately represent the identity and relationships of the whole of Furzehill with Holt in the Ward.

Attached Documents:

None attached