

**Eden District Council
Council**

7 November 2019

Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

Portfolio:	Resources
Report from:	Director of Corporate Services
Wards:	All Wards
OPEN PUBLIC ITEM	

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To advise Members of the outcome of the review of polling districts recently carried out by the Director of Corporate Services, in his capacity as the Returning Officer.

2 Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Polling Station for Greystoke (Little Blencowe) Polling District, be changed from Blencowe Village Hall to Greystoke Village Hall;
- (2) the Polling Station for Calthwaite Polling District, be changed from Calthwaite School to All Saints Church, Calthwaite;
- (3) the Polling Station for Plumpton Polling District, be changed from Plumpton School to the Pot Place, Plumpton;
- (4) The Polling Station for Ainstable Polling District, be changed from the Ainstable Methodist Chapel Schoolroom to the Ainstable Church Institute;
- (5) The Polling Station for Little Strickland Polling District, be changed from Lowther Parish Hall to Great Strickland Institute;
- (6) The Polling Station for Penrith East Polling District be changed from Whelpdale Room, Mansion House, to the Parish Rooms, Penrith;
- (7) The Polling Station for the Laithes ward of the Parish of Skelton Polling District, be changed from Blencowe Village Hall to Skelton Memorial Hall; and
- (8) Electors for the Hunsonby Polling District be temporarily re-designated to Langwathby Village Hall, pending completion of renovation works to Hunsonby Community Centre.

3 Report Details

- 3.1 In accordance with the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, the Council is required to complete a compulsory review of the polling districts

and polling places that fall within its area once every 5 years. The review must be started and completed between 1 October 2018 and 31 January 2020 with a public consultation forming part of that review.

- 3.2 The last such review in Eden, was undertaken in October 2014 from which the results were agreed by full Council in December 2014.
- 3.3 The purpose of the review is to ensure that:
 - facilities for voting are practicable;
 - facilities for voting meet the need for disabled access; and
 - polling places are within the polling district, unless special circumstances exist to justify them being located outside of it.
- 3.4 The review offers an opportunity to take account of known future changes, for example, where buildings have ceased or will cease to be capable of being used as polling stations and to take account of more suitable buildings that may have become available.
- 3.5 The timetable for the consultation has been as follows:
 - 12 August 2019 – proposals published and the consultation was commenced;
 - 30 September 2019 - consultation ended.
- 3.6 Polling Districts are the sub divisions of the Penrith and the Border parliamentary constituency (within the Eden District). Polling places are the locations within which a polling station is located. Sometimes there is more than one polling station in a polling place. A polling station is the actual area where the voting takes place by virtue of being the room or area where electors cast their vote.
- 3.7 The following factors are relevant in considering the suitability of buildings for use as polling places:
 - Location and accessibility to electors within the polling district;
 - Size of the location and whether it can accommodate more than one polling station if required;
 - Is the building readily available in the event of unscheduled elections or those called at short notice;
 - Is there sufficient parking, heating, lighting and toilet facilities;
 - Schools should be avoided if possible, as their use will necessitate the closure of the school (not least due to safeguarding issues). Subject to this, public buildings should be favoured;
 - In the absence of suitable publicly owned buildings, churches, clubs and other private sector buildings conveniently located and accessible to electors can be considered; and
 - If necessary a mobile building could be used. Due to cost and logistics in terms of heating lighting security, comfort and costs this option should be treated as a last resort;

- any selected polling stations must be suitable for use throughout the year.

3.8 In November 2018, the Returning Officer reported to Council about proposed interim modifications to polling places and polling stations, in part consequential upon the Community Governance Review which changed the governance arrangements for various Parishes, and in part due to the non-availability of certain polling places and stations. Members noted the update and agreed to make (amongst other matters) certain interim changes to polling arrangements:

- the electors of the Penrith East polling station were re-designated to Penrith Parish Rooms from the Whelpdale Room at Mansion House;
- the electors of the Hunsonby polling station were re-designated to Langwathby Village Hall, from the Hunsonby Community Centre;
- the electors of the Stainton Village Hall polling station, were re-designated to Stainton Methodist Church.

3.9 Stainton Village Hall polling station is now available again for use. The Whelpdale Room at Mansion House is not available as a polling station anymore, as it being used as office space. The Returning Officer set out his proposals as part of the consultation process and these are attached as Appendix 1 to this report. The changes of significance within the consultation proposals can be summarised as follows:

- (i) The Polling Station for the Greystoke (Little Blencowe) Polling District is proposed to be changed from Blencowe Village Hall to Greystoke Village Hall. Previously, electors were being sent to vote outside of their District ward. Greystoke Village Hall has been used satisfactorily at recent elections and this proposal would therefore formalise matters.
- (ii) The Polling Station for the Calthwaite Polling District is proposed to be changed from Calthwaite School to Cottage Wood Centre. Calthwaite school was the penultimate school within Eden to be used as a polling station. Schools should not be used as a polling station due to safeguarding issues which require the closure of the school on Election Day. The reason for this proposal was that Cottage Wood Centre has been used satisfactorily at recent elections and the proposal would formalise matters.

It should be noted that taking account of the consultation responses the Returning Officer has revised his opinion and the recommendation within this report is that All Saints Church, Calthwaite would be a more convenient location for a polling station to be situated.

- (iii) The Polling Station for the Plumpton Polling District is proposed to be changed from Plumpton School to the Pot Place Plumpton. Plumpton School was the last school to be used by the Council as a polling station. The Pot Place has been used satisfactorily for recent elections and this proposal would therefore formalise matters.

- (iv) The Polling Station for the Ainstable Polling District is proposed to be changed from Ainstable Methodist Chapel Schoolroom to Ainstable Church Institute. It has been used as such at recent elections and this proposal would therefore formalise matters.
 - (v) The Polling Station for the Little Strickland Polling District is proposed to be changed from Lowther Parish Hall to Great Strickland Institute. Previously, electors were being set to vote outside of their District ward. It has been used as such at recent elections and this proposal would therefore formalise matters.
 - (vi) The Polling Station for the Penrith East Polling District is proposed to be changed from Whelpdale Room, Mansion House to Parish Rooms Penrith. The Whelpdale room is now being used as an office by the Council and is no longer available for election use. The Penrith Parish Rooms have been used satisfactorily at recent elections and this proposal would therefore formalise matters.
 - (vii) The Polling Station for the Laithes ward of the Parish of Skelton Polling District is proposed to be changed from Blencowe Village Hall to Skelton Memorial Hall. Previously, electors were being sent to vote outside of their District ward. Skelton Memorial Hall has been used satisfactorily at recent elections and this proposal would therefore formalise matters.
- 3.10 In August 2019, consultation letters were sent to all district councillors and parish council clerks asking for views on any aspect of polling districts and/or polling places which are currently used. A notice was published on the Council website inviting representations and comments from interested persons. Representations were also sought from persons and groups who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability. A map was available for inspection on the Council website, showing the district ward boundaries and parish council boundaries.
- 3.11 The review commenced on 12 August 2019 and the consultation period ended on 30 September 2019. Comments were invited regarding the polling stations that were currently used and inviting any suggested alternatives. The comments received from polling station inspectors were also considered during the review.
- 3.12 The recommendations of the Returning Officer which were consulted upon are set out herein (enclosed Appendix 1). The polling stations inspectors' reports (enclosed as Appendix 2) have highlighted that the arrangements and circumstances at the certain polling stations needed to be considered. All the polling stations have been inspected as part of this review. Alternative locations have been considered and inspected in some cases where that was considered appropriate.
- 3.13 The representations from Parishes are appended to this report as Appendix 3. The representations made by Members of Eden District Council are appended to this report as Appendix 4. The representations from a member of the public are appended to this report as Appendix 5. The representations on behalf of Allerdale Borough Council's Returning Officer are appended as Appendix 6.

Finally the representations from one County Councillor are appended as Appendix 7. The relevant points from the responses in relation to any change of venue or other relevant issues are incorporated. In the main, the responses favoured the current arrangements. Some did however provide suggestions to improve disabled access.

- 3.14 Taking account of the consultation responses the Returning Officer's recommendations to Council differ from those set out in his recommendations which were consulted upon in one respect. The Polling Station for the Calthwaite Polling District is proposed to be changed from Calthwaite School to All Saints Church, Calthwaite instead of the originally recommended Cottage Wood Centre. An Inspection report on All Saints Church, Calthwaite which took place after the consultation process (enclosed as Appendix 8) has shown it to be an appropriate location for a polling station.
- 3.15 During the consultation process, it became clear that Hunsonby polling station would in fact not be available until September 2020 due to on-going renovation works. Whilst it is recommended that the Polling Station for the Hunsonby Polling District should remain as the Hunsonby Community Centre, it is recommended that pending the completion of renovation works to Hunsonby Community Centre voters should be temporarily re-designated to Langwathby Village Hall. It should be noted that this is in line with the interim arrangements that were approved by Council in November 2018.

4 Policy Framework

- 4.1 The Council has four corporate priorities which are:

- Decent Homes for All;
- Strong Economy, Rich Environment;
- Thriving Communities; and
- Quality Council

- 4.2 This report meets the corporate priority of Quality Council.

5 Consultation

- 5.1 Consultation was undertaken as set out within the report and additionally a report on this matter was taken to Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board on 19 September 2019.
- 5.2 One response that could not be taken forward was a request for a polling station for Howtown/Martindale. There is no suitable premises and the relevant electorate would be too small to justify such a facility.

6 Implications

6.1 Financial and Resources

- 6.1.1 Any decision to reduce or increase resources or alternatively increase income must be made within the context of the Council's stated priorities, as set out in its Council Plan 2015-19 as agreed at Council on 17 September 2015.
- 6.1.2 There are no proposals in this report that would reduce or increase resources

6.2 Legal

- 6.2.1 The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews of UK Parliamentary polling districts and polling places. This current review must be started and completed between 1 October 2018 and 31 January 2020. Subsequent reviews must be started over a similar timescale every subsequent five years.

6.3 Human Resources

- 6.3.1 The workload arising from the proposals within this report can be dealt with within existing resources.

6.4 Statutory Considerations

Consideration:	Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:
Equality and Diversity	<p>Equalities implications have been considered in the consultation methods arising from the review of polling arrangements.</p> <p>Newton Reigny is far from ideal due to difficulties of access for people with mobility problems, and particularly wheelchair users. Ultimately Presiding Officers can assist voters who have difficulty in accessing the premises.</p> <p>Lazonby Village Hall is configured so that there is easy access for wheelchair users through the larger hall. The intention is to book the whole building so that there is no risk of impediment to access by voters using wheelchairs by virtue of booked activities in the main hall.</p>
Health, Social Environmental and Economic Impact	The social cohesion aspects of local communities have been considered during the Review.
Crime and Disorder	The proposals within the report do not have any significant implications in terms of crime and disorder.
Children and Safeguarding	The proposals within this report do not have any significant implications in terms of children and safeguarding.

6.5 Risk Management

Risk	Consequence	Controls Required
That polling stations are not reviewed either in response to immediate changes in circumstances or periodically.	Polling arrangements would cease to be fit for purpose.	Consideration given to the recommendations within the report.

7 Other Options Considered

- 7.1 Whilst no other options are set out, members may decide to require different arrangements in relation to particular polling stations.

8 Reasons for the Decision/Recommendation

- 8.1 To enable polling arrangements to meet the needs of electors and ensure that the Council provides elections that a run in an efficient and effective way.

Tracking Information

Governance Check	Date Considered
Chief Finance Officer (or Deputy)	
Monitoring Officer (or Deputy)	27 October 2019
Relevant Director	29 October 2019

Background Papers: None

Appendices:

- Appendix 1 – Returning Officer’s Proposals**
- Appendix 2 – Polling Station Inspectors’ Report**
- Appendix 3 – Representations from Parishes**
- Appendix 4 – Representations from Members of Eden District Council**
- Appendix 5 – Representations from a member of the public**
- Appendix 6 – Representations on behalf of Allerdale Borough Council’s Returning Officer**
- Appendix 7 – Representations from a County Councillor**
- Appendix 8 - Inspection report on All Saints Church, Calthwaite**

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Schedule of polling districts, polling places and polling stations

Returning Officer Proposals

Penrith and the Border Constituency

District Ward	County Electoral Division	Polling District	Number of Electors	Polling District Letters	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Polling Station	Disabled Access
Alston Moor	Alston and East Fellside	Alston	1066	GC	The Alston ward of the Parish of Alston	Alston	Alston Town Hall	Yes
Alston Moor	Alston and East Fellside	Garrigill	220	GD	The Garrigill ward of the Parish of Alston Moor	Garrigill	Garrigill Village Hall	Yes
Alston Moor	Alston and East Fellside	Nenthead	352	GF	Part of the Nenthead ward of the Parish of Alston Moor including Nenthead and Overwater	Nenthead	Nenthead Village Hall	Yes
Appleby (Appleby)	Appleby	Appleby (Appleby)	1010	FA	The Appleby ward of the Parish of Appleby including Banks Lane, Banks Terrace, Banks View, Barrowmoor Road, Boroughgate, Bridge Street, Caesars View, Castle Park View, Chapel Street, Colby Lane, Doomgate, Glebe Close, Glebe Crescent, Glebe Road, High Wiend, Holme Court, Holme Street, Low Wiend, Margarets Way, Murton Close, Murton View, Overwood Place, Parkin Hill, Rampkin Pastures, Scattergate, Scattergate Close, Scattergate Crescent,	Appleby-in-Westmorland	Appleby Market Hall	Yes

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					Scattergate Green, Shaws Wiend and St Annes Hospital and some postal addresses in Colby.			
Appleby (Bongate)	Appleby	Bongate	1504	FB	The Bongate ward of the Parish of Appleby including Back Lane, Battlebarrow, Beechcroft Mews, Belgravia, Belle Vue Road, Bongate, Bongate Cross, Castle View Road, Clifford Street, Cross Croft, Drawbriggs Court, Drawbriggs Lane, Drawbriggs Mount, Eden Terrace, Eden View, Friary Cottages, Friary Fields, Friary Park, Gallows Lane, Garbridge Court, Garbridge Lane, Garth Heads Rise, Garth Heads Road, Hothfield Court, Hothfield Drive, Howgate Foot, Kingstone Cottages, Long Marton Road, Meadow Close, Meadow Court, Midfield Mews, Middle Close, Mill Hill, Pembroke Street, Rivington Park, Roman Road, Romany Way, Salkeld Croft, The Sands, School Brow, St Michaels Lane, Station Road, Thanet Terrace, Westmorland Place and Westmorland Rise.	Appleby-in-Westmorland	Appleby Market Hall	Yes
Askham	Eden Lakes	Askham	259	HB	The Parish of Askham including the villages of Askham and Helton.	Askham	Askham Community Centre	Yes

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Askham	Eden Lakes	Bampton	248	HC	The Parish of Bampton including Bampton, Burn Banks, Butterwick, Helton and Knipe.	Bampton	Bampton Memorial Hall	Yes – ramp also available
Askham	Eden Lakes	Barton	157	HD	The Parish of Barton including Barton, Pooley Bridge and some postal addresses in Dalemmain and Howtown.	Pooley Bridge	Pooley Bridge Memorial Hall	Yes – through side door
Askham	Eden Lakes	Lowther	343	HJ	The Parish of Lowther including Hackthorpe, Lowther, Lowther Newtown, Lowther Village, Melkinthorpe and Whale.	Lowther	Lowther Parish Hall	Yes - ramp available for wheelchairs
Askham	Eden Lakes	Martindale	41	HK	The Parish of Martindale including the village of Martindale and some postal addresses in Howtown.	Pooley Bridge	Pooley Bridge Memorial Hall	Yes
Brough	Kirkby Stephen	Brough	609	OA	The Parish of Brough including the villages of Brough and Church Brough.	Brough	Brough Memorial Hall	Yes
Brough	Kirkby Stephen	Brough Sowerby	124	OB	The Parish of Brough Sowerby including the village of Brough Sowerby and some postal addresses in South Stainmore.	Brough	Brough Memorial Hall	Yes
Brough	Kirkby Stephen	Helbeck	7	OE	The Parish of Helbeck.	Brough	Brough Memorial Hall	Yes
Brough	Kirkby Stephen	Musgrave	126	OI	The Parish of Musgrave including Bleatarn, Flitholme, Great Musgrave and Little Musgrave.	Musgrave	Great Musgrave Institute	No

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Brough	Kirkby Stephen	Stainmore (North)	245	ON	The Parish of Stainmore including North Stainmore and some postal addresses in Brough, Barras, Sth Stainmore.	Stainmore	North Stainmore Parish Hall	Yes
Crosby Ravensworth	Eden Lakes	Asby	269	HA	The Parish of Asby including Great Asby, Little Asby and some postal addresses in Newbggin-on-Lune and Orton.	Asby	Asby Village Hall	Yes
Crosby Ravensworth	Eden Lakes	Bolton	366	HE	The Parish of Bolton including Bolton and some postal addresses in Cliburn, Colby and Temple Sowerby.	Bolton	Bolton Memorial Hall	Yes
Crosby Ravensworth	Eden Lakes	Crosby Ravensworth	432	HF	The Parish of Crosby Ravensworth including the villages of Crosby Ravensworth, Maulds Meaburn, Reagill and some postal addresses in King's Meaburn, Newby, Orton and Shap.	Crosby Ravensworth	Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall	Yes
Crosby Ravensworth	Eden Lakes	King's Meaburn	128	HI	The Parish of King's Meaburn.	King's Meaburn	King's Meaburn Village Hall	Yes
Dacre	Penrith Rural	Dacre	89	MD	The Dacre portion of the Parish of Dacre including Dacre, Soulby and some postal addresses in Pooley Bridge.	Dacre	Dacre Village Hall	Yes – ramp available for wheelchairs
Dacre	Penrith Rural	Great Blencowe	39	ME	The Great Blencowe portion of the Parish of Dacre.	Blencowe	Blencowe Village Hall	Yes
Dacre	Penrith Rural	Newbiggin	324	MF	The Newbiggin portion of the Parish of Dacre including Newbiggin, Fort Putnam, Pallet	Newbiggin	Newbiggin Village Hall	Yes

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					Hill and some postal addresses in Blencowe and Greystoke Ghyll.			
Dacre	Penrith Rural	Stainton	725	MG	The Stainton portion of the Parish of Dacre including Redhills, Stainton and some postal addresses in Dacre, Dalemmain and Skirsgill.	Stainton	Stainton Village Hall	Yes
Eamont	Penrith Rural	Clifton	519	MC	The Parish of Clifton including the villages of Clifton and Clifton Dykes and some postal addresses in Eamont Bridge and Melkinthorpe.	Clifton	Clifton Village Hall	1 small step
Eamont	Penrith Rural	Sockbridge and Tirril	338	MO	The Parish of Sockbridge and Tirril including the villages of Sockbridge and Tirril and some postal addresses in Yanwath.	Tirril	Tirril Reading Room	Yes
Eamont	Penrith Rural	Yanwath and Eamont Bridge	403	MR	The Parish of Yanwath and Eamont Bridge.	Eamont Bridge	Eamont Bridge Village Hall	Yes
Greystoke	Greystoke and Hesket	Greystoke	452	JD	The Greystoke ward of the Parish of Greystoke including some postal addresses in Berrier.	Greystoke	Greystoke Village Hall	Yes
Greystoke	Greystoke and Hesket	Greystoke (Johnby)	59	JE	The Johnby ward of the Parish of Greystoke including Johnby and some postal addresses in Hutton Roof and Skelton.	Greystoke	Greystoke Village Hall	Yes
Greystoke*	Greystoke and Hesket	Greystoke (Little Blencowe)	49	JF	The Little Blencowe ward of the Parish of Greystoke.	Blencowe	Designated: Blencowe Village Hall	Yes

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							Proposed change to: Greystoke Village Hall	
Greystoke	Greystoke and Hesket	Mungrisdale	216	JM	Some postal addresses in the Parish of Mungrisdale including Bowscale, Mosedale, Mungrisdale and some postal addresses in Hesket Newmarket, Hutton Roof, Berrier and Troutbeck.	Mungrisdale	Mungrisdale Recreation Room	Yes – ramp also available
Greystoke	Greystoke and Hesket	Mungrisdale North	33	JN	The Northern portion of the Parish of Mungrisdale including Haltcliffe Bridge and some postal addresses in Hesket Newmarket and Hutton Roof.	Millhouse	Millhouse Village Hall	Yes
Greystoke	Greystoke and Hesket	Threlkeld	340	JT	The Parish of Threlkeld.	Threlkeld	Threlkeld Village Hall	Yes – via rear entrance only
Hartside	Alston and East Fellside	Blencarn and Kirkland	129	GG	The Blencarn and Kirkland ward of the Parish of Culgaith.	Blencarn	Blencarn Recreation Room	Yes
Hartside	Alston and East Fellside	Culgaith	430	GH	The Culgaith ward of the Parish of Culgaith including the village of Culgaith and some postal addresses in Blencarn and Newbiggin.	Culgaith	Culgaith Victoria Institute	Yes
Hartside	Alston and East Fellside	Skirwith	168	GI	The Skirwith ward of the Parish of Culgaith including the village of Skirwith and some postal addresses in Langwathby.	Skirwith	Skirwith Village Hall	Yes, but poor approach to the hall

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Hartside	Alston and East Fellside	Melmerby	186	GR	The Melmerby ward of the Parish of Ousby.	Melmerby	Melmerby Village Hall	Yes
Hartside	Alston and East Fellside	Ousby	199	GS	The Ousby ward of the Parish of Ousby including the village of Ousby and some postal addresses in Melmerby.	Ousby	Ousby Community Centre	Yes
Hesket	Greystoke and Hesket	Catterlen	353	JC	The Parish of Catterlen including Newton Reigny, Catterlen and some postal addresses in Bowscar and Laithes.	Newton Reigny	Newton Reigny Memorial Hall	Poor
Hesket	Greystoke and Hesket	Armathwaite	371	JG	The Armathwaite portion of the Armathwaite ward of the Parish of Hesket including the village of Armathwaite and some postal addresses in Aiketgate.	Armathwaite	Armathwaite Old School Hall	Yes with ramp
Hesket	Greystoke and Hesket	Hesket	570	JH	The Hesket portion of the Armathwaite ward of the Parish of Hesket including Low Hesket, High Hesket and some postal addresses in Carleton and Cotehill.	Low Hesket	Low Hesket Village Hall	Yes – also a ramp for wheelchairs
Hesket*	Greystoke and Hesket	Calthwaite	388	JI	The Calthwaite portion of the Calthwaite ward of the Parish of Hesket and some postal addresses in Plumpton Foot.	Calthwaite	Designated: Calthwaite School Proposed change to: Cottage Wood Centre	Certain parts of Calthwaite School has disabled access. Cottage Wood Centre is accessible.

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Hesket*	Greystoke and Hesket	Plumpton	376	JJ	The Plumpton portion of the Calthwaite ward of the Parish of Hesket including the village of Plumpton and some postal addresses in Bowscar and Catterlen.	Plumpton	Designated: Plumpton School Proposed change to: The Pot Place, Plumpton	Yes
Hesket	Greystoke and Hesket	Ivegill	77	JK	The Ivegill portion of the Southwaite ward of the Parish of Hesket.	Ivegill	Ivegill Village Hall	Yes – ramp for wheelchairs
Hesket	Greystoke and Hesket	Southwaite	379	JL	The Southwaite portion of the Southwaite ward of the Parish of Hesket including the village of Southwaite and some postal addresses in Carleton, Ivegill and Wreay.	Low Hesket	Low Hesket Village Hall	Yes – also a ramp for wheelchairs
Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen	Hartley	108	OD	The Parish of Hartley including the village of Hartley and some postal addresses in Winton.	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen Centenary Chapel Schoolroom	Yes – permanent ramp for wheelchairs
Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen	Kaber	79	OF	The Parish of Kaber including Rookby and Kaber.	Kaber	Kaber Village Hall	Yes
Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen	1453	OG	The Parish of Kirkby Stephen.	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen Centenary Chapel Schoolroom	Yes – permanent ramp for wheelchairs
Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen	Mallerstang	86	OH	The Parish of Mallerstang including Aisgill Moor, Mallerstang, Outhgill and Shoregill.	Mallerstang	The Lodge, The Green, Outhgill	Yes

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Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen	Nateby	99	OJ	The Parish of Nateby.	Nateby	The Black Bull Inn, Nateby	Yes
Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen	Wharton	28	OR	The Parish of Wharton.	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen Centenary Chapel Schoolroom	Yes – permanent ramp for wheelchairs
Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen	Winton	182	OS	The Parish of Winton.	Winton	Winton Village Hall	Yes
Kirkby Thore	Penrith Rural	Brougham	212	MA	The Parish of Brougham including the village of Brougham and some postal addresses in Cliburn, Clifton Dykes, Melkinthorpe and Temple Sowerby.	Brougham	Brougham Chapel	Yes ramp available
Kirkby Thore	Penrith Rural	Kirkby Thore	567	MI	The Parish of Kirkby Thore.	Kirkby Thore	Kirkby Thore Memorial Hall	Yes
Kirkby Thore	Penrith Rural	Newbiggin	75	ML	The Parish of Newbiggin including the village of Newbiggin and some postal addresses in Kirkby Thore.	Newbiggin	Newbiggin Reading Room	No, but planning on undertaking renovations soon
Kirkby Thore	Penrith Rural	Temple Sowerby	330	MP	The Parish of Temple Sowerby including the village of Temple Sowerby and some postal addresses in Kirkby Thore.	Temple Sowerby	Temple Sowerby Village Hall	1 small step Lift due to be installed in the next year.
Kirkoswald*	Alston and East Fellside	Ainstable	324	GA	The Ainstable ward of the Parish of Ainstable including the village of Ainstable, the communities of Ruckcroft and Staffield and some postal addresses in Armathwaite.	Ainstable	Designated: Ainstable Methodist Chapel Schoolroom	Ainstable Methodist Chapel Schoolroom has a small step into the building,

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							Proposed change to: Ainstable Church Institute	accessible inside. Ainstable Church Institute is accessible.
Kirkoswald	Alston and East Fellside	Croglin	135	GB	The Croglin ward of the Parish of Ainstable including the villages of Croglin and Newbiggin (Heads Nook) and some postal addresses in Ainstable, Armathwaite.	Croglin	Croglin Reading Room and Hall	Yes
Kirkoswald	Alston and East Fellside	Kirkoswald	485	GM	The Kirkoswald ward of the Parish of Kirkoswald.	Kirkoswald	Kirkoswald Church Institute	Ramp Available
Kirkoswald	Alston and East Fellside	Renwick	196	GN	The Renwick portion of the Renwick ward of the Parish of Kirkoswald.	Renwick	Renwick Methodist Schoolroom	Yes at rear entrance
Kirkoswald	Alston and East Fellside	Scarrowmanwick	20	GO	The Scarrowmanwick portion of the Renwick ward of the Parish of Kirkoswald including Scarrowmanwick and some postal addresses in Armathwaite and Croglin.	Renwick	Croglin Reading Room and Hall	Yes
Langwathby	Alston and East Fellside	Gamblesby	165	GJ	The Gamblesby ward of the Parish of Glassonby including the villages of Gamblesby and Unthank and some postal addresses in Alston and Renwick.	Gamblesby	Gamblesby Methodist School Room	Yes
Langwathby	Alston and East Fellside	Glassonby	111	GK	The Glassonby ward of the Parish of Glassonby including the village of Glassonby and	Gamblesby	Gamblesby Methodist School Room	Yes

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					some postal addresses in Little Salkeld.			
Langwathby	Alston and East Fellside	Hunsonby	357	GL	The Parish of Hunsonby including the villages of Hunsonby, Winskill and Little Salkeld and some postal addresses in Langwathby and Ousby.	Hunsonby	Hunsonby Community Centre	Yes
Langwathby	Alston and East Fellside	Edenhall	154	GP	The Edenhall ward of the Parish of Langwathby.	Langwathby	Langwathby Village Hall	Yes
Langwathby	Alston and East Fellside	Langwathby	473	GQ	The Langwathby ward of the Parish of Langwathby.	Langwathby	Langwathby Village Hall	Yes
Lazonby	Penrith North	Great Salkeld	355	LA	The Parish of Great Salkeld including the village of Great Salkeld, the communities of North Dykes, South Dykes and Salkeld Dykes and some postal addresses in Lazonby and Plumpton.	Great Salkeld	Great Salkeld Village Hall	Yes
Lazonby	Penrith North	Lazonby	880	LC	Parish of Lazonby including the village of Lazonby, Baron Wood, Low Plains, and some postal addresses in Armathwaite ,Plumpton, Armathwaite, Calthwaite, and High Hesket.	Lazonby	Lazonby Village Hall	Yes , ramp available for wheelchairs.
Long Marton	Appleby	Crackenthorpe	87	FF	The Parish of Crackenthorpe.	Long Marton	Long Marton Institute	Yes
Long Marton	Appleby	Dufton	156	FG	The Parish of Dufton including the village of Dufton, the	Dufton	Dufton Village Hall	Yes

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					communities of Flakebridge and Keisley and some postal addresses in Harwood-in-Teesdale and Murton.			
Long Marton	Appleby	Brampton	152	FH	The Brampton ward of the Parish of Long Marton including the village of Brampton, the community of Croft Ends and some postal addresses in Appleby and Long Marton.	Long Marton	Long Marton Institute	Yes – also ramp for wheelchairs
Long Marton	Appleby	Knock	96	FI	The Knock ward of the Parish of Long Marton, and the communities of Silverband and Close Houses.	Long Marton	Long Marton Institute	Yes – also ramp for wheelchairs
Long Marton	Appleby	Long Marton	354	FJ	The Long Marton ward of the Parish of Long Marton including the village of Long Marton and some postal addresses in Knock and Kirkby Thore.	Long Marton	Long Marton Institute	Yes – also ramp for wheelchairs
Long Marton	Appleby	Milburn	143	FK	The Parish of Milburn including the village of Milburn and some postal addresses in Knock.	Milburn	Milburn Village Hall	Yes
Morland	Penrith Rural	Cliburn	200	MB	The Parish of Cliburn.	Cliburn	Cliburn Village Hall	Yes
Morland	Penrith Rural	Great Strickland	211	MH	Great Strickland including the village of Great Strickland and some postal addresses in Melkinthorpe, Morland and Newby.	Great Strickland	Great Strickland Parish Institute	Yes

District Ward	County Electoral Division	Polling District	Number of Electors	Polling District Letters	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Polling Station	Disabled Access
Morland*	Penrith Rural	Little Strickland	77	MJ	Little Strickland including the village of Little Strickland and some postal addresses in Great Strickland and Thrimby.	Lowther	Designated: Lowther Parish Hall Proposed Change to: Great Strickland Institute	Lowther Parish Hall has a ramp for wheelchairs. Great Strickland Institute is accessible.
Morland	Penrith Rural	Morland	354	MK	The Parish of Morland including the village of Morland and some postal addresses in Cliburn.	Morland	Morland Village Hall	Yes
Morland	Penrith Rural	Newby	135	MM	The Parish of Newby including the village of Newby, the community of Towcett and some postal addresses in Morland.	Morland	Morland Village Hall	Yes
Morland	Penrith Rural	Sleagill	88	MN	The Parish of Sleagill including the village of Sleagill and some postal addresses in Newby.	Morland	Morland Village Hall	Yes
Orton with Tebay	Kirkby Stephen	Orton	486	OK	The Parish of Orton including the village of Orton, the communities of Bretherdale, Kelleth, Longdale, Raisebeck, Scout Green and Sunbiggin and some postal addresses in Gaisgill, Greenholme, Newbiggin-on-Lune, Shap and Tebay.	Orton	Orton Market Hall	Yes
Orton with Tebay	Kirkby Stephen	Tebay	640	OP	The Parish of Tebay including the village of Tebay, the communities of Old Tebay and Roundthwaite and some postal	Tebay	Tebay Sports Social Club	Yes – also ramp for wheelchairs

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					addresses in Gaisgill and Greenholme.			
Penrith Carleton	Penrith East	Penrith Carleton	1392	KA	The Penrith Carleton Ward of the District of Eden including Alder Road, Apple Tree Gardens, Aspen Gardens, Azalea Close, Beech Close, Beech Gardens, Birch Crescent, Brooklands Grange, Carleton, Carleton Hall Gardens, Carleton Hall Road, Carleton Hall Walk, Carleton Village, Cedar Close, Cherry Gardens, Chestnut Close, Cypress Way, Frenchfield Gardens, Frenchfield Way, Harthwaite Gardens, Hawthorn Drive, Helmsley Close, High Carleton, Holly Close, Jasmine Close, Juniper Way, Laburnum Way, Larch Close, Maple Drive, Oak Road, Pear Tree Way, Rimington Way, Sycamore Drive, Willow Close, Winters Park and certain properties with a Brougham postal address.	Penrith	Penrith Rugby Club, Winters Park	Yes
Penrith East*	Penrith East	Penrith East	2333	KB	The Penrith East Ward of the District of Eden including Askham Crescent, Barco Avenue, Barco Hill, Barco Hill Grove, Barco Terrace, Barton View, Beacon Edge, Benson Row, Bishops Yard, Brent Gardens, Brent Road, Brentfield Court, Brentfield	Penrith	Designated: Whelpdale Room, Mansion House Proposed change to:	Yes

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					Way, Carleton Derrick Drive, Carleton Fields, Carleton Meadows, Carleton Road (eastern side), Carleton Terrace, Chancery Lane, Coldsprings Court, Coldsprings Park, Crown Terrace, Eden Mount, Fell Lane, Folly Lane, Friargate, Friars Close, Friars Rise, Friars Road, Friars Terrace, Friars Walk, Hallin Croft, Horsley Terrace, Hutton Court, Hutton Gardens, Hutton Hill, Eastern side of King Street, Meadow Croft, Merlin Court, Milner Mount, Old London Road, Park Close, The Parklands, Parklands Crescent, Parklands View, Parklands Way, Pennine Way, Riggsdale, Roman Road, Northern side of Roper Street, Rowan Court, Southern side of Sandgate, Scaws Drive, St Andrew's Place, Eastern side of Victoria Road (as far as Roper Street), Welsh Yard and Whelpdale House.		Parish Rooms, Penrith	
Penrith North	Penrith North	Penrith North	3137	LD	The Urban portion of the Penrith North Ward of the District of Eden including the Eastern side of Albert Street, Anchor Close, Arthur Street, Arthur Terrace, Bath Terrace, Beacon Close, Beacon Edge, Beacon Park, Beacon Square, Beacon Street, Canny Croft,	Penrith	Methodist Church Hall, Wordsworth Street, Penrith	Yes

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					<p>Corney Place, Eastern side of Corney Square, Croft Avenue, Croft Avenue, Croft Terrace, Cross Lane, Drovers Lane, Drovers Mews, Drovers Terrace, Fairhill Close, Fairhill Road. Northern side of Fell Lane, Field House Gardens, Graham Street, Grisenthwaite Yard, Hunter Lane, Inglewood Road, Lonsdale Terrace, Lowther Street, Lowther Terrace, MacAdam Gardens, MacAdam Way, Meeting House Lane, Milton Street, Monks Close, Monnington Way, Nicholson Lane, Pembroke Place, Pennyhill Park, Petteril Road, Plimsoll Close, Poplar Place, Portland Place, Raiselands Croft, Robinson Street, Salkeld Road, Sandcroft, Northern side of Sandgate, Sandgate Court, Eastern side of Scotland Road, Scott Yard, St Catherines Court, Eastern side of Stricklandgate, Eastern side of Thacka Lane, Walker Rise, White Ox Way, William Street, Wordsworth Street and Wordsworth Terrace.</p>			
Penrith North	Penrith North	Penrith North (Rural)	239	LE	<p>The Rural portion of the Penrith North Ward of the District of Eden including Balmers Farm, Bowscar, Bowscar Road, Green Lane, Greengill,</p>	Penrith	Methodist Church Hall, Wordsworth Street, Penrith	Yes

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					Lakeland View, Maidenhill, Milestone, Roundthorn, Roundthorn Cottages, Stagstones and Stagstones Mansion.			
Penrith Pategill	Penrith East	Penrith Pategill	1041	KC	The Pategill Ward of the District of Eden including Barkhouse Close, Eastern side of Bridge Land, Brooklands View, Carleton Drive, Carleton Place, Carleton Road, Cumberland Place, that portion of Eamont Bridge to the North of the river Eamont and to the East of the A6 road, Eamont Mews, Glasson Court, Hargreaves Court, Irving Court, Jubilee Close, Lonsdale Court, Mary Langley Way, Pategill Court, Pategill Farm, Pategill Hamlet, Pategill Park, Pategill Road, Pategill Square, Pategill Walk, Prince Charles Close, Southern side of Roper Street, Sim Court, Tynefield Court, Tynefield Drive, Victoria Road, Whitehouse Gardens, Windsor Court and part of Winters Park (BUPA Care Home only).	Penrith	Sim Court Residents Lounge, Pategill	Yes – ramp also available for wheelchairs
Penrith South	Penrith West	Penrith South	2000	NA	The Urban portion of the Penrith South Ward of the District of Eden including Angel Lane, Arnison Court, Blencathra Court, Western side of Bridge Lane, Castle Court, Castle Drive, Castle Foundry,	Penrith	Penrith Cricket Club, Wetheriggs Lane	One shallow step but ramp available

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					Castle Hill Road, Castle Terrace, Southern side of Castlegate, Central Buildings, Clifford Close, Clifford Court, Clifford Road, Southern side of Cornmarket, The Crescent, Crown Square, Fallowfield Court, Great Dockray, Harker Yard, Helvellyn Court, Holme Riggs Avenue, Huntley Avenue, Huntley Court, Eastern side of King Street, Langton Court, Market Square, Mayburgh Avenue, Netherend Road, Neville Avenue, Pearson Court, Porthouse Road, Princes Court, part of Redhills to the East of the railway line and North of the A66, Robinson Yard, Rowcliffe Lane, Rydal Court, Rydal Crescent, Skirsgill Close, Skirsgill Gardens, Skirsgill Park, Southend Road, Southend Terrace, Thirlmere Park, Tyne Close Avenue, Tyne Close Terrace, Western side of Victoria Road, Warwick Place, West Lane, Wetheriggs Lane, Wetheriggs Rise, Woodlands.			
Penrith South	Penrith West	Penrith South (Rural)	58	NB	The Rural portion of the Penrith South Ward of the District of Eden including that part of Eamont Bridge to the North of the river Eamont and to the West of the A6 road, Highbank	Penrith	Penrith Cricket Club, Wetheriggs Lane	One shallow step but ramp available

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					Court, Kempley Foot, Kemplay Foot Farm and Skirsgill Lane.			
Penrith West	Penrith West	Penrith West Part I	1548	NC	The Castletown portion of the Penrith West Ward of the District of Eden including Alexandra Road, Balmoral Close, Berkeley Court, Bridge Street, Brougham Street, Castle View, Castletown Court, Castletown Drive, Cookson Court, Cross Street, Mardale Road, Greystoke Close, Greystoke Park Avenue, Greystoke Park Close, Greystoke Park Road, Greystoke Road, Haweswater Close, Hillcrest, Holyoake Terrace, Howard Street, Howard Terrace, James Street, Lingstubbs, Mardale Close, Eastern side of Mile Lane, Mill Street, Mill Terrace, Musgrave Street, Newlands Place, Newlands Terrace, Newton Road, Norfolk Place, Norfolk Road, Skiddaw View, Union Lane, Union Terrace, Windsor Drove, York Street.	Penrith	Castletown Community Centre	Yes – ramp also available for wheelchairs
Penrith West	Penrith West	Penrith West Part II	777	ND	The Eastern portion of the Penrith West Ward of the District of Eden including Albert Court, Western side of Albert Street, Auction Mart Court, Auction Mart Lane, Beatham Court, Bluebell Court, Bluebell Lane, Brook Street, Brunswick	Penrith	The Salvation Army, Hunter Lane, Penrith	Yes, although for motorised wheelchairs or scooters the turn in to the room is very tight

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					Road, Brunswick Square, Brunswick Terrace, Burrowgate, Northern side of Castlegate, Western side of Corney Square, Northern side of Cornmarket, Cromwell Court, Devonshire Street, Duke Street, Elm Terrace, Elm Court, Elm Grove, Elm Villas, Foster Street, Garden Close, Gibson Yard, Griffin Yard, Grove Court, Hanover Court, Harrison Street, Lark Field, Lark Lane, Little Dockray, Lowther Court, Lowther House, Market Court, Eastern side of Middlegate, New Buildings, Poets Walk, Queen Street, Robinson Street, White Hart Yard, Northern side of Sandgate, Western side of Scotland Road, St Andrews View, Strickland Court, Western side of Strickland Gate, Strickland Terrace, Western side of Thacka Lane, Three Crowns Yard, Watson Terrace, Weights Yard, Wilson Row.			
Ravenstonedale	Kirkby Stephen	Crosby Garrett	110	OC	The Parish of Crosby Garrett.	Crosby Garrett	Crosby Garrett Village Hall	Yes, at side entrance. Internal fixed ramps.
Ravenstonedale	Kirkby Stephen	Ravenstonedale	464	OL	The Parish of Ravenstonedale including Newbiggin-on-Lune and Ravenstonedale and some	The Parish of Ravenstonedale	Newbiggin-on-Lune Public hall	Yes – ramp available

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					postal addresses at Cautley, Sedbergh.			
Ravenstonedale	Kirkby Stephen	Soulby	167	OM	The Parish of Soulby.	Soulby	Soulby Methodist Chapel Room	Yes – ramp available
Ravenstonedale	Kirkby Stephen	Waitby	60	OQ	The Parish of Waitby including Waitby and Smardale.	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen Centenary Chapel Schoolroom	Yes – permanent ramp for wheelchair access
Shap	Eden Lakes	Shap Rural	99	HQ	The Shap Rural Ward of the Parish of Shap including Rosgill and postal addresses in Bampton, Hardendale, Shap, Wickersgill and Wet Sleddale.	Shap	Shap Memorial Hall	Yes – ramp also available for wheelchairs
Shap	Eden Lakes	Shap	1012	HR	The Shap Ward of the Parish of Shap including the villages of Keld and Shap.	Shap	Shap Memorial Hall	Yes – ramp also available for wheelchairs
Skelton	Greystoke and Hesket	Millhouse	161	JA	The Millhouse portion of the Parish of Castle Sowerby including Hower Hill, Millhouse, Southernby and some postal addresses in Dalston, Hutton Roof and Hesket Newmarket.	The Parish of Castle Sowerby	Millhouse Public Room	Yes
Skelton	Greystoke and Hesket	Sowerby Row	123	JB	The Sowerby Row portion of the Parish of Castle Sowerby including Raughton Head, Sebergham, Sowerby Row and some postal addresses in High Bridge, Dalston.	The Parish of Castle Sowerby	Millhouse Public Room	Yes

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Skelton	Greystoke and Hesketh	Hutton-in-the-Forest	136	JO	The Hutton-in-the-Forest Ward of the Parish of Skelton including Hutton End, Hutton Row, Hutton-in-the-Forest and some postal addresses in Calthwaite, Plumpton and Skelton.	Hutton End	Hutton End Village Hall	Yes
Skelton	Greystoke and Hesketh	Ivegill	258	JP	The Ivegill Ward of the Parish of Skelton including parts of Ivegill and Low Braithwaite and postal addresses at Broadfield, Calthwaite, Dalston and Southwaite.	Ivegill	Ivegill Village Hall	Yes – also a ramp for wheelchair access
Skelton*	Greystoke and Hesketh	Laithes	44	JQ	The Laithes Ward of the Parish of Skelton.	Blencowe	Designated: Blencowe Village Hall Proposed change to: Skelton Memorial Hall	Yes
Skelton	Greystoke and Hesketh	Lamonby	91	JR	The Lamonby Ward of the Parish of Skelton including Lamonby and some postal addresses in Skelton.	Skelton	Skelton Village Hall	Yes – ramp available for wheelchairs
Skelton	Greystoke and Hesketh	Skelton	376	JS	The Skelton Ward of the Parish of Skelton including the villages of Skelton and Ellonby and some postal addresses in Ellonby, Hutton-in-the-Forest and Laithes.	Skelton	Skelton Village Hall	Yes – ramp available for wheelchairs
Ullswater	Eden Lakes	Motherby	63	HG	The Motherby Ward of the Parish of Greystoke.	Penruddock	Penruddock Village Hall	Yes

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Ullswater	Eden Lakes	Hutton	275	HH	The Parish of Hutton including Hutton John, Penruddock and some postal addresses in Motherby, Troutbeck, Berrier and Greystoke.	Penruddock	Penruddock Village Hall	Yes
Ullswater	Eden Lakes	Matterdale	196	HL	Parish of Matterdale including Dockray, Matterdale, Matterdale End, Sparket Hutton John, Thackthwaite Ulcatrow Troutbeck and some postal addresses in Penruddock Dacre and Watermillock.	Matterdale	Church Meeting Room, Matterdale	Yes
Ullswater	Eden Lakes	Watermillock	151	HO	The Watermillock portion of the Parish of Matterdale.	Watermillock	Watermillock Parish Hall	Yes – ramp also available for wheelchairs
Ullswater	Eden Lakes	Patterdale	368	HP	The Parish of Patterdale including the villages of Glenridding, Hartsop and Patterdale.	Glenridding	Glenridding Public Hall	Yes – ramp also available for wheelchairs
Warcop	Appleby	Colby	116	FC	The Colby Ward of the Parish of Bandleyside.	Colby	Colby Village Hall	Yes – ramp also available for wheelchairs
Warcop	Appleby	Hoff	154	FD	The Hoff Ward of the Parish of Bandleyside including Burrells, Drybeck, Hoff and some postal addresses in Great Asby.	Ormside	Ormside Village Hall	Ramp to front door, one step to main hall but ramp available
Warcop	Appleby	Ormside	120	FE	The Ormside Ward of the Parish of Bandleyside including Great Ormside, Heights and Ormside and some postal addresses in Great Asby.	Ormside	Ormside Village Hall	Ramp to front door, one step to main hall but ramp available

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Warcop	Appleby	Murton	285	FL	The Parish of Murton including Brackenber, Flakebridge, Hilton, Langton, Murton and some postal addresses in Appleby and Coupland Beck.	Murton	Murton Institute	Yes
Warcop	Appleby	Warcop	405	FM	The Parish of Warcop including Bleatarn, Coupland Beck, Sandford, Warcop and some postal addresses in Appleby and Little Musgrave.	Warcop	Warcop Parish Hall	Yes

* updated 15 August 2019

Appendix 2

Polling Station Inspectors Report

Station Name

Brougham Chapel

The chapel has no toilet, we have been hiring a port-a-loo for elections since the 2014 review. No kitchen facilities are available on site either. Disabled access is difficult, along a dirt path from the parking area and then a gravel path through the church grounds. The chapel committee are very anxious that the chapel remain the polling station.

We visited Brougham Hall where a room could be hired for elections. Toilet and kitchen facilities are available on site. Both suggested rooms have a step at the entrance, but a ramp is available. The entrance to the rooms is narrow though and larger wheelchairs would struggle. The paths and walkways around the site are a mixture of gravel, flags and cobbles. There is a side entrance and parking area which would help avoid most of the cobbles, but the access is still far from ideal for disabled electors. Much more signage would be necessary on site to guide the voters to the proposed rooms which are at the rear of the complex.

The electorate in Brougham is 221.

Skirwith Village Hall

The hall itself is adequate and fit for purpose but the access to the hall is difficult for disabled. The surface is tarmac and smooth, but steep and curved on the approach. There is no parking available next to the hall itself. Most electors walk to the hall as it is centrally located in the village or there is parking available about 50 metres away outside the church. Enquiries were made regarding alternatives within the village but there are none. The closest polling station would be Culgaith, about 3 miles away. The current electorate in Skirwith is 178 and in Culgaith it is 418.

Gamblesby and Glassonby combined Polling place

These two parishes have shared a Polling Place since 2011 when the Glassonby Methodist Sunday School closed down. The electorate is 117 in Glassonby and 173 in Gamblesby.

Currently the Methodist School room in Gamblesby is the combined polling place. It was proposed in the 2015 Polling Place Report to Council that we move the polling place to the village hall (which is a larger venue, with better facilities and access but located slightly outside the village). This proposed move was rejected by councillors at council though. Renovations to the School Room have recently been completed. These renovations included new kitchen facilities, disabled access and disabled toilets.

Hunsonby Community Centre

We have been told that the ongoing refurbishment works are due to be finished in time for the May elections in 2020. We have made enquiries, there is no alternative option in Hunsonby. The closest and most practical option is Langwathby, which falls within the same district ward. Langwathby is already a combined polling station with Edenhall electors coming there to vote. The electorate is 349 in Hunsonby, 487 in Langwathby and 164 in Edenhall.

We visited Langwathby Village Hall. There are roof repairs planned, but they are unlikely to happen before May 2020 as no fundraising has taken place and they await the engineer's report. The hall has two large side rooms, both with their own entrance which could house separate polling stations, or, both polling stations could be sited in the main large central hall. There is good disabled access to all rooms in the hall, plenty of parking, facilities are excellent. Extra signage would be required to direct voters to their respective polling stations.

Newton Reigny Memorial Hall

There have been multiple complaints of no disabled access over the years. We have been informed that plans are in progress to create disabled access and lift system to all levels at the Memorial Hall. The booking contact will let us know the timescales when available.

In 2014 no alternative venues could be found. Now the Sun Inn has re-opened and has rooms for hire and would be a suitable alternative if the works are not completed in time. Please note though that the Sun Inn is currently for sale.

The Sun Inn has good parking and lighting outside the building is adequate. There is access to the available room via a side entrance with a large step. There is however a front entrance suitable for disabled access which would take voters through the main bar to the polling room. The facilities are good and the Inn is central to the village. The electorate for Newton Reigny is 348.

Newbiggin Reading Room, Kirkby Thore

The presiding officer noted in June 2017 that there was restricted disabled access to the Reading Room, with a step and narrow doors. There is no alternative option in Newbiggin. The other option would be to send electors to vote in Temple Sowerby.

The Reading Room is centrally located within the village. This room is adequate, recently renovated and with good facilities. There is no parking outside and there is a slight lip on the doorframe and the doorway itself is too narrow to accommodate a wheelchair. They have a portable ramp which is put up on polling days. Currently however there are no wheelchair users in the village and there have been no complaints from electors. The nearest polling station (that isn't cross boundary) is Temple Sowerby, which is approximately 2 miles away. The electorate in Newbiggin is 73.

Plumpton School

Currently, this is the only school on our list of polling places. There have been complaints in the past by the school when it has had to shut for elections.

We visited Plumpton Church, which is part of the St Andrews group of churches. It is located right next to the school in the centre of the village. The issue with the church is that there are no toilets (so a port-a-loo would be required) and no kitchen facilities. There is, however, good access to the church via a large gate with a wide flat gravelled path. There is a step up into the church, a ramp is available and disabled access is not a big issue in the village. There is some car parking in the lane leading to the church and in the village. Lighting is sufficient with lights on the entrance gate and on the external door of the church.

We also visited The Pot Place in Plumpton. The only issue with this site is that it is approximately one mile from the centre of the village. There is a footpath running all the way from the village apart from a very short distance under the bridge where this turns into a grass verge before turning into the entrance of the Pot Place. The suggested room is a separate prefab building called the Old Schoolroom. Access to the old schoolroom is good on both sides and suitable for disabled access via a ramp. The room is large and has good facilities, with access to the café next door. Parking and lighting are excellent. Extra signage to direct voters would be required.

The electorate for Plumpton is 392.

On one occasion, Cottage Wood centre was used instead (but as a shared venue with Calthwaite). For the two recent elections in May 2019, we used the Pot Place. It went very well and there were no complaints received. Proposal: Make the Pot Place the designated polling station for Plumpton.

Parish Rooms, Penrith

This has been used as a temporary polling station since the Whelpdale room at Mansion House was converted to an office. It has worked well and the only complaint has been that there is no parking directly outside the building. Proposal: Make the Parish Rooms the designated polling station for Penrith East.

Stainton Village Hall

The hall has recently been rebuilt. We used the Stainton Methodist church for the recent elections and it was an excellent temporary solution, but now the Village Hall is available again we will revert to using that as our polling station.

Kirkoswald Church Institute

There are plans underway for renovations of this building including new toilet facilities, new roof and re-decoration. The proposed works do not have any timescales in place yet, though likely to begin in 2019. Mrs Little proposed the Kirkoswald Methodist Chapel as an alternative should one be needed. The Methodist Chapel has excellent facilities and ample parking.

Access is directly from the main road via a steep step but there is a wide path from there leading to good disabled access into the chapel.

North Stainmore Parish Hall

Presiding officers repeatedly have noted the outside light is not working. Mrs Martindale says an electrician is going to install a new, more accessible light at the hall.

Representations from Parishes

Lowther Parish Council

Lowther Parish Council confirm that they support that Lowther Parish Hall continue to be used as a polling station.

Penrith Parish Council

Thank you for your consultation letter regarding polling places within our area. Please can I confirm that Penrith Parish Council has no comments regarding the polling places as all are accessible and suitable.

Newbiggin Parish Meeting

Newbiggin Parish Meeting thanks you for the opportunity to comment on the above as outlined in your letter dated 9 August 2019.

The Parish Meeting is fully supportive of the proposal to retain the Polling District of Newbiggin within the Kirkby Thore District Ward and is also fully supportive of the proposal to have Newbiggin as the Polling Place with Newbiggin Reading Room as the Polling Station.

These proposals make complete sense as Newbiggin has for many years been recognised as a Polling District within the Kirkby Thore Ward and the use of the Reading Room as the Polling Station is particularly apposite as the majority of the electorate in the Polling District live in the village itself. This means that it is within walking distance for most and addresses the problem for those without access to any form of transport. My experience is that having the ability to vote locally encourages voting and I am aware that many prefer to walk as this is more eco-friendly and obviates the need to find a parking place. Its use also promotes the Reading Room as a focal point within the village community.

Previous use as a Polling Station proves that it is fit for purpose and whilst access for the disabled is not ideal it is possible when assistance is provided although wheelchair access could prove difficult. The Reading Room Committee is aware that this is an issue which needs to be addressed and is looking to improve access for the disabled as noted by the Returning Officer in the Schedule of Proposals. The Reading Room Committee supports its use as the Polling Station.

Alston Moor Parish Council

I am writing to confirm that Alston Moor Parish Council considered your letter about the review of Polling Districts and Polling Places in our area. The council does not see any need to make changes to either the districts or the polling places.

They have taken into consideration the fact that for Alston there may be no other more suitable location, and would not wish to have the school premises closed for the day. There is also a desire to encourage the use of the community halls.

Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council

Your recent correspondence was reported at the latest meeting of Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council on Wednesday the 4th of September 2019.

The parish council concluded that they were very much in support of the use of Tirril Reading Rooms as the local Polling Station. There were no specific access issues raised.

Kirkby Thore Parish Council

Your recent correspondence was reported at the latest meeting of Kirkby Thore Parish Council on Monday the 2nd of September 2019. The parish council concluded that they were very much in support of the use of Kirkby Thore Memorial Hall as the local Polling Station for Kirkby Thore.

There were no specific access issues raised. The management committee of the hall are actively trying to improve the facility and hope to raise further funds to improve the lighting up the side of the building at the access ramp.

Lazonby Parish Council

I am replying to the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places on behalf of Lazonby Parish Council.

While there are no other suitable locations for a polling station in the parish of Lazonby to suggest, and the Village Hall is thought to be more than adequate for the job, it is advised that when booking the Village Hall that the Main Hall is booked primarily, and if possible the Jubilee Room too. This is due to the disable access to the Jubilee Room being through the Main Hall. If the Jubilee Room is booked for a polling station and the main hall is booked to another group then this makes it hard for disabled people to access the polling station.

Milburn Parish Council

Following our Parish Council meeting last night, the Councillors for Milburn discussed the polling districts and polling places and agreed that in the case of Milburn, all was satisfactory.

Matterdale Parish Council

Matterdale Parish Council are happy with the existing arrangements for Matterdale and Watermillock

Hesket Parish Council

Following receipt of the Polling Station review. Hesket Parish Council would like to submit that they have no objections to the relocation of the polling station at Plumpton Village.

With regard to the proposals at Calthwaite village, the Parish Council feels that these would not be appropriate. Cottage Wood Centre is located some distance from the village, and only practically accessible by vehicle. It was felt that this would not serve the village well in terms of accessibility and would ask that the proposals be reconsidered. One suggested venue was All Saint's Church, Calthwaite.

Representations from Members of Eden District Council

Councillor Joan Raine

As far as I know all the polling stations in my ward are fine and fit for purpose,

As there is no Parish council at Gt Asby will send the letter to the former chairman of the parish council as he is still the chairman of the village hall/polling station.

The booking secretary of Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall is not impressed with the way the election officers stick posters up on the painted walls and the lack of consideration when they remove them by pulling the paint off.

There was talk of asking EDC for funds for re-decorating, however she did stress that the posters could be displayed on the windows and anyone else who books the hall do actually use the windows for posters.

The booking secretary also stated it's time the set reimbursement was increased as the doors are open for virtually 16 hours with no extra payment for heating, stating the election actually costs the hall money.

Councillor Mike Tonkin

I am not aware of any issues about polling stations in the Morland ward.

Councillor Elaine Martin

I would like Newton Reigny Village Hall to be included in the review.

It is not accessible for all, there is no disabled access and very steep staircase for the elderly to have to climb.

Also Plumpton was moved this time from the school at short notice to the Pot Place, this seem to work well and kept the polling station in the village meaning people could still walk if they wished to.

The polling station at Calthwaite has seen a fall in people voting since it was taken out of the village, this one also used to be at the school, but rightly so they don't want to close for the day. It is now more than a mile from Calthwaite and for those people that don't drive and don't have access to transport tend not to vote as it is too far away to walk.

Councillor Mary Robinson

Ainstable has just been consulted on this and the polling station is down as the Methodist Chapel. The church institute is normally the polling station which has level disabled access, is this a mistake?

Councillor Rob Orchard

I believe Karen that the current arrangements in the Hartside constituency are adequate and work well. I would mention one slight anomaly which is that Hartside doesn't currently fall within the Constituency boundary of Hartside Ward!

Representations from a Member of the Public

Valerie Kendall

Having spent some time telling at Penrith Cricket Club during the Penrith South by-election on Thursday 5 September my comment is that it seems to be a very good polling station. I would suggest that it is retained.

**Representations from Allerdale Borough Council's
Returning Officer**

I can confirm that our Returning Officer has no comments to make on your review.

Representations from a County Councillor

County Councillor Neil Hughes

In response to the attached invitation to comment my initial thought is that Howtown/Martindale ought to get a polling stn of their own again!

Inspection Report on All Saints Church, Calthwaite

I visited 21/10/19. Mrs Pat Ivinson (the Church Warden 01768 885205) showed me around. The church committee are having a meeting on Thursday 24/10 to decide if they wish to be a polling station. She thought they would be happy to do so but will call me Friday to confirm.

Access

Level path from the road at the front and the car park at the back. Slight lip at the outer door and the inner door, but no steps anywhere so no ramps needed.

Parking

You can park on the road at the front but there is a sizeable dedicated gravel car park at the back of the church also.

Kitchen Facilities

There is a newly installed kitchen on site including fridge, stove, oven, kettle and a hot water tank.

Outside lighting

Yes, to the rear, front and car park.

Heating

5 convection heaters available for use.

Toilets

No toilets in the church. They use the toilets on the football pitch next door – approximately 20 metres away from the church.

I think the facilities here are adequate and comparable to many of our other polling stations. The toilet situation is the only negative but again, we have a similar situation at Brougham Chapel. All Saints Church is more central to the village than Cottage Wood and clearly would be much more convenient for electors.