

1976 No. 812

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The District of West Somerset (Electoral Arrangements)
Order 1976**

Made - - - - 21st May 1976

Coming into Operation 3rd May 1979

Whereas in pursuance of section 51(1) of the Local Government Act 1972(a), the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on 31st October 1975 submitted to me proposals for the future electoral arrangements for the District of West Somerset:

Now, therefore, I, the Right Honourable Roy Jenkins, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in exercise of the power conferred upon me by sections 51(2) and 67 of the said Act, do hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the District of West Somerset (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1976.

2. This Order shall come into operation on 3rd May 1979 provided that for the purpose of all proceedings preliminary or relating to an election to be held on or after that day the said Order shall come into operation on 10th October 1978.

3.—(1) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) The map referred to in this Order is the map marked "MAP REFERRED TO IN THE DISTRICT OF WEST SOMERSET (ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS) ORDER 1976" and deposited with the Secretary of State.

4. The existing wards of the District of West Somerset shall be abolished and the said district shall be divided into nineteen wards which shall bear the names set out in column 1 of the Schedule to this Order, and each such ward shall comprise the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by blue lines thereon.

5. Where a boundary is shown on the map as running along a road, railway line, footway, waterway or other similar geographical feature, it shall be treated as running along the centre line thereof.

6. The number of councillors to be elected for each ward constituted by this Order shall be the number specified in column 2 of the said Schedule opposite to the name of the ward as given in column 1 of that Schedule.

7.—(1) The wards constituted by this Order shall have the internal boundaries thereof mered by Ordnance Survey.

(2) Copies of the map, marked "COPY OF THE MAP REFERRED TO IN THE DISTRICT OF WEST SOMERSET (ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS) ORDER 1976", shall be deposited with the council of the District of West Somerset and with the Director General of the Ordnance Survey and such copies shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by any person.

8. The ordinary elections of all councillors for the District of West Somerset shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of non-metropolitan district councillors in 1979 and every fourth year thereafter.

Roy Jenkins,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
21st May 1976.

Articles 4 and 6.

SCHEDULE

NAMES OF AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS FOR NEW WARDS

1 Name of New Ward	2 Number of Councillors
Alcombe	3
Aville Vale	1
Carhampton and Withycombe	1
Crowcombe and Stogumber	1
Dulverton and Brushford	2
Dunster	1
East Brendon	1
Exmoor	1
Haddon	1
Holnicote	1
Minehead North	3
Minehead South	3
Old Cleeve	2
Porlock and Oare	2
Quantock Vale	2
Quarme	1
Watchet	3
West Quantock	1
Williton	2