
 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1977 No. 348 (L. 9)

COUNTY COURTS

The County Court Districts (Western Circuit)
Order 1977

Made - - - - 28th February 1977

Coming into Operation 1st April 1977

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 2 of the County Courts Act 1959(a), hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the County Court Districts (Western Circuit) Order 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1977.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) In this Order “the principal Order” means the County Court Districts Order 1970(c), as amended(d).

2.—(1) The holdings of the Bideford, Dorchester, Kingsbridge, Malmesbury, Minehead, Okehampton and Wimborne Minster County Courts shall be discontinued and the entries relating to these courts in Schedule 1 to the principal Order shall be deleted.

(2) The amendments set out in Schedule 1 to this Order shall be made in Schedule 1 to the principal Order in their proper alphabetical position.

3. The Truro and Falmouth County Court shall cease to be held at Falmouth and shall be held at Truro under the name of the Truro County Court and the word “Falmouth” shall accordingly be deleted from column 1 of Schedule 1 to the principal Order and in column 2 of that Schedule (where it appears in the entries relating to the Bodmin, Penzance, Redruth and St. Austell County Courts).

4. The amendments set out in Schedule 2 to this Order shall be made in Schedule 2 to the principal Order.

5. No process shall be invalid only because the court is described therein by the name by which it was known prior to the coming into operation of this Order.

Dated 28th February 1977.

Elwyn-Jones, C.

(a) 1959 c. 22. (b) 1889 c. 63. (c) S.I. 1970/16 (1970 I, p. 17).
(d) S.I. 1970/904, 2031, 1971/1081, 1972/1941, 1973/2045, 1976/29, 201, 281, 604, 605, 797, 850, 890, 1977/149 (1970 II, p. 2833; III, p. 6621; 1971 II, p. 3217; 1972 III, p. 5812; 1973 III, p. 7065; 1976 I, pp. 43, 501, 740, 1727, 1730; II, pp. 2193, 2244; 1977 I, p. 462).

SCHEDULE 1
SECTION 1
BIDEFORD COUNTY COURT
AMENDMENTS CONSEQUENT ON CLOSURE

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>														
BARNSTAPLE	<p>In the entry relating to the Barnstaple Rural District:—</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Delete “(part). <i>Other part</i> in Bideford County Court District.”</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Insert “Horwood, Instow, Westleigh.”</td> </tr> </table> <p>Immediately after the entry relating to the Barnstaple Rural District insert the following entries:—</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">“Bideford Municipal Borough.</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Bideford.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Bideford Rural District.</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Abbotsham, Alwington, Buckland Brewer, Bulkworthy, Clovelly, East Putford, Hartland, Landcross, Littleham, Lundy Island (extra Parochial), Monkleigh, Newton St. Petrock, Parkham, Welcombe, Woolsery.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Bude-Stratton Urban District.</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Bude-Stratton.”</td> </tr> </table> <p>Immediately after the entry relating to the Crediton Rural District insert the following entries:—</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">“Great Torrington Municipal Borough.</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Great Torrington.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Holsworthy Rural District (part). <i>Other part</i> in Launceston County Court District.</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Abbots Bickington, Black Torrington, Bradford, Bradworthy, Cookbury, Holsworthy, Holsworthy Hamlets, Milton Damerel, Pancrasweek, Sutcombe, Thornbury, West Putford.”</td> </tr> </table> <p>Immediately after the entry relating to the Lynton Urban District insert the following entry:—</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">“Northam Urban District.</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Northam.”</td> </tr> </table>		Delete “(part). <i>Other part</i> in Bideford County Court District.”	Insert “Horwood, Instow, Westleigh.”	“Bideford Municipal Borough.	Bideford.	Bideford Rural District.	Abbotsham, Alwington, Buckland Brewer, Bulkworthy, Clovelly, East Putford, Hartland, Landcross, Littleham, Lundy Island (extra Parochial), Monkleigh, Newton St. Petrock, Parkham, Welcombe, Woolsery.	Bude-Stratton Urban District.	Bude-Stratton.”	“Great Torrington Municipal Borough.	Great Torrington.	Holsworthy Rural District (part). <i>Other part</i> in Launceston County Court District.	Abbots Bickington, Black Torrington, Bradford, Bradworthy, Cookbury, Holsworthy, Holsworthy Hamlets, Milton Damerel, Pancrasweek, Sutcombe, Thornbury, West Putford.”	“Northam Urban District.	Northam.”
Delete “(part). <i>Other part</i> in Bideford County Court District.”	Insert “Horwood, Instow, Westleigh.”															
“Bideford Municipal Borough.	Bideford.															
Bideford Rural District.	Abbotsham, Alwington, Buckland Brewer, Bulkworthy, Clovelly, East Putford, Hartland, Landcross, Littleham, Lundy Island (extra Parochial), Monkleigh, Newton St. Petrock, Parkham, Welcombe, Woolsery.															
Bude-Stratton Urban District.	Bude-Stratton.”															
“Great Torrington Municipal Borough.	Great Torrington.															
Holsworthy Rural District (part). <i>Other part</i> in Launceston County Court District.	Abbots Bickington, Black Torrington, Bradford, Bradworthy, Cookbury, Holsworthy, Holsworthy Hamlets, Milton Damerel, Pancrasweek, Sutcombe, Thornbury, West Putford.”															
“Northam Urban District.	Northam.”															

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
BARNSTAPLE—cont.	Immediately after the entry relating to the South Molton Rural District insert the following entry:—	
	“Stratton Rural District (part). <i>Other part</i> in Launceston County Court District.	Kilkhampton, Launcells, Morwenstow.”
	In the entry relating to Torrington Rural District:—	
	Delete “(part). <i>Other part</i> in Bideford County Court District.”	Insert “Alverdiscott, Beaford, Buckland Filleigh, Dolton, Frithelstock, Huish, Huntshaw, Langtree, Little Torrington, Merton, Peters Marland, Petrockstow, St. Giles, Shebbear, Sheepwash, Weare Giffard.”
LAUNCESTON	In the entry relating to the Holsworthy Rural District:—	
	For “Bideford” substitute “Barnstaple”.	
	In the entry relating to the Stratton Rural District:—	
	For “Bideford” substitute “Barnstaple”.	

SECTION 2

DORCHESTER COUNTY COURT
AMENDMENTS CONSEQUENT ON CLOSURE

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
AXMINSTER AND CHARD	In the entry relating to the Beaminster Rural District:—	
	For “Dorchester” substitute “Weymouth”.	
	In the entry relating to the Bridport Rural District:—	
	For “Dorchester” substitute “Weymouth”.	

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
POOLE	<p>In the entry relating to the Wareham and Purbeck Rural District:—</p> <p>For “<i>Other parts</i> in Dorchester and Weymouth County Court Districts.” substitute “<i>Other part</i> in Weymouth County Court District.”</p>	
SALISBURY	<p>In the entry relating to the Blandford Rural District:—</p> <p>For “Dorchester” substitute “Weymouth”.</p>	
SHAFTESBURY	<p>In the entry relating to the Blandford Rural District:—</p> <p>For “Dorchester” substitute “Weymouth”.</p> <p>In the entry relating to the Sturminster Rural District:—</p> <p>For “Dorchester” substitute “Weymouth”.</p>	
WEYMOUTH	<p>Before the entry relating to the Dorchester Rural District insert the following entries:—</p> <p>“Beaminster Rural District (part). <i>Other parts</i> in Axminster and Chard and Yeovil County Court Districts.</p> <p>Blandford Rural District (part). <i>Other parts</i> in Poole, Shaftesbury and Salisbury County Court Districts.</p> <p>Bridport Municipal Borough.</p>	<p>Hooke, Mapperton, Netherby, North Poorton, Powerstock, Rampisham, Wraxall.</p> <p>Hilton, Milborne St. Andrew, Milton Abbas, Turnworth, Winterborne Clenston, Winterborne Houghton, Winterborne Stickland, Winterborne Whitechurch.</p> <p>Bridport.</p>

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
WEYMOUTH— <i>cont.</i>	<p>Bridport Rural District (part). <i>Other part</i> in Axminster and Chard County Court District.</p> <p>Dorchester Municipal Borough.</p> <p>In the entry relating to the Dorchester Rural District:—</p> <p>Delete “(part). <i>Other part</i> in Dorchester County Court District.”</p>	<p>Allington, Askerswell, Bothenhampton, Bradpole, Burton Bradstock, Chilcombe, Litton Cheney, Loders, Puncknowle, Shipton Gorge, Swyre, Symondsbury.</p> <p>Dorchester.”</p> <p>Insert “Alton Pancras, Athelhampton, Bradford Peverell, Broadmayne, Buckland Newton, Burleston, Cattistock, Cerne Abbas, Charminster, Cheselbourne, Chilfrome, Compton Valence, Dewlish, Frampton, Frome St. Quintin, Frome Vauchurch, Godmanstone, Kingston Russell, Little Bredy, Long Bredy, Maiden Newton, Melcombe Horsey, Minterne, Nether Cerne, Piddlehinton, Piddletrenthide, Puddletown, Stinsford, Stratton, Sydling St. Nicholas, Tincton, Toller Fratrum, Toller Porcorum, Tolpuddle, Up Cerne, Warmwell, Watercombe, West Compton, West Knighton, West Stafford, Whitcombe, Winterborne Abbas, Winterborne Came, Winterborne Herringston, Winterborne Monkton, Winterborne St. Martin, Winterborne Steepleton, Woodsford, Wynford Eagle.”</p>

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
WEYMOUTH— <i>cont.</i>	Immediately after the entry relating to the Portland Urban District insert the following entries:—	
	“Sherborne Rural District (part). <i>Other part</i> in Yeovil County Court District.	Batcombe, Hilfield.
	Sturminster Rural District (part). <i>Other parts</i> in Shaftesbury and Yeovil County Court Districts.	Glanvilles Wooton, Hazelbury Bryan, Ibberton, Mappowder, Pulham, Stoke Wake, Woolland.”
	In the entry relating to the Wareham and Purbeck Rural District:—	
	For “ <i>Other parts</i> in Dorchester and Poole County Court Districts,” substitute “ <i>Other part</i> in Poole County Court District.”	Insert “Affpuddle, Coombe Keynes, East Lulworth, Moreton, Turners Puddle, West Lulworth, Winfrith Newburgh, Wool.”
YEOVIL	In the entry relating to the Beaminster Rural District:—	
	For “Dorchester” substitute “Weymouth”.	
	In the entry relating to the Sherborne Rural District:—	
	For “Dorchester” substitute “Weymouth”.	
	In the entry relating to the Sturminster Rural District:—	
	For “Dorchester” substitute “Weymouth”.	

SECTION 3
KINGSBRIDGE COUNTY COURT
AMENDMENTS CONSEQUENT ON CLOSURE

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
NEWTON ABBOT	In the entry relating to the Totnes Rural District:— Delete "Kingsbridge".	
PLYMOUTH	Before the entry relating to the Plymouth County Borough insert the following entries:— "Kingsbridge Urban District. Kingsbridge Rural District.	
		Kingsbridge. Aveton Gifford, Bigbury, Blackawton, Buckland Tout Saints, Charleton, Chivelstone, Churchstow, East Allington, East Portlemouth, Kingston, Loddiswell, Malborough, Modbury, Ringmore, Sherford, Slapton, South Huish, South Milton, South Pool, Stoke Fleming, Stokenham, Strete, Thurlestone, West Alvington, Woodleigh."
	Immediately after the entry relating to the St. Germans Rural District insert the following entry:— "Salcombe Urban District.	
		Salcombe."
	In the entry relating to the Totnes Rural District:— Delete "Kingsbridge".	
		Insert "Diptford, Halwell, Harberton, Moreleigh".
TORQUAY	In the entry relating to the Totnes Rural District:— Delete "Kingsbridge".	

SECTION 4
MALMESBURY COUNTY COURT
AMENDMENT CONSEQUENT ON CLOSURE

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
CHELTENHAM	In the entry relating to the Cirencester Rural District:— Delete “Malmesbury”.	
STROUD	In the entry relating to the Cirencester Rural District:— Delete “Malmesbury”.	
	In the entry relating to the Tetbury Rural District:— For “Malmesbury” substitute “Swindon”.	
SWINDON	In the entry relating to the Cirencester Rural District:— Delete “Malmesbury”.	
		Insert “Kemble, Poole Keynes, Somerford Keynes, South Cerney.”
	Immediately after the entry relating to the Highworth Rural District insert the following entries:—	
	“Malmesbury Municipal Borough. Malmesbury Rural District.	Malmesbury. Brinkworth, Brokenborough, Charlton, Crudwell, Dauntsey, Easton Grey, Great Somerford, Hankerton, Hullavington, Lea and Cleverton, Little Somerford, Luckington, Malmesbury St. Paul Without, Minety, Norton, Oaksey, Sherston, Sopworth.”
	Immediately after the entry relating to the Swindon Municipal Borough insert the following entry:—	
	“Tetbury Rural District (part). <i>Other part in Stroud County Court District.</i>	Ashley, Beverston, Boxwell with Leighterton, Cherington, Didmarton, Long Newton, Shipton Moyne, Tetbury, Tetbury Upton, Westonbirt with Lasborough.”

SECTION 5
MINEHEAD COUNTY COURT
AMENDMENTS CONSEQUENT ON CLOSURE

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
BRIDGWATER	In the entry relating to the Williton Rural District:—	
	For “Minehead” substitute “Taunton”.	
TAUNTON	In the entry relating to the Dulverton Rural District:—	
	For “ <i>Other parts in Minehead and Tiverton County Court Districts.</i> ” substitute “ <i>Other part in Tiverton County Court District.</i> ”	Insert “Exford, Exmoor, Winsford, Withypool.”
	Immediately after the entry relating to the Langport Rural District insert the following entry:—	
	“Minehead Urban District.	Minehead.”
	Immediately after the entry relating to the Tiverton Rural District insert the following entry:—	
	“Watchet Urban District.	Watchet.”
	Immediately after the entry relating to the Wellington Urban District insert the following entry:—	
	“Williton Rural District (part). <i>Other part in Bridgwater County Court District.</i>	Bicknoller, Brompton Ralph, Carhampton, Clatworthy, Crowcombe, Cutcombe, Dunster, East Quantoxhead, Elworthy, Holford, Kilve, Luccombe, Luxborough, Minehead Without, Monksilver, Nettlecombe, Oare, Old Cleeve, Porlock, Sampford Brett, Selworthy, Stogumber, Strington, Timberscombe Treborough, West Quantoxhead, Williton, Withycombe, Wootton Courtney.”

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
TIVERTON	In the entry relating to the Dulverton Rural District:— For “ <i>Other parts in Minehead and Taunton County Court Districts.</i> ” substitute “ <i>Other part in Taunton County Court District.</i> ”	

SECTION 6

OKEHAMPTON COUNTY COURT

AMENDMENTS CONSEQUENT ON CLOSURE

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
BARNSTAPLE	In the entry relating to the Crediton Rural District:— Delete “Okehampton”.	
EXETER	In the entry relating to the Crediton Rural District:— Delete “Okehampton”.	Insert “Brushford, Coldridge, Hittisleigh, Zeal Monachorum.”
	Immediately after the entry relating to the Honiton Rural District insert the following entries:— “Okehampton Municipal Borough. Okehampton Rural District.	Okehampton. Ashbury, Beaworthy, Belstone, Bondleigh, Bratton Clovelly, Bridestowe, Broadwoodkelly, Chagford, Drewsteignton, Exbourne, Germansweek, Gidleigh, Hatherleigh, Highampton, Iddesleigh, Inwardleigh, Jacobstowe, Meeth, Monkokehampton, Northlew, North Tawton, Okehampton Hamlets, Sampford Courtenay, Sourton, South Tawton, Spreyton, Throwleigh, Lands Common to Bridestowe and Sourton civil parishes.”

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
TIVERTON	<p>In the entry relating to the Crediton Rural District:—</p> <p>For “<i>Other parts in Barnstaple, Exeter and Okehampton County Court Districts.</i>” substitute “<i>Other parts in Barnstaple and Exeter County Court Districts.</i>”</p>	

SECTION 7

WIMBORNE MINSTER COUNTY COURT

AMENDMENTS CONSEQUENT ON CLOSURE

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
POOLE	<p>Before the entry relating to the Poole Municipal Borough insert the following entries:—</p> <p>Blandford Rural District (part). <i>Other parts in Shaftesbury, Salisbury and Weymouth County Court Districts.</i></p> <p>Blandford Forum Municipal Borough.</p> <p>Immediately after the entry relating to the Wareham Municipal Borough insert the following entries:—</p> <p>“Wimborne and Cranborne Rural District (part). <i>Other part in Salisbury County Court District.</i></p>	<p>Anderson, Blandford St. Mary, Bryanston, Charlton Marshall, Langton Long Blandford, Pimperne, Spetisbury, Tarrant Crawford, Tarrant Gunville, Tarrant Hinton, Tarrant Keynston, Tarrant Launceston, Tarrant Monkton, Tarrant Rawston, Tarrant Rushton, Winterborne Kingston, Winterborne Zelston.</p> <p>Blandford Forum.”</p> <p>Alderholt, Chalbury, Colehill, Corfe Mullen, Cranborne, Edmondsham, Gussage All Saints, Gussage St. Michael, Hampreston, Hinton Martell, Hinton Parva, Holt, Horton, Long Crichel, More Crichel,</p>

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
POOLE— <i>cont.</i>	Wimborne Minster Urban District.	Pamphill, Shapwick, Sturminster Marshall, Verwood, West Moors, West Parley, Wimborne St. Giles, Witchampton, Woodlands. Wimborne Minster.”
SALISBURY	<p>In the entry relating to the Blandford Rural District:—</p> <p>For “Wimborne Minster” substitute “Poole”.</p> <p>In the entry relating to the Wimborne and Cranborne Rural District:—</p> <p>For “Wimborne Minster” substitute “Poole”.</p>	
SHAFTESBURY	<p>In the entry relating to the Blandford Rural District:—</p> <p>For “Wimborne Minster” substitute “Poole”.</p>	

SCHEDULE 2

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
Immediately after the entry for Axminster and Chard insert the following entry:—	
“Barnstaple.	Barnstaple, Bideford and Holsworthy.”
In the entry for Bideford:—	
Delete “Bideford”.	Delete “Bideford and Holsworthy”.
In the entry for Dorchester:—	
Delete “Dorchester”.	Delete “Bridport and Dorchester”.
In the entry for Plymouth:—	
	Insert “Kingsbridge”.
In the entry for Truro and Falmouth:—	
Delete “and Falmouth”.	Delete “Falmouth”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order closes the Bideford, Dorchester, Kingsbridge, Malmesbury, Minehead, Okehampton and Wimborne Minster County Courts and allocates their districts to neighbouring courts. The Order also renames the Truro and Falmouth County Court as the Truro County Court and provides for sittings to be held at Bideford and Kingsbridge.

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