Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 59(9) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009; draft to lie for forty days pursuant to section 6(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, during which period either House of Parliament may resolve that the Order be not made.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. ****

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Herefordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2026

Made - - - - ***

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and (3)

Under section 58(4) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009(**a**) ("the Act") the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**b**) ("the Commission") published a report dated September 2026(**c**) stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the district of Herefordshire. The Commission has decided to give effect to the recommendations.

A draft of the instrument has been laid before Parliament and a period of forty days has expired since the day on which it was laid and neither House has resolved that the instrument be not made.

The Commission makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 59(1) of the Act.

Citation, commencement, extent and application

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Herefordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2026.

(2) This article and article 2 come into force on the day after the day on which this Order is made.

(3) Articles 3 and 4 come into force—

(a) for the purposes of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on the day after the day on which this Order is made;

(**a**) 2009 c. 20.

(**b**) The Local Government Boundary Commission for England was established on 1st April 2010 by section 55(1) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (c. 20).

(**c**) The report is available for inspection at reasonable times at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 7th Floor, 3 Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8YZ. It is also accessible online at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/herefordshire/.

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in England(**a**) in 2027.

(4) This Order extends to England and Wales but applies in relation to England only.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order, "the map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Herefordshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2026" held by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**b**).

(2) Where a boundary is shown on the map as running along a road, railway line, footway, watercourse, or similar geographical feature, it is to be treated as running along the centre line of that feature.

Wards of the district of Herefordshire and number of councillors

3.—(1) The existing wards of the district of Herefordshire are abolished.

(2) The district of Herefordshire is divided into the 53 wards listed in Schedule 1.

(3) Each ward comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the ward.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward is 1.

Parish wards of the parishes of Hereford, Ledbury and Ross-on-Wye and number of councillors

4.—(1) The existing parish wards of the parishes of Hereford, Ledbury and Ross-on-Wye are abolished.

(2) The parish of Hereford is divided into the 15 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 1 in Schedule 2.

(3) The parish of Ledbury is divided into the 3 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 2 in Schedule 2.

(4) The parish of Ross-on-Wye is divided into the 3 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 3 in Schedule 2.

(5) Each parish ward comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(6) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that parish ward in the second column of the relevant table in Schedule 2.

(**a**) The ordinary day of election of councillors in England is prescribed by section 37(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2), as amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50), renumbered by paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29), and further amended by section 6(16) of the Wales Act 2017 (c. 4).

(**b**) The map is available for inspection at reasonable times at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 7th Floor, 3 Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8YZ. It is also accessible online at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/herefordshire/.

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Chief Executive
Local Government Boundary Commission for England

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

Wards of the district of Herefordshire

1. Arrow
2. Aylestone Hill
3. Backbury
4. Belmont Rural
5. Birch
6. Bircher
7. Bishops Frome & Cradley
8. Bobblestock
9. Bromyard Bringsty
10. Bromyard West
11. Castle
12. Central
13. College
14. Credenhill
15. Dinedor Hill
16. Eign Hill
17. Golden Valley North
18. Golden Valley South
19. Greyfriars
20. Hagley
21. Hampton
22. Hinton & Hunderton
23. Holmer
24. Hope End
25. Kerne Bridge
26. Kings Acre
27. Kington
28. Ledbury North
29. Ledbury South

30. Ledbury West
31. Leominster East
32. Leominster North & Rural
33. Leominster South
34. Leominster West
35. Llangarron
36. Mortimer
37. Newton Farm
38. Old Gore
39. Penyard
40. Queenswood
41. Red Hill
42. Ross East
43. Ross North
44. Ross West
45. Saxon Gate
46. Stoney Street
47. Sutton Walls
48. Three Crosses
49. Tupsley
50. Weobley
51. Whitecross
52. Widemarsh
53. Wormside

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

Parish wards of the parishes of Hereford, Ledbury and Ross-on-Wye and number of councillors

Table 1

Parish wards of the parish of Hereford and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Hereford Aylestone Hill	1
Hereford Bobblestock	1
Hereford Central	2

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Hereford College	1
Hereford Eign Hill	1
Hereford Greyfriars	1
Hereford Hinton & Hunderton	2
Hereford Kings Acre	1
Hereford Newton Farm	2
Hereford Red Hill	1
Hereford Saxon Gate	1
Hereford Tupsley	1
Hereford Victoria Park	1
Hereford Whitecross	1
Hereford Widemarsh	1

Table 2

Parish wards of the parish of Ledbury and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Ledbury North	6
Ledbury South	6
Ledbury West	6

Table 3

Parish wards of the parish of Ross-on-Wye and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Ross-on-Wye East	6
Ross-on-Wye North	6
Ross-on-Wye West	6

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes changes to electoral arrangements for the district of Herefordshire following recommendations made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. This Order does not change the boundary of the district itself.

Article 3 abolishes the existing electoral wards of the district of Herefordshire and replaces them with the 53 new ones listed in Schedule 1 for the purposes of elections held on or after the ordinary day of election of councillors in England in 2027. It also establishes the names and areas of the new electoral wards and the number of councillors for each.

Article 4 makes changes to parish wards that are consequential on the changes made by article 3. The changes to parish wards introduced by article 4 come into force for the purposes of parish elections in 2027 and in respect of subsequent parish elections.

The area covered by each ward created by this Order is identified on a map which is available for inspection at reasonable times at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 7th Floor, 3 Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8YZ. The map is also accessible online at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/herefordshire/.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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