

Redditch Statutory Polling District & Polling Place Review 2023

Note: Due to the Local Boundary Commission for England has carried out a Ward Boundary Review many Wards in the Borough have changed and will come into force at elections in May 2024.

Current Wards and relevant current Councillors are included for information.

Polling Districts with bracketed codes relate to those where the County Division boundary (not part of this review) divides it.

Current Ward	Current Ward Councillor (based on current Wards)	Ward Electorate	Electorate	Ward (from May 2024)	Polling District	Polling District Code	Parish	Proposed Polling Place	Local Review Comments endorsed by (Acting) Returning Officer and Electoral Matters Committee
Crabbs Cross	S. Akbar/C. Holz		2114	Astwood Bank & Feckenham	Crabbs Cross	AFA		Crabbs Cross Methodist Church	It is recommended that this be used as the polling place as it is within the polling district and electors have only used the Windmill Community Centre once before. Officers have visited Crabbs Cross Methodist Church and noted that it would be suitable as a polling place.
Astwood Bank & Feckenham	C. Warhurst/B. Clayton		1590	Astwood Bank & Feckenham	Hunt End	AFB		The Red Lion, Hunt End	It is recommended that the Red Lion be used as the polling place as it is at the centre of the polling district. This would replace the portable building at Banners Lane. Complaints have been received about the portable building and where it is sited and this option would be considerably cheaper. Officers have visited The Red Lion and noted that the marquee at the back would be suitable as a polling place.
Astwood Bank & Feckenham	C. Warhurst/B. Clayton		686	Astwood Bank & Feckenham	Feckenham	AFC	Feckenham	Feckenham Village Hall	No Change to the polling place as it is within the polling district. It was rated 5/5 for Staff 5/5 for Electors at elections in May 2023.
Astwood Bank & Feckenham	C. Warhurst/B. Clayton	6826	2436	Astwood Bank & Feckenham	Astwood Bank	AFD		Astwood Bank Church Hall	Recommend that no changes are made to either the boundaries of the polling district, or the polling place for Astwood Bank. Astwood Bank Church Hall is located centrally within Astwood Bank. Whilst having limited parking, the hall is well known as a polling place by the electorate and identified as the most suitable venue in the area. It was rated 4/5 for Staff 5/5 for Electors at elections in May 2023.
Batchley & Brockhill	J. Baker/L. Harrison/K. Miles		2869	Batchley & Brockhill	Brockhill	BBA		Holyoakes Fields First School	The school is situated in the new residential area within the polling district. This would replace the portable building at Burrington Close. It was noted that the use of the school is not ideal especially as it is at the top of the hill, however it was thought that this would be preferable than using a portable building.

Batchley & Brockhill/Central	J. Baker/L. Harrison/K. Miles I. Altaf/S. Harvey		1605	Batchley & Brockhill	Batchley Brook	BBB		Bridley Moor & Batchley Social Club	The premises have been visited and identified that the club is a suitable venue for a polling station with good accessibility and facilities, with enough space for multiple polling stations. It is recommended that this be used as the polling place as it is at the centre of the polling district. This would replace the portable building at Carthorse Lane.
Batchley & Brockhill/Central	J. Baker/L. Harrison/K. Miles I. Altaf/S. Harvey		1724	Batchley & Brockhill	Batchley	BBC		Batchley Community Centre	We recommend that the centre continues to be used as a polling place and have extended the polling district to the North. Batchley Community Centre is a large community building located within the polling district. No issues of concern were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff.
Batchley & Brockhill	J. Baker/L. Harrison/K. Miles	7657	1459	Batchley & Brockhill	Foxlydiate	BBD		Gospel Hall Church	This is a new polling servicing the west of the ward. A new polling place has been suggested. The building has been visited and found that it is a suitable location and would make an ideal polling place. The use for polling purposes will need confirmation from the Trustees of the Hall.
Central/Lodge Park	I. Altaf/S. Harvey A. Fry/T.Pearman		2757	Central	St Stephen's	CEA		Redditch Baptist Church	Residents formally in the St George's polling district in the small area below the Coventry Highway are placed into the CEA polling district. Redditch Baptist Church is well known as a polling station for this polling district. No change to the polling place is proposed. No issues or concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff.
Central	I. Altaf/S. Harvey		1200	Central	Smallwood	CEB		REDI Centre	There has been a small boundary change to move those on the northern side of Parsons Road as well as those on Beaufort Street and Old Crest Avenue into the district for convenience of polling place. The REDI Centre is well known as a polling station for this polling district. No change to the polling place is proposed. No issues or concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff.
Central	I. Altaf/S. Harvey		1915	Central	Southcrest	CEC		Southcrest Evangelical Church	There is the small change of those moving into CEB above. As a polling place, Southcrest Evangelical Church is well known as a polling place by the electorate and therefore its continued use is recommended. No issues or concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff.

Central	I. Altaf/S. Harvey	6902	1030	Central	Pitcheroak	CED		Bentley Close Communal Room	No changes are proposed to the CED district, although those previously in the district on the Bromsgrove road/Vicarage Crescent have now moved in to the Batchley and Brockhill ward. Bentley Close Communal Room is well known as a polling station for this polling district. No change to the polling place is proposed. No issues or concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff.
Abbey	S.Khan/M.Stringfellow		1638	Greenlands & Lakeside	Abbeydale	GLA		Abbeydale Community Club	Recommended that no changes are made to either the boundaries of the polling district, or the polling place. The building is well known as a polling place by the electorate. Although there were some lighting issues at the elections in May 2023 it is still thought to be the best option as a polling place.
Lodge Park	A. Fry/T.Pearman		1471	Greenlands & Lakeside	Lakeside	GLB		Harry Taylor House	Recommended that the polling district boundary moves to the A4189. Harry Taylor House is well known as a polling place by the electorate. No issues or concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff.
Lodge Park	A. Fry/T.Pearman		1763	Greenlands & Lakeside	Lodge Park	GLC		Lodge Park Social Club	Recommended no changes to the polling district boundary. Lodge Park Social Club is well known as a polling place by the electorate. No issues or concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff.
Lodge Park/Greenlands	A. Fry/T.Pearman J.Begum/J.Kane/E.Marshall	7361	2489	Greenlands & Lakeside	Greenlands	GLD		St John's Church Hall	This is part of the GRA polling district of the current Greenlands Ward. It is proposed to keep this but move the northern boundary to the A4189. St John's Church Hall is well known as a polling place by the electorate. No major issues or concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff.
Headless Cross & Oakenshaw	J.Beecham/I.Woodall/J.Barker-Smith		3656	Headless Cross & Oakenshaw	Headless Cross	HOA		Rocklands Social Club	The Vaynor and Birchfield polling districts have been combined as well as the inclusion of Ellerdene Close to create a Headless Cross polling district with Rocklands Social Club (the most suitable venue) proposed as the polling place. No issues or concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff. It was Rated 5/5 for Staff 4/5 for Electors at elections in May 2023.

Headless Cross & Oakenshaw	J.Beecham/I.Woodall/J.Barker-Smith		1470	Headless Cross & Oakenshaw	Oakenshaw North	HOB		Oakenshaw Community Centre	Oakenshaw North is mostly unchanged except for the removal of Ellerdene Close, with no proposed change to the polling place. Oakenshaw Community Centre is a large community building located within the polling district. No issues or concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff. It was Rated 5/5 for Staff 5/5 for Electors at elections in May 2023.
Headless Cross & Oakenshaw/Greenlands	J.Beecham/I.Woodall/J.Barker-Smith J.Begum/J.Kane/E.Marshall		2113	Headless Cross & Oakenshaw	Oakenshaw South	HOC (HOC2)		Portable Building Grangers lane	Aware that portable buildings are not the most suitable polling places, Electoral Matters Committee have been unable to locate an alternative within the polling district. It is therefore recommended the continued use of the polling place. It was initially thought to include the part of the old GRP polling district in this polling district, however Electoral Matters Committee have requested officers look at creating an extra polling district with it's own polling place (see below). If something suitable cannot be found the Portable building in Grangers Lane is recommended.
Greenlands	J.Begum/J.Kane/E.Marshall	7239	0	Headless Cross & Oakenshaw	Wirehill	HOD (HOC2)			The Electoral Matters Committee have asked officers to look at the feasibility of a polling place at one of the following locations: a) Atworth Close b) Woodrow Drive c) Oakdale Close The polling district is recommended to be named Wirehill.
Matchborough	A.Fogg/J.Spilsbury		2125	Matchborough & Woodrow	Matchborough East	MWA		Matchborough East Community Centre	Recommended that no changes are made to either the boundaries of the polling district, or the polling place for Matchborough East. No issues or concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff. It was Rated 5/5 for Staff 5/5 for Electors at elections in May 2023.
Matchborough	A.Fogg/J.Spilsbury		1813	Matchborough & Woodrow	Matchborough West	MWB		Matchborough Meeting Rooms	The Ipsley area is no longer included in the polling district. Recommended that no further changes are made to either the boundaries of the polling district, or the polling place for Matchborough West. Matchborough Meeting Rooms is convenient for the local electorate. No issues or concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff. It was Rated 5/5 for Staff 5/5 for Electors at elections in May 2023.

Greenlands	J.Begum/J.Kane/E.Marshall			Matchborough & Woodrow	Woodrow	MWC		Woodrow Community Centre	The polling district has been created by merging both parts of the previously Greenlands polling districts which are now contained within the Matchborough & Woodrow ward. Recommended that no changes are made to the polling place within the newly devised district. Woodrow Community centre is located centrally within the polling district and therefore convenient for the local electorate. No issues or concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff. It was Rated 5/5 for Staff 4/5 for Electors at elections in May 2023.
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Abbey	S.Khan/M.Stringfellow			North	Bordesley	NRA		The Abbey Hotel	Polling district NRA is proposed for properties on Hither Green Lane as this residential area is totally separate to the rest of the ward which presents an obstacle for voting in person. It is proposed that the Abbey Hotel is used as a polling place for this polling district. Officers have visited the hotel and have found suitable rooms for polling.
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Church Hill/Abbey	K.Ashley/J.Fardoe/B.Hartnett S.Khan/M.Stringfellow			North	Papermill	NRB (NRB2)		Marlfield Barn	Recommend that the polling district be extended to incorporate the Paper Mill Hill areas to negate the use of the portable building on Rush Lane. Marlfield Barn is in a suitable location which is accessible for all those in the suggested polling district. No issues or concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff.
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Church Hill/Abbey	K.Ashley/J.Fardoe/B.Hartnett S.Khan/M.Stringfellow			North	Church Hill North	NRC (NRC2)		St Andrew's Methodist Church	Recommended that the polling district be extended to incorporate the Church Hill North area to negate the use of the portable building on Jersey Close. St Andrew's Church is in a suitable location which is accessible for all those in the suggested polling district. No issues or concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff. It was Rated 5/5 for Staff 5/5 for Electors at elections in May 2023.
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Church Hill	K.Ashley/J.Fardoe/B.Hartnett			North	Moon's Moat	NRD		Church Hill Community Centre	Recommended that no changes are made to either the boundaries of the polling district other than the incorporation of the commercial area which has no effect on the electorate. The Community Centre is a suitable venue and well-liked by staff and the electorate. No issues or concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff. It was Rated 5/5 for Staff 5/5 for Electors at elections in May 2023.
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West	M.Dormer/G.Monaco			Webheath & Callow Hill	Upper Norgrove	WCA		St Philip's Church	It is proposed that the polling district of Webheath be split in to two polling districts with St Philip's Church proposed as the polling place for the western district and Webheath Village Hall for the eastern district. It is proposed that the boundary be placed from Callow Hill in the south along Green Lane, up to Heathfield Road, encompassing a row of dwellings on this road, then it would cut through to Springvale Road. Here the properties to the west of Springvale, Packwood, Neighbrook, Lordswood, Knightsford, Sydnal, Shaws, Hennals/Brotherton would be included whereas the opposite side of the road would remain in the Webheath polling district. This boundary would then encompass all of Brichfield Road northwest towards Bromsgrove. Officers have visited St Philip's Church and noted that it would be suitable as a polling station.
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West	M.Dormer/G.Monaco			Webheath & Callow Hill	Webheath	WCB		Webheath Village Hall	See WCA above. Webheath Village Hall is a large community building located centrally within the polling district. The hall is well known as a polling place by the electorate. No issues of concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff. No issues or concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff. It was Rated 4/5 for Staff 5/5 for Electors at elections in May 2023.
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Crabbs Cross	C.Holz/S.Akbar			Webheath & Callow Hill	Walkwood	WCC		Windmill Community Centre	The polling district remains the same minus a small change on the west of the polling district moving a small number of properties to WCD. Windmill Community is a large, accessible building within the polling district. The centre is known as a polling place by the electorate. No issues or concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff apart from the external automatic door. It was Rated 5/5 for Staff 5/5 for Electors at elections in May 2023.
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West/Crabbs Cross	M.Dormer/G.Monaco C.Holz/S.Akbar			Webheath & Callow Hill	Callow Hill	WCD (WCD2)		Gazebo at Callow Hill	See WCC above, in addition the proposed polling district the boundary has been moved north to encompass the houses on Lower Grinsty Lane. The boundary has also been moved to cover the entirety of Redditch Golf Club's course for ease as well as the Walkwood Coppice. The Gazebo at Callow Hill is a smaller station with some accessibility issues. However, it is extremely convenient for the local electorate. No further issues or concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff. It was Rated 5/5 for Staff 5/5 for Electors at elections in May 2023.
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Winyates	L.Court/P.Flemming/A.Lovell			Winyates	Winyates East	WIA		Tenacres Childrens Centre	Recommended that no changes are made to either the boundaries of the polling district, or the polling place for Winyates East. Tenacres is well known as a polling place by the electorate and was preferred as a venue compared to the Winyates Centre used in May 2022. No issues of concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff. It was Rated 5/5 for Staff 5/5 for Electors at elections in May 2023.
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Winyates	L.Court/P.Flemming/A.Lovell			Winyates	Winyates West	WIB		Arrow Valley First School	The changes made to the polling district (south of a number of closes off Lowlands Lane) decrease the electorate at the polling station which may assist with some concerns for parking at the polling place. Arrow Valley First School is well known as a polling place by the electorate and was preferred as a venue compared to the Winyates Centre used in May 2022. It is noted that the lighting issues will need to be addressed, particularly if the station is used during winter months. Whilst lighting and fencing may incur additional costs, it is felt that the cost is still reasonable and allows for the school to remain open.
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Winyates	L.Court/P.Flemming/A.Lovell			Winyates	Winyates Green	WIC		Winyates Green Community Centre	Recommend that no changes are made to either the boundaries of the polling district, or the polling place for Winyates Green. Winyates Green Community Centre is a community building located centrally within the polling district. The centre is well known as a polling place by the electorate. No issues of concerns were raised by any of the Returning Officer's staff.
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Winyates/Matchborough	L.Court/P.Flemming/A.Lovell A.Fogg/J.Spilsbury			Winyates	Ipsley	WID		The Old Rectory Hotel	The new recommended polling district is the area included from the review which was in the old Matchborough Ward and has been extended to include closes off Lowlands Lane to the north of the Warwick Highway. The suggested polling place for this revised district is The Old Rectory Hotel. Officers have visited the site and found it suitable to be a polling place. There are concerns about availability for unscheduled polls.
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