

Egremont ward changes - give your view

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COPELAND Council is asking Egremont people for their views on a proposed change to electoral ward boundaries.

The Community Governance Review consultation includes a drop-in event on October 31 at Egremont Market Hall between 7pm and 9pm.

The review was requested by Egremont Town council in order to equalise the number of electors in each ward. Coun David Moore, portfolio holder for nuclear and corporate services, said: "Ultimately the recommendations made in this review should bring about improved community engagement, more cohesive communities and better local democracy."

Currently the wards are as follows: South (2849 electors,) North (1456,) Central (1827) and East (78.)

The proposal is to create two more equally-sized wards, each with five councillors - so the overall number of councillors for Egremont would not change. The proposed wards are: Egremont South Ward (consisting of the existing south and east wards) - 2927 electors, and Egremont North Ward (from the existing north and central wards) - 3283 electors.

The consultation will run for a period of six weeks starting on 24 October and closing on 5 December. To give your view, visit www.copeland.gov.uk [4] **from October 24**, or attend the drop-in event at Egremont Market Hall from 7pm until 9pm on October 31. The consultation document will include a map showing exactly which areas are affected.

Any changes to ward boundaries will come into effect at the next Parish Council elections in May 2019.

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