

Review of county council divisions, impact on polling stations and wards.

The recommendations of an electoral review of Buckinghamshire County Council by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England have been approved by Parliament and come into force at the next elections for Buckinghamshire County Council on 2 May 2013. The main objective of the review was to achieve “good electoral equality” (ie Divisions containing similar numbers of electorate) “while reflecting community identities and convenient local government”.¹

The impact for Little Chalfont is that the north eastern section of the village will now fall within a new county division called Chess Valley division. This area includes roads around Westwood Drive, the eastern ends of Elizabeth Avenue and Amersham Road, the Oakington Avenue area and down Lodge Lane to just south of the former golf club. The remainder of the village will be within the Little Chalfont and Amersham Common division. Please view the attached map (click to enlarge).

Electors living in the new Chess Valley division will vote at Little Chalfont Primary School with effect from 2 May 2013 and the remainder of residents will continue to vote at the Village Hall in Cokes Lane.

As a result of the above changes, at the next Parish Council elections in May 2015, the number of Parish Councillors will increase from 8 to 9 and the number of wards from 2 to 3. The new ward will be Little Chalfont North-East, and covers the area described above. The other two wards will be called Little Chalfont North (existing Little Chalfont ward minus roads moving to new ward) and Little Chalfont South (existing ward – no change).

1 Final Recommendations - The Local Government Boundary Commission for England “New Electoral Arrangements for Buckinghamshire County Council”.