



BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Local Government Boundary Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is currently in the second phase of the consultation on the electoral review and you can have your say up until 19th February 2018. The aim of the electoral review is to recommend ward boundaries that mean each councillor represents approximately the same number of voters. It also aims to ensure that the pattern of wards reflects the interests and identities of local communities as well as promoting effective local government.

At North Devon Council's Extra Ordinary meeting held on 20 September, it agreed to provide two alternative submissions to the LGBCE proposing different re-warding arrangements for North Devon. Its 'original proposal' removed Knowle out of the Braunton East Ward and into the Georgeham / Morteohoe Ward resulting in the remainder of Braunton being a 3 member single Ward. Whereas, its 'second proposal' maintained a 2 member East and West Ward in Braunton which retains Knowle and includes Georgeham.

Following the Parish Council's strong representation to the LGBCE, and subsequent new proposals being drawn up, the Chairman of Braunton Parish Council commented "Although we have won the battle to keep Knowle within the Braunton community, and I thank all those residents who contacted the Boundary Commission and ourselves, the new proposals significantly change the current 2 x 2 member seats of Braunton East and West. The proposed new seats of Braunton North and South draw in Georgeham/Croyde and Wrafton/Heanton Punchardon/Ashford. It is vital that you have your say on this matter. Would you please contact both the Boundary Commission and also Tracey Lovell, our Parish Clerk, giving us your views. It would be more than appreciated."

To view the proposed boundary map and summary of recommendations please go to www.lgbce.org.uk and enter your postcode. You must submit any comments before 19 February 2018. The link to the page is:
<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/nod/e/9956>

The LGBCE are due to publish the final recommendations on 8th May.



Free Water Campaign

Community minded businesses, such as cafes and shops, are being encouraged to join a growing movement to help the environment.

The concept is simple. Reduce the number of plastic bottles being thrown away by inviting people to refill their water bottles with tap water for free.

It's a win-win; good for the environment; good for people's health, to hydrate with water rather than sugary drinks; and good PR for the businesses and charities that open their doors to thirsty passers-by. All the businesses need to do is display a round, blue Refill sticker in their front window, and allow thirsty folk in to refill their bottles.

Simple.

It's estimated that in the UK 800



plastic bottles per minute end up being disposed of as litter, and all too often make their way into our waterways and out to sea. The Riverside restaurant in Braunton has already signed up for the initiative.

To find out more about Refill Devon visit the [Recycle Devon website](https://www.refill.org.uk/devon). Here you will find details of how to download the app, how to become a Refill Station and how you can register your interest to become a Refill Devon volunteer.

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Meetings Calendar 2018

Full Council Meetings are held in the Council Chamber at the Parish Hall on the second Monday of each month and additional meetings, to primarily consider planning applications, are held on the fourth Monday of each month.

7pm 12 February 2018

7pm 26 February 2018

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