

## Community of Crucorney

### Current Community Format

1. The current community arrangements in Crucorney consist of five wards, Bwlch Trewyn & Old Castle, Forest & Ffwddog, Llanvihangel Crucorney, Lower Cwmyoy and Upper Cwmyoy. The community has a total electorate of 1048 and is represented by 11 community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors is as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Bwlch Trewyn & Old Castle	51	1
Forest & Ffwddog	119	2
Llanvihangel Crucorney	731	6
Lower Cwmyoy	86	1
Upper Cwmyoy	61	1

### Natural Boundaries / Key Features

2. Many of the boundaries surrounding the community of Crucorney are external local authority boundaries that are not being considered as part of this review. The boundary to the south of the community is led by the Sugar Loaf mountain which provides a natural boundary between the communities of Crucorney and Abergavenny/Llantilio Pertholey.

### Electorate Forecast

3. There are currently no developments proposed within the community of Crucorney that would significantly alter the current electorate.

### Representations Received

4. No representations were received regarding the community of Crucorney.

### Recommendations

#### External Boundaries

5. As mentioned above, many of the external boundaries of the Crucorney community are the local authority boundary which cannot be amended as part of this review.
  - 5.1. The boundary to the East of the community of Crucorney is the divide between the communities of Crucorney and Grosmont and follows Great Park Road. The current boundary however splits properties on the same road between the two communities which is contrary to the Terms of Reference for this review. The working group therefore propose that the boundary is moved to the West of the properties along this road to incorporate all of Great Park Road into the community of Grosmont.

## **Internal Boundaries**

### **Bwlch Trewyn & Old Castle / Forest & Ffwddog**

5.2. The working group considered the current arrangements for these ward and propose no change.

### **Upper & Lower Cwmyoy**

5.3. The working group considered the arrangements for these two community wards and whilst they do not propose a change to the external boundaries of the wards, they were unclear as to the need for separate representation between Lower and Upper Cwmyoy. Whilst it would appear to be a large geographic area should the wards be merged, the working group believe that as all areas are accessible from the road that connects Brynarw to Llanthony which joins the two wards, then it should be manageable to be represented as a single ward of the community. The working group therefore propose to merge Upper and Lower Cwmyoy wards to create a Cwmyoy ward.

### **Llanvihangel Crucorney**

5.4. As mentioned in paragraph 5.1, the working group propose to alter the eastern boundary of the Llanvihangel Crucorney ward to move away from following Great Park Road, to ensure that all those properties are contained within a single community.

Within the Llanvihangel Crucorney ward, the working group consider that a new ward could be created covering the Pandy and Werngifford area. The new ward would follow the boundary from the railway at the north of the ward and follow the River Monnow south where it joins the brook that follows the edge of the Werngifford estate which it can follow eastwards to join the new external community boundary.

The working group consider that the Werngifford area is an easily identifiable boundary that you reach when travelling along the A465 and acts as a natural boundary between Llanvihangel Crucorney to the south of the area and that of Wengifford and Pandy to the north.

It is therefore proposed that two wards are created in place of the existing Llanvihangel Crucorney ward, one known as Llanvihangel Crucorney and the other known as Pandy.

## **Proposed community and community ward names**

6. The working group propose no changes to the community name Crucorney. As detailed above, it is proposed that the Upper and Lower Cwmyoy wards are merged to form the Cwmyoy ward. Additionally a new ward of Pandy is created covering the area detailed in 5.4 above.

The working group welcome representations being made for suitable alternative names of the community or community wards.

## Proposed Electoral Arrangements

7. The working group consider the Crucorney community to fall within the rural category for elector/councillor ratio resulting in an ideal ratio of 150 electors per councillor. The above changes to the community boundaries will result in the following electoral arrangements for the community.

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Bwlch Trewyn & Old Castle	51	1
Forest & Ffwddog	119	1
Llanvihangel Crucorney	363	2
Pandy	362	2
Cwmyoy	147	1

## Working Group Individual Member Comments

8. All members of the working group approved the proposals for the community of Crucorney.