

Community of Devauden

Current Community Format

1. The current community arrangements in Devauden consist of four wards, Devauden, Itton, Kilgrwng and Llanvihangel Wolvesnewton. The community has a total electorate of 852 and is represented by 8 community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors is as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Devauden	409	3
Itton	196	2
Kilgrwng	104	2
Llanvihangel Wolvesnewton	143	1

Natural Boundaries / Key Features

2. The working group consider a key feature of the Devauden community to be the B4293 which runs north to south through the community connecting a number of villages.

Electorate Forecast

3. There are no developments planned within the community of Devauden that would significantly alter the existing electorate.

Representations Received

4. No representations were received regarding the community arrangements for Devauden.

Recommendations

External Boundary

5. The working group considered the existing arrangements for Devauden and propose little change to the external community boundary. There are two instances however where the community boundary has been amended.
 - 5.1. The first amendment is to the south eastern boundary of the community near Coppice Mawr. The current boundary of the community runs to the west of Coppice Mawr with a small number of properties along the B4293 situated in the St Arvans community which appear to have a closer link with the community of Devauden along this road. It is proposed that the boundary of Devauden is extended to the western edge of Fryth Wood before returning westwards to the existing community boundary north of Howick, incorporating all properties along the B4293 up to Fryth Wood in the community of Devauden. The boundary of the Shirenewton community has been amended to incorporate all of Coppice Mawr into the community of Shirenewton

therefore the Devaden boundary will run to the east of Coppice Mawr rather than to the west of it.

- 5.2. The second amendment is to the north eastern boundary between the community of Devauden and the Penterry ward of the Tintern community. It is proposed that the Penterry ward of Tintern is merged with the St Arvans community and in making this amendment, the working group considered that the properties of The Cot would be better situated within the Devauden community rather than St Arvans. It is proposed that the new boundary will follow the western edge of Fairoak Pond and follow the Anghidi Fechan and Anghidi Fawr to the existing boundary incorporating much of the Ravensnest Wood and 'The Cot' into the community of Devauden.

Internal Boundary

Itton & Kilgrwng

- 5.3. Other than amendments proposed to the external community boundary above for the Itton ward, the working group propose no change in the boundaries for these wards.

Llanvihangel Wolvesnewton & Devauden

- 5.4. The current Llanvihangel Wolvesnewton ward covers the village of Wolvesnewton as well as the area of Star Hill. Access between these two areas require electors to travel through the Devauden ward before reaching the other part of the Llanvihangel Wolvesnewton ward. The working group do not believe that there is a significant link between the two areas to retain the existing ward boundary. It is therefore proposed that the Wolvesnewton village forms part of the Devauden ward with the northern boundary of the Devauden ward amended to follow Pill Brook to the west of Tredeon and south of Lanpill to the existing ward boundary. The remaining area of Llanvihangel Wolvesnewton will be renamed Llanvihangel Tor-Y-Mynydd and be a new ward of the Devauden community.

Proposed Community and Community Ward Names

6. The working group propose no change to much of the community and community ward names of Devauden with a new ward of Llanvihangel Tor-Y-Mynydd being created due to the changes at 5.4 above. The working group welcome receipt of representations as to more suitable community and community ward names.

Proposed Electoral Arrangements

7. The working group consider the Devauden 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
Devauden	445	3
Itton	221	2
Kilgrwwg	104	1
Llanvihangel Tor-Y-Mynydd	107	1

Working Group Individual Member Comments

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

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