

STOTTESDON AND SIDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Shropshire Unitary Authority Electoral Review
The Boundary Committee for England
Trevelyan House
Great Peter Street
London
SW1P 2HW

Dear Sirs

Re: Electoral review of the new Shropshire Unitary Authority

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council has discussed many options and confirm their preferred option is for a 2 Councillor Cleobury Mortimer Ward to include the parishes of Farlow and Oretton, Kinlet, Neen Savage, Hopton Wafers, Milson and Neen Sollars, Coreley, Wheathill and Cleobury Mortimer.

Our reasons for our decision are as follows:

- In the early 1990's there was a number of Area forums formed throughout the County. Our Local parishes involved were Milson/Neen Sollars, Hopton Wafers, Farlow and Oretton, Neen Savage, Stottesdon and Sidbury, Kinlet and Cleobury Mortimer.
- From a public meeting held on November 21st 1996 organised by the Area Forum, a Steering Group for the Cleobury Corporate Plan was drawn up.
- The remit of the group was to explore the various problems which beset Cleobury Mortimer primarily, but with the ripple effects in their hinterland parishes; e.g. a boarded up public building, lack of adequate sports facilities at the Lacon Childe School, poor public toilets, inadequate parking facilities, poor Parish Hall among others.
- A wide ranging group of people worked to find some solutions.
- In 2000 the school sports facilities were separated off and formed the Sport 2000 project which involved selling off 1.9 acres of existing sports field for housing (including affordable housing), the capital receipt to purchase 13 acres of land adjacent to the school for improved sports pitches etc.
- In 2002/3 Advantage West Midlands allocated £500,000 to this group of parishes for the enhancement of the Economy (including tourism), Community based projects, transport and traffic management etc. This group became 'Cleobury Country'.

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- For the past 5 years the grouping of these parishes have worked closely together to enhance across the board the economic, community and well being of these parishes.
- Many families from our parish use the sports facilities at Cleobury Mortimer.
- Cleobury Mortimer is the nearest Post Office and petrol station and commuter town for many buses.

We have proved that we can work constructively together and should be allowed to continue this example of partnership working.

Our primary school at Stottesdon has must received an 'outstanding' OFSTED report and is a feeder to Lacon Childe School at Cleobury Mortimer

Yours faithfully



Mrs F Morris
Clerk to the Parish Council

c.c. Farlow and Oretton Parish Council
Kinlet Parish Council
Neen Savage Parish Council
Hopton Wafers Parish Council
Milson and Neen Sollars Parish Council
Coreley Parish Council
Wheathill Parish Council
Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council
R Thomas – Shropshire County Council
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