

# THE ADMINISTRATION OF CUMBRIA FROM 19<sup>th</sup> C onwards

## An Overview

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### A. NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

#### 1. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS - VOTING RIGHTS

| Act         | Title  | Main elements  | Electorate      |
|-------------|--|--|-----------------|
| before 1832 |  |  | 200,000         |
| 1832        | <b>The first Reform Act or Great Reform Act:</b> | 1. Disenfranchised 56 boroughs in England and Wales and reduced another 31 to only one MP; created 67 new constituencies.<br>2. Broadened the franchise's property qualification in the counties, to include small landowners, tenant farmers, and shopkeepers.          | 500,000         |
| 1867        | <b>The Second Reform Act.</b>                    | Gave the vote to working class men for the first time.<br>Was still based around property qualifications   | 2M              |
| 1884        | <b>The Third Reform Act</b>                      | 1. Established a uniform franchise throughout the country.<br>2. Brought the franchise in the counties into line with the 1867 householder and lodger franchise for boroughs.  |                 |
| 1918        | <b>Representation of the People Acts</b>         | 1. Granted the vote to women over the age of 30 who met a property qualification. Although 8.5 million women met this criteria, it was only about two-thirds of the total population of women in the UK.<br>2. The same Act gave the vote to all men over the age of 21. |                 |
| 1928        | <b>The Equal Franchise Act</b>                   | Granted equal voting rights to women and men. All women aged over 21 can now vote in elections. Fifteen million women are eligible.  |                 |
| 1949-1963   | <b>Representation of the People Acts</b>         | Various amendments generally tidying up.   |                 |
| 1969        | <b>Representation of the People Act</b>          | Reduced the voting age from 21 to 18. It did not reduce the age at which people could stand for election   |                 |
| 1983        | <b>Representation of the People Act</b>          | All above, 1949-1963 being repealed through consolidation into this act.   |                 |
| 1985        | <b>Representation of the People Act</b>          | Allows British citizens who are resident outside the United Kingdom to qualify as "overseas electors" in the constituency for which they were last registered for a period of five years after they have left (this was  | Another 500,000 |

subsequently changed to 20 years and is now 15 years).

2000                    **Representation of the People Act**    Minor changes to electoral procedures

## 2. PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES

**1832: The Great Reform Act** started the revision process to correct the gross anomalies of the rotten boroughs and the lack of representation by the growing industrial cities. As far as Cumbria-to-be was concerned – in 1832, the county acquired one more representative (Whitehaven) making a total of 10 M.Ps.

### 1885 Redistribution of Parliamentary seats.

Parliamentary boroughs (later known as borough constituencies):

- All these units with a population of 15,000 or less ceased to have separate representation and were merged into a wider division (constituency) of their county — namely 79 constituencies were disenfranchised.
- Six other boroughs were also merged into the county divisions: four that included large extents of countryside (Aylesbury, Cricklade, East Retford, Shoreham) and two that had been disenfranchised for corruption (Macclesfield and Sandwich).
- Those with populations between 15,000 and 50,000 were to have their representation reduced from two MPs to one, namely 76 constituencies.
- Those with populations of more than 50,000 (23 in all) continued to be a set of two-member constituencies
- The number of seats in the Commons was increased from 652 to 670, inclusive of Ireland.

### For Cumbria -to-be

| Before 1885                | Change   | After 1885                    |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>Cumberland</b>          |  |                               |
| Carlisle (two MPs)         | Representation reduced to one MP.              | Carlisle (one MP)             |
| Cockermouth (one MP)       | Abolished. Gave its name to a county division. |                               |
| Whitehaven (one MP)        | No change                                      | Whitehaven (one MP)           |
| <b>County Divisions</b>    |  |                               |
| Eastern Division (two MPs) |  | Cockermouth Division (one MP) |

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
|   | Reorganised into four divisions, absorbed abolished Borough of Cockermouth.                        | Egremont (or Western) Division (one MP) |
| Western Division (two MPs)                    |  | Eskdale (or Northern) Division (one MP) |
|   |  | Penrith (or Mid) Division (one MP)      |
| <b>Westmorland</b>                            |  |   |
| Boroughs                                      |  |   |
| Kendal (one MP)                               | Abolished. Gave its name to a county division.   |   |
| County Divisions                              |  |   |
| Westmorland (undivided) (two MPs)             | Reorganised into two single-member divisions, absorbing abolished parliamentary borough of Kendal. | Northern or Appleby Division (one MP)   |
|   |  | Southern or Kendal Division (one MP)    |
| <b>North Lancashire (Furness and Cartmel)</b> |  |   |
| Formed from part of North Division of county  | New parliamentary borough.   | Barrow-in-Furness (one MP)              |

Since 1885 there have been minor changes to names and boundaries of the constituencies.

### 3. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT


#### 20th CENTURY ONWARDS

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|                  |             |   |
|------------------|-------------|---|
| <b>1900-1918</b> | TEN MEMBERS | CUMBERLAND: Boroughs 2, Carlisle, Whitehaven<br>County Divisions 4 Cocker mouth, Egremont (or Western), Eskdale (or Northern), Penrith (or Mid)<br>WESTMORLAND: County Divisions 2<br>Appleby (or Northern), Kendal (or Southern)<br><br>LANCASHIRE (N of Sands): Borough 1 (Barrow), County Divisions 4 but only N Lonsdale of interest here |
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#### CARLISLE





|               |   |                  | ELECTORATE | MAJORITY |
|---------------|---|------------------|------------|----------|
| <b>1900</b>   | Speaker   | William Gully    |            |          |
| <b>B 1905</b> |  Liberal | Frederick Chance | 7344       | 1030     |
| <b>1906</b>   | Liberal   | Frederick Chance | unopposed  |          |
| <b>1910</b>   | Liberal   | Richard Denman   | 7436       | 455      |
| <b>1910</b>   | Liberal   | Richard Denman   | 7436       | 64       |

#### WHITEHAVEN

|             |  |                   |      |     |
|-------------|--|-------------------|------|-----|
| <b>1900</b> |  Cons   | Augustus Helder   | 2824 | 677 |
| <b>1906</b> |  Lib   | William Burnyeat  | 2945 | 313 |
| <b>1910</b> |  Cons | John Jackson      | 3050 | 336 |
| <b>1910</b> |  Lab  | Thomas Richardson | 3050 | 194 |

Constituency abolished 1918

#### EGREMONT





|             |  |                |      |     |
|-------------|--|----------------|------|-----|
| <b>1900</b> |  Cons | James Bain     | 9303 | 540 |
| <b>1906</b> |  Lib  | Hugh Fullerton | 9093 | 812 |
| <b>1910</b> |  Cons | James Grant    | 9199 | 111 |
| <b>1910</b> |  Cons | James Grant    | 9199 | 250 |

Constituency abolished 1918

#### COCKERMOUTH

|               |   |                |           |     |
|---------------|---|----------------|-----------|-----|
| <b>1900</b>   |  Cons    | John Randles   | 10,897    | 209 |
| <b>1906</b>   |  Liberal | Wilfrid Lawson | 11,700    | 563 |
| <b>B 1906</b> |  Cons    | John Randles   | 11700     | 690 |
| <b>1910</b>   |  Cons    | John Randles   | 11700     | 941 |
| <b>1910</b>   |  Liberal | Wilfrid Lawson | 11300     | 511 |
| <b>B 1916</b> | Liberal   | Joseph Bliss   | unopposed |     |

#### ESKDALE

|             |  |                 |       |     |
|-------------|--|-----------------|-------|-----|
| <b>1900</b> |  Cons | Claude Lowther  | 1054  | 703 |
| <b>1906</b> |  Lib  | Geoffrey Howard | 10811 | 237 |
| <b>1910</b> |  Lib  | Geoffrey Howard | 11010 | 34  |
| <b>1910</b> |  Cons | Claude Lowther  | 11010 | 370 |

Constituency abolished 1918






#### PENRITH

|             |         |               |           |
|-------------|---------|---------------|-----------|
| <b>1900</b> | Speaker | James Lowther | unopposed |
| <b>1906</b> | Speaker | James Lowther | unopposed |

|             |         |               |           |
|-------------|---------|---------------|-----------|
| <b>1910</b> | Speaker | James Lowther | unopposed |
| <b>1910</b> | Speaker | James Lowther | unopposed |

### WESTMORLAND

Southern or Kendal Division (one MP)

|               |  |                      |               |
|---------------|--|----------------------|---------------|
| <b>1900</b>   |  Cons     | Josceline Bagot      | unopposed     |
| <b>1906</b>   |  Lib      | Dudley Stewart-Smith | 6477      252 |
| <b>1910</b>   |  Cons     | Josceline Bagot      | 6546      502 |
| <b>1910</b>   |  Cons     | Josceline Bagot      | 6546      308 |
| <b>B 1913</b> |  Unionist | John Weston          | 6575      581 |





### WESTMORLAND

Northern or Appleby Division (one MP)

|               |  |                    |               |
|---------------|--|--------------------|---------------|
| <b>1900</b>   |  Lib      | Richard Rigg       | 6744      579 |
| <b>B 1905</b> |  Lib      | Leif Jones         | 6670      220 |
| <b>1906</b>   |  Lib      | Leif Jones         | 6528      8   |
| <b>1910</b>   |  Cons     | Lancelot Sanderson | 6656      467 |
| <b>1910</b>   |  Cons     | Lancelot Sanderson | 6656      579 |
| <b>B 1915</b> |  Unionist | Henry Lowther      | unopposed     |





These two constituencies were recombined under one member for the 1918 general election.

### BARROW

|             |   |                |                |
|-------------|---|----------------|----------------|
| <b>1900</b> |  Cons  | Charles Cayzer | unopposed      |
| <b>1906</b> |  Lab  | Charles Duncan | 9426      1772 |
| <b>1910</b> |  Lab | Charles Duncan | 9602      1006 |
| <b>1910</b> |  Lab | Charles Duncan | 10478      520 |

### LANCASHIRE COUNTY DIVISIONS

North Lonsdale , one of four

|             |  |                   |               |
|-------------|--|-------------------|---------------|
| <b>1900</b> |  Lib  | Richard Cavendish | unopposed     |
| <b>1906</b> |  Cons | George Haddock    | 9738      179 |
| <b>1910</b> |  Cons | George Haddock    | 9702      169 |
| <b>1910</b> |  Cons | George Haddock    | 9702      74  |

Constituency abolished 1918

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|                  |               |  |
|------------------|---------------|--|
| <b>1918-1950</b> | EIGHT MEMBERS | CUMBERLAND: County Divisions 5: Whitehaven, Workington, Carlisle, Cumberland North, Penrith & Cockermouth,<br>WESTMORLAND County Divisions 1<br>LANCASHIRE (N of Sands): Borough 1 (Barrow), County Divisions 4 but only N Lonsdale of interest here |
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### CARLISLE

|             |  |                  |                 |
|-------------|--|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1918</b> |  Liberal  | Theodore Carr    | 23020      4775 |
| <b>1922</b> |  Lab      | George Middleton | 24960      1301 |
| <b>1923</b> |  Lab      | George Middleton | 25630      276  |
| <b>1924</b> |  Cons (U) | William Watson   | 26330      2111 |
| <b>1929</b> |  Lab      | George Middleton | 34980      2417 |
| <b>1931</b> |  Cons (U) | Edward Spears    | 36380      4634 |
| <b>1935</b> |  Cons (U) | Edward Spears    | 38630      2635 |
| <b>1945</b> |  Lab      | Edgar Grierson   | 46340      5149 |

**WORKINGTON**

|      |     |             |           |       |
|------|-----|-------------|-----------|-------|
| 1918 | Lab | Thomas Cape | 28691     | 4495  |
| 1922 | Lab | Thomas Cape | 31789     | 2482  |
| 1923 | Lab | Thomas Cape | 32425     | 3515  |
| 1924 | Lab | Thomas Cape | 32690     | 3110  |
| 1929 | Lab | Thomas Cape | 38915     | 9596  |
| 1931 | Lab | Thomas Cape | 39150     | 3304  |
| 1935 | Lab | Thomas Cape | unopposed |       |
| 1945 | Lab | Fred Peart  | 42520     | 15438 |

**WHITEHAVEN**

|      |          |                    |       |      |
|------|----------|--------------------|-------|------|
| 1918 | Cons (U) | James Grant        | 27430 | 1720 |
| 1922 | Lab      | Thomas Gavin Duffy | 27700 | 1979 |
| 1923 | Lab      | Thomas Gavin Duffy | 28220 | 1390 |
| 1924 | Con (U)  | Robert Hudson      | 28510 | 1408 |
| 1929 | Lab      | M Philips Price    | 34020 | 1652 |
| 1931 | Cons     | William Nunn       | 34090 | 2031 |
| 1935 | Lab      | Frank Anderson     | 34640 | 352  |
| 1945 | Lab      | Frank Anderson     | 36700 | 6747 |

**BARROW**

|      |      |                        |       |       |
|------|------|------------------------|-------|-------|
| 1918 | Cons | Robert Burton-Chadwick | 37700 | 299   |
| 1922 | Cons | Daniel Somerville      | 35620 | 1927  |
| 1923 | Cons | Daniel Somerville      | 34190 | 420   |
| 1924 | Lab  | John Bromley           | 33720 | 710   |
| 1929 | Lab  | John Bromley           | 40720 | 4247  |
| 1931 | Cons | Jonah Walker-Smith     | 41200 | 4959  |
| 1935 | Cons | Jonah Walker-Smith     | 42220 | 217   |
| 1945 | Lab  | Walter Monslow         | 49670 | 12291 |

**NORTH CUMBERLAND**

|        |         |                     |           |      |
|--------|---------|---------------------|-----------|------|
| 1918   | Con (U) | Christopher Lowther | Unopposed |      |
| 1922   | Con (U) | Donald Howard       | 21714     | 271  |
| 1923   | Con (U) | Con (U)             | 22075     | 218  |
| 1924   | Con (U) | Con (U)             | 22717     | 3765 |
| B 1926 | Con (U) | Fergus Graham       | 22607     | 1996 |
| 1929   | Con (U) | Fergus Graham       | 27653     | 731  |
| 1931   | Con (U) | Fergus Graham       | 28110     | 1277 |
| 1935   | Lib     | Wilfrid Roberts     | 28780     | 894  |
| 1945   | Lib     | Wilfrid Roberts     | 31580     | 198  |

Constituency replaced by Penrith & Border

**WESTMORLAND**

|      |          |                       |           |       |
|------|----------|-----------------------|-----------|-------|
| 1918 | Unionist | John Weston           | unopposed |       |
| 1922 | Unionist | John Weston           | unopposed |       |
| 1923 | Unionist | John Weston           | unopposed |       |
| 1924 | Unionist | Oliver Stanley        | 31390     | 10693 |
| 1929 | Unionist | Oliver Stanley        | 42130     | 3878  |
| 1931 | Unionist | Oliver Stanley        | unopposed |       |
| 1935 | Unionist | Oliver Stanley        | 44780     | 12217 |
| 1945 | Cons     | William Fletcher-Vane | 48060     | 10043 |

**PENRITH & COCKERMOUTH**

|       |   |          |               |           |      |
|-------|---|----------|---------------|-----------|------|
| 1918  |   | Speaker  | James Lowther | unopposed |      |
| B1921 |  | Cons (U) | Cecil Lowther | 20710     | 31   |
| 1922  |  | Lib      | Levi Collison | 21510     | 378  |
| 1923  |  | Cons (U) | Arthur Dixey  | 21730     | 327  |
| 1924  |  | Cons (U) | Arthur Dixey  | 22180     | 6027 |
| 1929  |  | Cons (U) | Arthur Dixey  | 22180     | 1845 |
| 1931  |  | Cons (U) | Arthur Dixey  | 28080     | 1492 |
| 1935  |  | Cons (U) | Alan Dower    | 28740     | 6460 |
| 1945  |  | Cons (U) | Alan Dower    | 30680     | 2204 |

**LONSDALE**

|        |   |      |                |           |      |
|--------|---|------|----------------|-----------|------|
| 1918   |  | Cons | Claude Lowther | 27680     | 5190 |
| 1922   |  | Cons | Nigel Kennedy  | 28260     | 6240 |
| 1923   |  | Lib  | Henry Maden    | 28330     | 1010 |
| 1924   |  | Cons | David Lindsay  | 28160     | 3458 |
| 1929   |  | Cons | David Lindsay  | 34730     | 5087 |
| 1931   |  | Cons | David Lindsay  | 35230     | 5602 |
| 1935   |  | Cons | David Lindsay  | 36160     | 9392 |
| B 1940 |  | Cons | Ian Fraser     | unopposed |      |
| 1945   |  | Cons | Ian Fraser     | 41460     | 5135 |

Constituency abolished 1950








**1950-1983****SEVEN MEMBERS**

CUMBERLAND: County Divisions 4 Whitehaven, Workington, Carlisle, Penrith &amp; Border












WESTMORLAND County Divisions 1

LANCASHIRE (N of Sands): Barrow, County Divisions 4 but only Morecambe &amp; Lonsdale of interest here

**CARLISLE**

|      |   |      |                 |       |      |
|------|---|------|-----------------|-------|------|
| 1950 |  | Lab  | Alex Hargreaves | 46250 | 5181 |
| 1951 |  | Lab  | Alex Hargreaves | 48040 | 3192 |
| 1955 |  | Cons | Donald Johnson  | 48450 | 370  |
| 1959 |  | Cons | Donald Johnson  | 49520 | 1998 |
| 1964 |  | Lab  | Ronald Lewis    | 49140 | 2120 |
| 1966 |  | Lab  | Ronald Lewis    | 48140 | 4927 |
| 1970 |  | Lab  | Ronald Lewis    | 52300 | 2625 |
| 1974 |  | Lab  | Ronald Lewis    | 47170 | 628  |
| 1974 |  | Lab  | Ronald Lewis    | 52300 | 6254 |
| 1979 |  | Lab  | Ronald Lewis    | 53690 | 4566 |

**WHITEHAVEN**

|        |   |     |                 |       |      |
|--------|---|-----|-----------------|-------|------|
| 1950   |  | Lab | Frank Anderson  | 43750 | 7617 |
| 1951   |  | Lab | Frank Anderson  | 45960 | 7200 |
| 1955   |  | Lab | Frank Anderson  | 45960 | 6194 |
| B 1959 |  | Lab | Joseph Symonds  | 45960 | 6306 |
| 1959   |  | Lab | Joseph Symonds  | 46650 | 6130 |
| 1964   |  | Lab | Joseph Symonds  | 47192 | 7827 |
| 1966   |  | Lab | Joseph Symonds  | 46530 | 8791 |
| 1970   |  | Lab | Jack Cunningham | 50330 | 6556 |
| 1974   |  | Lab | Jack Cunningham | 50450 | 7362 |
| 1974   |  | Lab | Jack Cunningham | 50960 | 9933 |
| 1979   |  | Lab | Jack Cunningham | 52780 | 5455 |

**WORKINGTON**

|       |      |                       |       |       |
|-------|------|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| 1950  | Lab  | Fred Peart            | 48720 | 11095 |
| 1951  | Lab  | Fred Peart            | 49290 | 8644  |
| 1955  | Lab  | Fred Peart            | 49100 | 7982  |
| 1959  | Lab  | Fred Peart            | 49400 | 8543  |
| 1964  | Lab  | Fred Peart            | 49220 | 9957  |
| 1966  | Lab  | Fred Peart            | 49070 | 10506 |
| 1970  | Lab  | Fred Peart            | 52330 | 9443  |
| 1974  | Lab  | Fred Peart            | 52660 | 7770  |
| 1974  | Lab  | Fred Peart            | 53100 | 9551  |
| B1976 | Cons | Richard Page          |       | 1065  |
| 1979  | Lab  | Dale Campbell-Savours | 55020 | 5756  |

**BARROW**

|      |     |                |       |      |
|------|-----|----------------|-------|------|
| 1950 | Lab | Walter Monslow | 53300 | 9549 |
| 1951 | Lab | Walter Monslow | 54460 | 6484 |
| 1955 | Lab | Walter Monslow | 53070 | 2759 |
| 1959 | Lab | Walter Monslow | 51900 | 3974 |
| 1964 | Lab | Walter Monslow | 51600 | 4129 |
| 1966 | Lab | Albert Booth   | 50720 | 8032 |
| 1970 | Lab | Albert Booth   | 54190 | 4864 |
| 1974 | Lab | Albert Booth   | 54040 | 8470 |
| 1974 | Lab | Albert Booth   | 54540 | 7354 |
| 1979 | Lab | Albert Booth   | 54450 | 7741 |

**WESTMORLAND**

|      |      |                       |       |       |
|------|------|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| 1950 | Cons | William Fletcher-Vane | 47150 | 1317  |
| 1951 | Cons | William Fletcher-Vane | 47710 | 14108 |
| 1955 | Cons | William Fletcher-Vane | 47210 | 13147 |
| 1959 | Cons | William Fletcher-Vane | 46980 | 11692 |
| 1964 | Cons | Michael Jopling       | 46940 | 8047  |
| 1966 | Cons | Michael Jopling       | 54130 | 8855  |
| 1970 | Cons | Michael Jopling       | 55450 | 11827 |
| 1974 | Cons | Michael Jopling       | 55880 | 6534  |
| 1974 | Cons | Michael Jopling       | 59960 | 7715  |
| 1979 | Cons | Michael Jopling       | 59960 | 12407 |

**PENRITH & BORDER**

|      |      |                  |       |       |
|------|------|------------------|-------|-------|
| 1950 |      | Donald Scott     | 51590 | 8881  |
| 1951 | Cons | Donald Scott     | 51570 | 12515 |
| 1955 | Cons | William Whitelaw | 50870 | 13672 |
| 1959 | Cons | William Whitelaw | 50910 | 14209 |
| 1964 | Cons | William Whitelaw | 50620 | 10738 |
| 1966 | Cons | William Whitelaw | 54270 | 8901  |
| 1970 | Cons | William Whitelaw | 55100 | 13544 |
| 1974 | Cons | William Whitelaw | 55600 | 17338 |
| 1974 | Cons | William Whitelaw | 55600 | 13756 |
| 1979 | Cons | William Whitelaw | 57210 | 17096 |

**MORECAMBE and LONSDALE**

|      |      |            |       |       |
|------|------|------------|-------|-------|
| 1979 |      |            |       |       |
| 1950 | Cons | Ian Fraser | 55070 | 15273 |
| 1951 | Cons | Ian Fraser | 55900 | 17479 |



|       |      |                   |       |       |
|-------|------|-------------------|-------|-------|
| 1955  | Cons | Ian Fraser        | 55990 | 17701 |
| B1958 | Cons | Basil de Ferranti |       | 11231 |
| 1959  | Cons | Basil de Ferranti | 57970 | 15795 |
| 1964  | Cons | Alfred Hall-Davis | 59630 | 12364 |
| 1966  | Cons | Alfred Hall-Davis | 60760 | 10300 |
| 1970  | Cons | Alfred Hall-Davis | 66370 | 13526 |
| 1974  | Cons | Alfred Hall-Davis | 68010 | 14756 |
| 1974  | Cons | Alfred Hall-Davis | 68470 | 12244 |
| 1979  | Cons | Mark Lennox Boyd  | 68630 | 15815 |



**1983- CUMBRIA SIX MEMBERS**

|                 |      |                |       |       |
|-----------------|------|----------------|-------|-------|
| <b>CARLISLE</b> |      |                |       |       |
| 1983            | Lab  | Ronald Lewis   | 54500 | 71    |
| 1987            | Lab  | Eric Martlew   | 55020 | 916   |
| 1992            | Lab  | Eric Martlew   | 55140 | 3108  |
| 1997            | Lab  | Eric Martlew   | 59900 | 12390 |
| 2001            | Lab  | Eric Martlew   | 58770 | 5702  |
| 2005            | Lab  | Eric Martlew   | 59490 | 5695  |
| 2010            | Cons | John Stevenson | 65220 | 853   |
| 2015            | Cons | John Stevenson | 65820 | 2774  |
| 2017            | Cons | John Stevenson | 62590 | 2599  |
| 2019            | Cons | John Stevenson | 65060 | 8319  |



|                   |      |                       |       |       |
|-------------------|------|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| <b>WORKINGTON</b> |      |                       |       |       |
| 1983              | Lab  | Dale Campbell-Savours | 56110 | 7128  |
| 1987              | Lab  | Dale Campbell-Savours | 56800 | 7019  |
| 1992              | Lab  | Dale Campbell-Savours | 57660 | 10449 |
| 1997              | Lab  | Dale Campbell-Savours | 65740 | 19656 |
| 2001              | Lab  | Tony Cunningham       | 65960 | 10850 |
| 2005              | Lab  | Tony Cunningham       | 59870 | 7895  |
| 2010              | Lab  | Tony Cunningham       | 59570 | 4575  |
| 2015              | Lab  | Sue Hayman            | 58630 | 4686  |
| 2017              | Lab  | Sue Hayman            | 60220 | 3925  |
| 2019              | Cons | Mark Jenkinson        | 61350 | 4176  |

|                 |      |                 |       |       |
|-----------------|------|-----------------|-------|-------|
| <b>COPELAND</b> |      |                 |       |       |
| 1983            | Lab  | Jack Cunningham | 54220 | 1837  |
| 1987            | Lab  | Jack Cunningham | 54700 | 1894  |
| 1992            | Lab  | Jack Cunningham | 54940 | 2439  |
| 1997            | Lab  | Jack Cunningham | 54255 | 11996 |
| 2001            | Lab  | Jack Cunningham | 53540 | 4964  |
| 2005            | Lab  | Jamie Reed      | 54180 | 6320  |
| 2010            | Lab  | Jamie Reed      | 63290 | 3883  |
| 2015            | Lab  | Jamie Reed      | 62120 | 2564  |
|                 | Cons | Trudy Harrison  | 62100 | 2147  |
| 2017            | Cons | Trudy Harrison  | 61150 | 1695  |
| 2019            | Cons | Trudy Harrison  | 61710 | 5842  |

|               |      |              |       |      |
|---------------|------|--------------|-------|------|
| <b>BARROW</b> |      |              |       |      |
| 1983          | Cons | Cecil Franks | 67910 | 4577 |
| 1987          | Cons | Cecil Franks | 69280 | 3927 |
| 1992          | Lab  | John Hutton  | 67860 | 3578 |

|             |   |      |               |       |       |
|-------------|---|------|---------------|-------|-------|
| <b>1997</b> |  | Lab  | John Hutton   | 66990 | 14497 |
| <b>2001</b> |   | Lab  | John Hutton   | 64710 | 9889  |
| <b>2005</b> |   | Lab  | John Hutton   | 61850 | 6037  |
| <b>2010</b> |   | Lab  | John Woodcock | 69270 | 5208  |
| <b>2015</b> |   | Lab  | John Woodcock | 68360 | 795   |
| <b>2017</b> |   | Lab  | John Woodcock | 69470 | 209   |
| <b>2019</b> |  | Cons | Simon Fell    | 70144 | 5789  |

**WESTMORLAND & LONSDALE**

|             |   |   |                 |            |       |
|-------------|---|---|-----------------|------------|-------|
| <b>1983</b> |  | Cons  | Michael Jopling | 67170      | 16587 |
| <b>1987</b> |   | Cons  | Michael Jopling | 70270      | 14920 |
| <b>1992</b> |   | Cons  | Michael Jopling | 71230      | 16436 |
| <b>1997</b> |   | Cons  | Tim Collins     | 68530      | 4521  |
| <b>2001</b> |   | Cons  | Tim Collins     | 70650      | 3147  |
| <b>2005</b> |   |  | Lib             | Tim Farron | 69320 |
| <b>2010</b> | Lib   |   | Tim Farron      | 67920      | 12264 |
| <b>2015</b> | Lib   |   | Tim Farron      | 65850      | 8949  |
| <b>2017</b> | Lib   |   | Tim Farron      | 66350      | 777   |
| <b>2019</b> | Lib   |   | Tim Farron      | 67750      | 1934  |

**PENRITH & BORDER**

|              |  |   |                  |             |       |       |
|--------------|--|---|------------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| <b>1983</b>  |  | Cons  | William Whitelaw | 68120       | 15421 |       |
| <b>B1983</b> |  | Cons  | David McLean     | 68120       | 552   |       |
| <b>1987</b>  |  | Cons  | David McLean     | 47150       | 17366 |       |
| <b>1992</b>  |  | Cons  | David McLean     | 47710       | 18449 |       |
| <b>1997</b>  |  | Cons  | David McLean     | 47210       | 10233 |       |
| <b>2001</b>  |  | Cons  | David McLean     | 46980       | 14677 |       |
| <b>2005</b>  |  | Cons  | David McLean     | 46880       | 11904 |       |
| <b>2010</b>  |  | Cons  | Rory Stewart     | 46940       | 11241 |       |
| <b>2015</b>  |  | Cons  | Rory Stewart     | 54130       | 19894 |       |
| <b>2017</b>  |  | Cons  | Rory Stewart     | 55880       | 15910 |       |
| <b>2019</b>  |  |  | Cons             | Neil Hudson | 59960 | 18519 |

## B. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

For nearly 300 years local government had been based on –

| Date      | Class                          | Status           | Responsibility   | Officials                                      | Notes  |
|-----------|--------------------------------|------------------|--|--|--|
| 1540–1832 | First tier                     | County Corporate | Judiciary, 'County business' (primarily through judiciary)               | Sheriff, Justice of the Peace, Lord Lieutenant |  |
|           | Second tier (non-governmental) | Parish           | Maintenance of roads (from 1555); administering the Poor Law (from 1605) | Vestry   | Functions supervised by unpaid officials (e.g. Surveyor of Highways) |
|           | Independent town               | Borough          | Administration of town   | Mayor, Town Corporation                        |  |

By 1888, it was clear that the piecemeal system that had developed over the previous century in response to the vastly increased need for local administration could no longer cope. The sanitary districts and parish councils had legal status, but were not part of the mechanism of government. They were run by volunteers; often there was no-one who could be held responsible for the failure to undertake the required duties. Furthermore, the increased "county business" could not be handled by the Quarter Sessions, nor was it appropriate to do so. Finally, there was a desire to see local administration performed by elected officials, as in the reformed municipal boroughs. The Local Government Act of 1888 was the first systematic attempt to impose a standardised system of local government in England creating County Councils.

A second Act in 1894 (Local Government Act 1894) created a second tier of local government. Henceforth, all administrative counties and county boroughs would be divided into either rural or urban districts, allowing more localised administration. The municipal boroughs reformed after 1835 were brought into this system as special cases of urban districts. The urban and rural districts were based upon, and incorporated the sanitary districts which had been created in 1875 (with adjustments, so that districts did not overlap two counties).

The Act also provided for the establishment of civil parishes. The 1894 Act formed an official system of civil parishes, separated from the ecclesiastical parishes, to carry on some of these responsibilities (others being transferred to the district/county councils). However, the civil parishes were not a complete third-tier of local government. Instead, they were 'community councils' for smaller, rural settlements, which did not have a local government district to themselves. The act automatically created them in all settlements with more than 300 residents in rural districts; settlements with between 100-300 residents could apply to form a civil parish. Where urban parish councils had previously existed, they were absorbed into the new urban districts.

## The structure of Local Government after the Act of 1894

| Date      | Class       | Status   | Responsibility                           | Officials                                      | Notes   |
|-----------|-------------|--|--|--|---|
| 1888-1974 | Super tier  | Statutory counties   | Judiciary, Ceremonial                    | Sheriff, Justice of the Peace, Lord Lieutenant | Based on the historic counties of England                                       |
|           | First tier  | Administrative county (incorporating counties corporate)                         |  | County Councillor                              | Counties corporate retained their own ceremonial officials, but no other powers |
|           | First tier  | County boroughs (Towns with popn. over 50000) (incorporating counties corporate) |  | Borough Councillor                             |   |
|           | Second tier | Urban district (Called metropolitan boroughs in London) (Both)                   |  | District Councillor                            |   |
|           | Second tier | Rural district (Only in administrative counties)                                 |  | District Councillor                            |   |
|           | Second tier | Municipal Borough (Both)   | Administration of town business          | Mayor, Town corporation                        | Effectively urban districts with a royal charter                                |
|           | Third tier  | Civil parish (Rural districts only)  | Variable, generally 'upkeep of the town' | Parish Councillor                              |   |

Various adjustments to the system were done over the years but subsequent acts created more confusion, so that a complete reform was carried out by the Local Government Act of 1972; this resulted in the most uniform and simplified system of local government which has been used in England. The act effectively wiped away everything that had gone before, and built an administrative system from scratch. All previous administrative districts - statutory counties, administrative counties, county boroughs, municipal boroughs, counties corporate, civil parishes - were abolished, with the exceptions of Greater London and the Isles of Scilly.

The aim of the act was to establish a uniform two tier system across the country. Onto the blank canvas, new counties were created to cover the entire country; many of these were obviously based on the historic counties, but there were some major changes, especially in the north.

### The Structure of Local Government after the Act of 1972

| Date      | Class       | Status                                    | Responsibility                           | Officials   | Notes  |
|-----------|-------------|---|--|---|--|
| 1974-1997 | First tier  | County (metropolitan or non-metropolitan) |  | Sheriff, Justice of the Peace, Lord Lieutenant, County Councillor | Counties redrawn; generally based on historic counties |
|           | Second tier | District or Metropolitan Borough          |  | District Councillor   |  |
|           | Third tier  | Civil Parish (rural areas)                | Variable, generally 'upkeep of the town' |   |  |
| 1997-     | Super tier  | Region                                    | Strategic direction                      | Mayor of London (only London)                                     |  |
|           | Ceremonial  | Ceremonial county                         | Ceremonial                               | Sheriff, Justice of the Peace, Lord Lieutenant                    | Compromise between counties of 1888 and 1974           |
|           | First tier  | (Administrative) County                   |  | County Councillor   |  |
|           | Second tier | District                                  |  | District Councillor   |  |
|           | Joint tier  | Unitary Authority Metropolitan borough    | All local government administration      | Councillor  |  |
|           | Third tier  | Civil Parish                              | Variable, generally 'upkeep of the town' | Parish Councillor   |  |

The changes in the 1972 Act (effective 1<sup>st</sup> April 1974) as they affected Cumbria were - the counties of Cumberland, Westmorland and that part of Lancashire (north of the sands) and a part of Yorkshire West Riding became the county of Cumbria. Rural and Urban districts were absorbed into the District Councils.

Rural and Urban districts in Cumbria-to-be in 1973 and their successors in 1974 –

| District                             | Successor |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| CUMBERLAND                           |           |
| Alston with Garrigill Rural District | Eden      |
| Border Rural District                | Carlisle  |
| Cockermouth Rural District           | Allerdale |
| Cockermouth Urban District           | Allerdale |
| Ennerdale Rural District             | Copeland  |
| Keswick Urban District               | Allerdale |
| Maryport Urban District              | Allerdale |
| Millom Rural District                | Copeland  |
| Penrith Rural District               | Eden      |
| Penrith Urban District               | Eden      |
| Whitehaven Borough                   | Copeland  |
| Wigton Rural District                | Allerdale |
| Workington Borough                   | Allerdale |

Carlisle was a county borough.

WESTMORLAND

|                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Appleby Borough                  | Eden                 |
| Kendal Borough                   | South Lakeland       |
| Lakes Urban District             | Eden, South Lakeland |
| North Westmorland Rural District | Eden                 |
| South Westmorland Rural District | South Lakeland       |
| Windermere Urban District        | South Lakeland       |

There were no county boroughs.

LANCASHIRE (N OF THE SANDS)

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dalton-in-Furness Urban District | Barrow-in-Furness |
| Grange Urban District            | South Lakeland    |
| Ulverston Urban District         | South Lakeland    |
| North Lonsdale Rural District    | South Lakeland    |

Barrow-in-Furness was a county borough.

## YORKSHIRE WEST RIDING

Sedbergh Rural District

South Lakeland (*Cumbria*)

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