



Review of Electoral Divisions of the Isle of Wight 2007

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Seaview Nettlestone	Seaview and Nettlestone	Seaview and Nettlestone: This ward is located on the north eastern headland of the Island and links two charming, typically English, villages. The community is represented by a single parish council and share many facilities such as a local primary school. Housing ranges from the very large, grander sea front residences to the newer developments more suited to families. Both villages enjoy their own shopping facilities and a variety of local hostelrys. The villages are well represented by an active Parish Council which works closely with a number of local community groups. There are a number of churches serving these villages in an area traditionally accepted as an established and thriving community.	Nettlestone and Seaview	2873	+1.0%
Fishbourne Binstead	Fishbourne and Binstead	Binstead and Fishbourne: This ward is made up of two neighbouring communities which bound the magnificent Quarr Abbey. The fledgling parish of Fishbourne lies on the western boundary of Binstead and adjacent to Wootton Creek. Fishbourne community have recently embarked on a parish plan which should identify the main priorities for the area. Binstead is very close in proximity to the town of Ryde but has little in common with its sprawling urban neighbour. Housing here is well developed and is varied, ranging in scale from large, rambling Victorian mansions to social housing estates and large developments of bungalows. The village of Binstead benefits from its own post office, general store, primary school and recreation ground all located in the centre of the village. The recreation ground is well used by all groups and ages of the community and hosts an annual summer fete.	Binstead and Fishbourne	2786	-2.0%

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Brading St Helens	Brading and St Helens	Brading and St Helens: A long established relationship between these two neighbouring villages has influenced this warding. Each of the villages has its own unique character – Brading with its historical half timbered buildings and village stocks has a thriving and energetic town council, established in 1895, and one of the first to gain quality status on the Island. Brading has a real sense of community evidenced by the activities and services provided at the community centre and the regular village consultations that contribute to the Town’s Community Action Plan. St Helens is a typical small English country village with its houses sprinkled around the village green. Its coastline is part of a heritage coastline and a site of special scientific interest. A close neighbour is Bembridge with which it shares a harbour and marina. It is well represented by the St Helens Parish Council.	Brading and St Helens	2849	+0.2%
Bembridge South Bembridge North	Bembridge South Bembridge North	Bembridge North and the large majority of Bembridge South: A ward situated on the eastern headland of the Isle of Wight, separated from its nearest neighbour, St Helens, by the Bembridge Harbour and marina. It is further unconnected from bordering towns and villages by a number of natural geographic features. It enjoys a thriving and strong community spirit evidenced by a number of active village groups. The parish council provides a strong voice for this bustling community. The village has an airport with plans for further expansion.	Bembridge	3044	+7.0%
Bembridge South Sandown North Sandown Yaverland Sandown South 1 Sandown South 2	Bembridge South Sandown North, Sandown Yaverland Sandown South 1 and Sandown South 2	A number of electors from Bembridge South, Sandown Yaverland and Sandown North: This ward is situated at the eastern end of the town of Sandown slightly apart from the main shopping precinct and enjoying a more rural aspect and rugged coastline, which attracts extreme sports enthusiasts. It has a mix of residential housing and a large number of hotels and bed and breakfast establishments. It has many tourist attractions which include the Dinosaur Museum and the Isle of Wight Zoo. Sandown South 1 & 2: This area is located in the centre of Sandown and is the tourist centre of Sandown. It boasts a thriving shopping centre and pier and some of the best beaches on the Island. A large number of hotels and boarding establishments can be found here together with some residential areas. The town council is very active and works alongside community groups in the interests of the community. The centre of Sandown includes community facilities such as a number of churches, the town council offices, medical centre, library and main post office: confirming it as the focal point of this thriving community.	Sandown North Sandown South	3092 3061	+8.7% +7.6%

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Lake North Lake South Shanklin North Shanklin Central Shanklin South	Lake North, Lake South,	An area of Lake South, bordering Lake North and all of Lake North: This ward is an area which forms part of the Sandown Bay regeneration programme. It borders Sandown in the north and includes a bustling shopping centre. Its Middle School is one of the primary feeder schools to Sandown High School. The village also has a health centre and a thriving industrial estate on the outskirts of the village.	Lake North	2890	+1.6%
	Lake South and Shanklin North	The larger part of Lake South which borders Shanklin North and the majority of Shanklin North: This ward has a large number of hotels and bed and breakfast type establishments and therefore has a very "touristy" feel about it and has some fine beaches. It is served by an active parish council who are very involved in the Bay Area regeneration programme. Its nearest neighbours are the resorts of Shanklin and Sandown which together with Lake make up the Bay Area.	Lake South	2944	+3.5%
	Shanklin North, Shanklin Central	An area of Shanklin North and the majority of Shanklin Central: This ward is made up of a mix of residential and business/shopping areas of Shanklin and comprises of a diverse community. Housing ranges from very large old Victorian mansions to smaller social housing groupings. The area has seen much redevelopment over the last few years but still retains its own Victorian character.	Shanklin North	2876	+1.1%
	Shanklin Central and Shanklin South	A small area of Shanklin Central and Shanklin South: This ward comprises predominately of Shanklin Old Village, which boasts a number of thatched shops, restaurants and hostelrys. It is the centre of the tourist area of Shanklin and is represented by a thriving town council. It is the focal point for thousands of visitors at all times of the year. Well known for its sunshine record and its "family" holiday reputation.	Shanklin South	2936	+3.2%
Ventnor East Bonchurch Godshell Wroxall Ventnor West Lowtherville St Lawrence Niton Whitwell Chale Chale Green	Ventnor East, and Bonchurch	Ventnor East and Bonchurch: This ward is a residential area of Ventnor which includes the village of Bonchurch. Its picturesque backdrop of St Boniface Down separates it from its nearest neighbour Shanklin. It boasts a thriving community spirit, evidenced by a plethora of diverse community groups, and at its helm the long established Ventnor Town Council. The town revels in its Victorian seaside history and a micro climate renowned for its health giving qualities. Its shopping centre is undergoing much redevelopment and is seeing a number of new shops and businesses springing up.	Ventnor East	2742	-3.6%

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	Godshill and Wroxall	<p>Godshill and Wroxall: This ward comprises two typically English country villages. Godshill, the quintessential English Village, with its thatched houses, deriving its name from the 15th Century church set upon a hill overlooking the village. The village is a magnet for many thousands of visiting tourists each year. Village life centres on the primary school, community centre, two public houses and village post office and general store. Godshill is bordered on the South East by the bustling village of Wroxall, slightly less touristy but home to Appuldurcombe House, two village churches, a primary school and a thriving community centre. The two villages are bordered by agricultural and farming land. The two communities are represented by their own parish councils.</p>	Godshill and Wroxall	2685	-5.6%
	Lowtherville, Ventnor West and St Lawrence	<p>Ventnor West, Lowtherville and a number of the St Lawrence electorate: This ward forms the heart of Ventnor. It has many hotels and small guesthouses and includes the picturesque Undercliff, Esplanade and Botanic Gardens. It has recently added Ventnor harbour to its list of attractions and is protected by Rew Down. It is home to a number of primary schools and a middle school. Its very active Town Council is housed in the local Winter Gardens; a well used community facility which looks out over the English Channel.</p>	Ventnor West	2604	-8.4%
	Niton, Whitwell, Chale and Chale Green	<p>Niton and Whitwell, Chale and Chale Green and the remainder of St Lawrence: A group of neighbouring rural villages make up this ward, located in the southerly tip of the Island and sharing a number of issues. Threat of losing their post offices has inspired a collective local village initiative to protect this valuable community resource. All rely on a subsidised rural bus service and are currently grouped in the same police beat area. Village facilities of Niton and Whitwell are to be found more commonly in Niton, which has a GP's surgery, two public houses, a library, a recreation ground, a football field and a primary school. Both Niton and Whitwell are served by one parish council. Chale and Chale Green are located on the western boundary of Niton and an area with a colourful smuggling history. There is a strong community spirit in the village, which boasts an accredited quality parish council and a number of active community groups. This was nationally recognised through their regional success in the Calor Village of the Year competition in 2005. Chale published their parish plan in 2005 setting out the village's vision for the future.</p>	Chale, Niton and Whitwell	2591	-8.9%

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Newchurch Apse Heath Arreton	Newchurch, Apse Heath and Arreton	Newchurch & Apse Heath & Arreton: A ward consisting of a group of villages located in the rural heart of the Island and sharing many similar issues - a dependency on transport to reach the nearest shops, under threat of losing their post offices, growing pressures for affordable housing and a lack of local community facilities. All of which have reinforced the strong community spirit prevalent in these rural communities. Both Arreton and Newchurch have their own primary schools. Newchurch, represented by the Newchurch Parish Council, has seen some recent development in housing suitable for families in the centre of the village, which will be served by the local primary school. Arreton and Apse Heath are both located on a busy main road and share the inherent problems that this brings. Arreton Parish Council, a parish committed to gaining quality status, meets regularly in the local, well used, community centre in the heart of the village. Arreton has a village store and post office and a developing local tourist attraction in the country craft centre of Arreton Barns.	Arreton and Newchurch	3018	+6.1%
Gatcombe Shorwell Brighstone Rookley Blackwater Brook Mottistone	Gatcombe, Shorwell, Brighstone, Brook, Mottistone, Rookley and Blackwater	Rookley, Blackwater, Gatcombe, Shorwell, Brighstone, Brook, and Mottistone: A ward comprising a number of small villages which are located within an area of outstanding natural beauty, are rural in nature and are in the south western part of the Island. Brighstone being the largest and the remainder of a similar size. Many of the issues facing these villages are shared such as a reliance on a subsidised rural bus service, under threat of losing post offices and other village facilities, similar crime rates and a lack of affordable housing. There is an abundance of agricultural and farming, in these areas. Brighstone represented by its quality parish council, with its thatched cottages, has a number of holiday establishments close by and becomes a haven for tourists in the holiday season, when its population increases considerably. It has a thriving village centre which includes a school, library, village post office and community centre. Rookley village is located close to Blackwater and is represented by a quality parish council. It has a village green and a local convenience store and post office. It has seen some housing development over the years but manages to retain its individual character. Blackwater is a tiny rural hamlet neighbouring Rookley and includes a large residential home for the elderly. It is to be found on the main road from Newport to Shanklin. The group of villages is currently served by four parish councils.	Central Wight	3053	+7.3%

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Yarmouth Thorley Shalfleet 1 Shalfleet 2 Shalfleet 3 Porchfield Calbourne	Yarmouth, Thorley, Shalfleet 1, 2, 3, Porchfield and Calbourne	Yarmouth, Thorley, Shalfleet 1, 2, 3, Porchfield and Calbourne: Geographically close neighbours make up this ward, yet each with a distinct identity -Yarmouth with its roots in sailing, has a prosperous feel and a busy shopping centre. The town, where the population increases dramatically in the sailing season, is home to a ferry terminal and heavy traffic throughout the year. Shalfleet, the embodiment of a typical English village with its thatched houses and village church. The village primary school is an “extended school” and provides the community with a range of out of hours facilities. Porchfield and Calbourne are tiny picturesque villages to the north and south of Shalfleet with a strong sense of community evidenced by a number of recent community projects. This proposed ward is served by three parish councils.	West Wight	3055	+7.4%
Totland Freshwater Afton Freshwater Norton 1 Freshwater Norton 2	Totland,	Totland minus a small area adjacent to Freshwater Norton: A ward located at the most westerly point of the Island; it is a popular destination for holidaymakers, walkers and cyclists. Its closest neighbour is Freshwater with which it shares a library, health and sports centre. That said, Totland sees itself very much as a separate community; taking pride in its beaches, pier, Victorian villas and parade of shops. There are well-advanced plans to provide a community centre to complement the recreation facilities in the village. Totland has a strong sense of community, evidenced by its thriving parish council. In addition, the Totland community partnership, a flourishing community group works closely with the parish council. They are jointly formulating the Totland parish plan, which sets out the strategic vision for the future to improve village life.	Totland	2560	-10.0%
	Freshwater Afton,	Freshwater Afton minus a small area adjacent to Freshwater Norton: This ward is formed by the village of Freshwater which lies between the parishes of Totland and Yarmouth on the western headland of the island. In recent years it has seen much development and has become the thriving, bustling hub of the West Wight. It provides many facilities to the residents of Freshwater and Totland including the local medical centre, library, sports centre, recreation ground and swimming pool.	Freshwater South	2560	-10.0%

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	Freshwater Norton 1 and Freshwater Norton 2, Totland and Freshwater Afton	Freshwater Norton 1 & 2, a small number of the Totland and Freshwater Afton electorate: This ward, together with Freshwater Afton is served by the Freshwater Parish Council, who is currently formulating a delivery plan which will see the achievement of a strategic parish plan. A number of community projects have already been achieved by this thriving Parish Council. It is very much at the heart of the Freshwater community and boasts some of the most magnificent coastline in the West Wight.	Freshwater North	2574	-9.5%
Northwood Gurnard Cowes Castle East Cowes Castle West Cowes Central Cowes Medina	Gurnard, Cowes Castle East and Cowes Castle West	Gurnard together with an area of both Cowes Castle West and Cowes Castle East: The ward of Gurnard is located in the north western coastal area of the Island and the areas of Cowes included within this warding are on the eastern boundaries of Gurnard. The village is home to a primary school, which adds much to the sense of community prevalent in the village. Gurnard shares the seafront with its close neighbour, the yachting centre of the island – Cowes. It has a thriving parish council, which forms the focal point for community activity. There are a range of small shops and local post office and a large holiday camp. The village therefore has its fair share of tourists in the summer months.	Gurnard	2902	+2.0%
	Northwood, Cowes Castle West and Cowes Medina	Northwood, with an area of both Cowes Castle West and Cowes Medina. Northwood ward is somewhat different in character to its nearest neighbours in that it borders the County town of Newport, Cowes and the River Medina. It is a fairly spread out community with the Medham housing development on the banks of the Medina and Northwood village situated in the more rural hinterland. It has a primary school and local hostelry and can boast a flourishing and active community. This is represented by the management committee, acting as a shadow town council, and evidenced by the parish plan work which is currently being developed.	Northwood	2899	+1.9%
	Cowes Castle East, Cowes Central and Cowes Castle West	The majority of Cowes Castle East together with the remainder of both Cowes Central and Cowes Castle West. This seafront ward includes a number of hotels and Victorian houses, some of which are used as holiday residences. The thriving shopping centre can be found here, together with the other main facilities for the Cowes population such as the library, banks and passenger ferry terminal. It is also home to the Royal Yacht Squadron and the Cowes Town Council. It attracts tourists at all times of the year but especially so in Cowes Week when many thousands of international sailors flock to the Town.	Cowes North	3081	+8.3%

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	Cowes Central and Cowes Medina	The remaining area of Cowes Central together with the remainder of Cowes Medina: This ward encompasses an area of Cowes that is mainly residential and includes a large proportion of social housing together with new build affordable housing for families. It borders the River Medina and has a bustling and thriving community with facilities which include schools, recreation ground and health centre. It is also home to a large industrial estate occupied by a number of diverse and developing companies. It is well represented by a variety of community groups together with the Cowes Town Council.	Cowes South	3101	+9.0%
Osborne Whippingham East Cowes North	Osborne, part Whippingham and East Cowes South	The larger areas of both Whippingham and East Cowes South together with Osborne: This ward centres on the village of Whippingham which is separated from the urban town of East Cowes by a belt of green fields. The village is proud of its links with Queen Victoria evidenced by the local church of St Mildred. The community centre, primary school, post office and village forge make up the village centre. All of these facilities are well used by the local community. Currently it is represented by a very active management committee who act as a shadow parish council and who are in the process of developing a parish plan.	Whippingham and Osborne	3127	+10.0%
	East Cowes North and East Cowes South	The remainder of East Cowes South and East Cowes North: This ward covers the urban area of East Cowes which is currently undergoing a massive regeneration programme and is enjoying a rise in property values as a result. It has a fairly large industrial area and is home to a 24-hour car ferry terminal. This in itself provides a number of issues around traffic volume and flow through the town. It is served by an active town council and a number of diverse community groups. It has a local shopping centre, medical centre and a number of local hostelrys and restaurants which are all well used by the community and tourists alike.	East Cowes	3125	+9.9%

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Wootton Bridge	Wootton Bridge	Wootton Bridge: The ward of Wootton Bridge is situated on the north headland of the Island with Wootton Creek running alongside. The village is adjacent to one of the main car ferry links to the mainland. Wootton Bridge Parish Council is a quality parish and extremely active, and has successfully attracted a large number of grants, enabling them to enhance community facilities. They are currently involved with the development and implementation of a public realm strategy which will involve further grant funding and will shortly become a pilot area for the Isle of Wight Council's devolvement programme. The village has a thriving community centre, public houses, and a variety of shops. It boasts a plethora of walks, and trails for ramblers and nature lovers.	Wootton Bridge	2922	+2.7%
Ryde North West Ryde North East St Johns East St Johns West Ryde South East 1 Ryde South East 2 Ryde South West 1 Ryde South West 2 East Fairlee Haylands Havenstreet	Ryde North West and Ryde North East	Ryde North West and a number of the electorate of Ryde North East. This ward borders the seafront and is generally made up of larger, more expensive housing. In some cases these have been converted to provide multi-occupancy dwellings and there is evidence of a transient population. It is home to two prominent landmarks – All Saints Church and Ryde Pier, the latter of which is the terminal for the passenger ferry. The area around the pier is due to be redeveloped and will form the Ryde Interchange.	Ryde North West	2872	+1.0%
	Ryde South West 1, Ryde South West 2 and Ryde South East 1	Formerly Ryde South West and a small number of the electorate of Ryde South East 1. This ward is, in the main, a residential area of mixed housing ranging from small Victorian terraces to modern family housing estates. There are four schools within its boundaries and it was once home to Ryde hospital, which is now defunct. It is on the outskirts of the town and its residents have to travel to the centre of Ryde for their facilities. The high school doubles as a busy sports centre and community facility for residents use.	Ryde West	2866	+0.8%

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	Ryde North East and Ryde St Johns West	The majority of Ryde North East and a number of the electorate of Ryde St Johns West: This ward is located along the seafront and has a large well used park within its boundaries. It provides the main attractions for the thousands of tourists who visit year on year. It has a golf course and a number of schools. It is fringed with mostly large Victorian houses, which have in some cases become multi-occupied dwellings. There are a few hotels and guesthouses located along the Esplanade.	Ryde North East	2784	-2.1%
	Ryde St Johns East and Ryde St Johns West	St Johns East and a small number of the St Johns West electorate: This ward is located within one of the most deprived wards in the country. It is made up, in the main, of social housing with a sprinkling of private houses; It has a primary school and a middle school and is home to Ryde fire station. It is the subject of one of the local strategic partnership's priority projects in Oakfield and Elmfield.	Ryde East	2872	+1.0%
	Ryde St Johns West and Ryde South East 1	The remainder of Ryde St John's West and Ryde South East 1. This ward is predominately social housing with plans approved for a further large housing development of approximately 200 - 300 family homes. Residents have to rely upon the facilities in the centre of town. It has good transport links with the Ryde St Johns railway station at its heart.	Ryde Central	2848	+0.1%
	Ryde South East 2, East Fairlee, Havenstreet and Haylands	Ryde South East 2, East Fairlee, Havenstreet and Ashey and Haylands. This ward borders an area of outstanding natural beauty and is largely rural in character. It has a number of leisure and tourist facilities such as riding stables, footpaths and bridleways and the Smallbrook stadium - home of Isle of Wight Speedway. It is home to Rosemary Vineyard and a number of small farms. The villages of Havenstreet and Ashey are represented by the newly established parish council.	Ryde South	3045	+7.1%

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Pan Newport South Mount Joy Newport North Fairlee Carisbrooke West Gunville Carisbrooke East Parkhurst	Pan, Mount Joy and Newport South	Pan and part of Newport South and Mountjoy: This ward takes in the most southerly part of Newport, together with part of Newport South and Mountjoy. Pan is a large social housing development on the edge of this ward and is currently the subject of a multi-million pound neighbourhood management project. There are well advanced plans to extend the estate by approximately 800 houses, both private and rental, over the next 5 - 10 years. This will have a major impact on the communities both established and new, in terms of successful integration. It is home to St George's Park Football stadium and is represented by the Newport Town Management Committee.	Newport East	2563	-9.9%
	Newport North and Newport South	The larger parts of Newport North and Newport South. This ward is the bustling heart of the county town of Newport. It incorporates the town's two squares, St Thomas' and St James. It has seen much redevelopment around the former bus station and can now boast a shopping precinct to rival the mainland. It is the focal point for the community with its many churches, shops, clubs and restaurants. Generally accepted as the retail capital of the Island and represented by the Newport Town Management Committee.	Newport Central	2801	-1.5%
	Newport South and Mountjoy	The remaining part of Newport South and Mountjoy: This ward is a large sprawling area south of the town centre. It is mainly residential but does include a very large rural area and some farmland. It is a popular area for walkers and horse riding and has recently had a cycleway opened which runs through from Newport to Sandown. It is represented by the Newport Town Management Committee, a shadow town council.	Newport South	2710	-4.7%
	Whippingham, Fairlee and Newport North	A small area of Whippingham, Fairlee and the remainder of Newport North: This ward is mainly residential and is located on the northern border of Newport. The Medina high school and seaclose park, home of the Isle of Wight pop festival, can be found here. It also has a thriving harbour – Island Harbour, which incorporates some more expensive housing developments. It is represented by a successful management committee acting as a shadow parish council.	Newport North	2613	-8.1%

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	Parkhurst and part Newport North	Parkhurst and a small area of Newport North: This ward is located on the northern boundary of Newport and is home to the island's hospital and its three prisons. It has a large housing estate, the majority of which is occupied by the staff of these establishments. It is bordered by agricultural land to the north and has good transport links to all areas of the island.	Parkhurst	2584	-9.1%
	Carisbrooke West, Gunville and Carisbrooke East	Carisbrooke West, Gunville and a small part of Carisbrooke East: This ward has the village of Carisbrooke at its heart and is located on the western boundary of the county town of Newport. It is home to Carisbrooke Castle and is rightly proud of its royal heritage. It has a primary school and a mixture of housing types ranging from grand Victorian houses to small farm cottages to newer housing estates. It has a very strong sense of community and is currently represented by a village management committee acting as a shadow parish council.	Carisbrooke	2639	-7.2%
	Carisbrooke East and Newport North	The remainder of Carisbrooke East and the remainder of Newport North: This ward is a densely populated residential area which includes a mix of primary and middle schools. The residents have to travel to the centre of Newport for shopping facilities but are well served by the bus service to the centre of the town. It is represented by the Newport Town Management Committee, a shadow parish council.	Newport West	2632	-7.5%