DEMOCRATIC AUDIT BOUNDARY MODEL FOR NORTH WEST ENGLAND

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The North West is, jointly with London, the second largest region – also like London, its delegation of MPs falls from 75 to 68 in the boundary changes.

	Current seats	**2011 entitlement**	**Allocation**	**Details: see pages**
Cheshire (including Halton and Warrington)	11	10.20		2-4
Cumbria	6	5.09	5	5-6
Greater Manchester	27	25.55		7-12
Lancashire (including Blackburn and Blackpool)	16	14.51		13-16
Merseyside	15	13.19	13	17-19
NORTH WEST	**75**		**68**	

Lancashire, Greater Manchester and Cheshire are grouped with 50 seats. It may be technically possible to treat all counties separately, but this would mean county averages in these areas would be substantially away from the UK average, making it difficult to form coherent seats and avoid splitting wards. Cheshire is complicated by the very large wards that the Commission is obliged to use in Cheshire East and Cheshire West & Chester – wards which since May 2011 no longer conform to the electoral wards used for those local authorities. The inability of the Commission to use updated ward maps is another of the inflexible aspects of the new Act. It might be more feasible to have a Cheshire-only solution if the new smaller wards could be used.

The county boundaries between Greater Manchester and Lancashire to the north and Cheshire to the south are crossed more frequently than the model usually crosses county lines. This reflects the geography and history to some extent (particularly in the case of Lancashire), but is mostly because of the identification of areas like Bolton with Lancashire and Hale and Cheadle with Cheshire that is reflected in local culture, postal addresses and the like. There is, unlike say a straddle seat between Norfolk and Suffolk, little sense of straddle seats like these mixing different communities. The pattern chosen also enables a large block of seats around Salford and Wigan to remain unchanged.

Cheshire

There are extensive alterations in the east and centre of the county, but several seats in the west are not greatly altered. The Weaver Vale constituency, created in 1997, is abolished.

CITY OF CHESTER (74,601)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
City of Chester	Cheshire West & Chester UA	Blacon, Boughton Heath & Vicars Cross, City, Hoole & Newton, Mickle Trafford (part), Overleigh, Upton	64,961	83.0
Eddisbury	Cheshire West & Chester UA	Broxton	9,640	17.0

CONGLETON (76,345)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Congleton	Cheshire East UA	Alsager, Congleton (3),Sandbach (2)	63,396	83.0
Crewe & Nantwich	Cheshire East UA	Doddington	12,949	17.0

CREWE AND NANTWICH (77,337)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Crewe & Nantwich	Cheshire East UA	Crewe (4), Nantwich, Rope	65,896	85.2
Eddisbury	Cheshire East UA	Cholmondley	11,441	14.8

EDDISBURY (76,451)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Eddisbury	Cheshire West & Chester UA	Eddisbury, Winsford (2), Abbey (part), Gowy (part)	43,310	56.6
Weaver Vale	Cheshire West & Chester UA	Weaver, Abbey (part)	15,305	39.0
Weaver Vale	Halton UA	Daresbury, Norton (2), Windmill Hill	14,517	
City of Chester	Cheshire West & Chester UA	Gowy (part)	3,319	4.3

Cheshire (cont.)

ELLESMERE PORT AND NESTON (79,548)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Ellesmere Port & Neston	Cheshire West & Chester UA	Entire current constituency including Mickle Trafford (part)	66,995	84.2
Weaver Vale	Cheshire West & Chester UA	Frodsham & Helsby	11,030	13.9
Eddisbury	Cheshire West & Chester UA	Mickle Trafford (part)	1,523	1.9

HALTON (78,033)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Halton	Halton UA	Entire current constituency	70,322	90.1
Weaver Vale	Halton UA	Beechwood, Halton Lea	7,711	9.9

MACCLESFIELD (78,711)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Macclesfield	Cheshire East UA	Broken Cross, Macclesfield (3), Prestbury & Tytherington	49,834	63.3
Tatton	Cheshire East UA	Wilmslow (2), Alderley (part)	28,877	36.7

TATTON (79,147)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Tatton	Cheshire East UA	Bucklow, Knutsford	20,348	45.9
Tatton	Cheshire West & Chester UA	Marbury, Northwich East & Shakerley (part)	15,975	
Weaver Vale	Cheshire West & Chester UA	Northwich East & Shakerley (part), Northwich West	17,445	22.0
Altrincham & Sale West	Trafford MB	Hale (2)	14,955	18.9
Congleton	Cheshire East UA	Middlewich	10,424	13.2

Cheshire (cont.)

WARRINGTON NORTH (77,722)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Warrington North	Warrington UA	Entire current constituency	71,832	92.4
Warrington South	Warrington UA	Latchford East	5,886	7.6

The previously clear dividing line between north and south of the Mersey is unfortunately no longer possible in dividing the Warrington seats, because both current seats fall outside the permitted size by small amounts. This is an example of disruption imposed by the 5 per cent rule which would not be needed with a more permissive standard – even 7.5 per cent.

WARRINGTON SOUTH (75,326)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Warrington South	Warrington UA	Entire current constituency less Latchford East	75,326	100.0

Cumbria

BARROW AND EGREMONT (78,163)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Barrow & Furness	Barrow DC	Entire borough	53,225	70.7
Barrow & Furness	South Lakeland DC	Broughton, Coniston & Crake Valley (part)	2,074	
Copeland	Copeland DC	Beckermet, Bootle, Egremont (2), Gosforth, Haverigg, Holborn Hill, Millom Without, Newtown, St Bees, Seascale	21,755	27.8
Westmorland & Lonsdale	South Lakeland DC	Coniston & Crake Valley (part)	1,109	1.4

CARLISLE (77,284)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Carlisle	Carlisle DC	Current constituency less Burgh, Dalton	59,752	77.3
Penrith & The Border	Carlisle DC	Brampton, Great Corby & Geltsdale, Hayton, Irthing, Longtown & Rockcliffe, Lyne, Stanwix Rural	17,532	22.7

PENRITH (78,102)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Penrith & The Border	Eden DC	Entire district	41,638	61.1
Penrith & The Border	Allerdale DC	Warnell, Wigton	6,064	
Workington	Allerdale DC	All Saints, Boltons, Christchurch, Holme, Marsh, Silloth, Wampool, Waver, Wharrels	17,296	22.1
Carlisle	Carlisle DC	Burgh, Dalston	6,570	8.4
Copeland	Allerdale DC	Crummock, Derwent Valley, Keswick	6,534	8.4

Renamed because ‘The Border’ is reallocated to Carlisle.

Cumbria (cont.)

WESTMORLAND AND LONSDALE (79,349)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Westmorland & Lonsdale	South Lakeland	Current constituency less Coniston & Crake Valley (part)	65,500	82.5
Barrow & Furness	South Lakeland	Low Furness, Mid Furness, Ulverston(6)	13,849	17.5

WORKINGTON AND WHITEHAVEN (77,472)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Workington	Allerdale DC	Aspatria, Broughton St Bridget's, Clifton, Ellen, Ellenborough, Ewanrigg, Flimby, Harrington, Moorclose, Moss Bay, Netherhall, St John's, St Michael's, Seaton, Solway, Stainburn	42,065	54.3
Copeland	Copeland DC	Arlecton, Bransty, Cleator Moor (2), Distington, Ennerdale, Frizington, Harbour, Hensingham, Hillcrest, Kells, Mirehouse, Moresby, Sandwith	33,955	45.7
Copeland	Allerdale DC	Dalton	1,452	

Greater Manchester

Bury

BURY NORTH (75,352)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Bury North	Bury MB	Entire current constituency	67,911	90.1
Bury South	Bury MB	Unsworth	7,441	9.9

BURY SOUTH AND BROUGHTON (74,341)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Bury South	Bury MB	Current constituency less Unsworth, Holyrood	58,924	79.2
Blackley & Broughton	Salford MB	Kersal, Broughton	15,417	20.8

Manchester

MANCHESTER BLACKLEY (73,267)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Blackley & Broughton	Manchester MB	All wards in current constituency	53,589	73.1
Manchester Central	Manchester MB	Moston	10,903	14.9
Bury South	Bury MB	Holyrood	8,775	12.0

MANCHESTER CENTRAL (78,616)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Manchester Central	Manchester MB	Current constituency less Moston	78,616	100.0

A hugely overpopulated inner city seat at present, Central can lose a whole (large) Manchester ward. Liverpool Riverside can also remain unchanged. The ‘depopulated inner city constituency’ is largely a myth.

MANCHESTER GORTON (74,681)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Manchester Gorton	Manchester MB	Unchanged constituency	74,681	100.0

Greater Manchester (cont.)

MANCHESTER WITHINGTON (73,656)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Manchester Withington	Manchester MB	Unchanged constituency	73,656	100.0

WYTHENSHAWE AND GATLEY (73,679)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Wythenshawe & Sale East	Manchester MB	Baguley, Brooklands, Northenden, Sharston, Woodhouse Park	52,444	71.2
Cheadle	Stockport MB	Cheadle & Gatley, Heald Green	21,235	28.8

Oldham and Rochdale

HEYWOOD AND MIDDLETON (79,636)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Heywood & Middleton	Rochdale MB	Unchanged constituency	79,636	100.0

OLDHAM EAST AND SADDLEWORTH (80,359)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Oldham East & Saddleworth	Oldham MB	Entire current constituency	72,249	89.9
Oldham West & Royton	Oldham MB	Medlock Vale	8.110	10.1

OLDHAM WEST AND ROYTON (80,010)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Oldham West & Royton	Oldham MB	Current constituency less Medlock Vale	64,292	80.4
Ashton-under-Lyne	Oldham MB	Failsworth (2)	15,718	19.6

Greater Manchester (cont.)

ROCHDALE (77,699)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Rochdale	Rochdale MB	Unchanged constituency	77,699	100.0

Salford, Bolton and Wigan

BOLTON EAST (77,818)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Bolton South East	Bolton MB	Farnworth, Great Lever, Harper Green, Kearsley, Little Lever & Darcy Lever	49,578	63.7
Bolton North East	Bolton MB	Breightmet, Crompton, Tonge & The Haugh	28,240	36.3

BOLTON WEST (80,417)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Bolton West	Bolton MB	Heaton & Lostock, Smithills, Westhoughton (2)	41,134	64.8
Bolton West	Wigan MB	Atherton	10,962	
Bolton South East	Bolton MB	Hulton, Rumworth	19,510	24.3
Bolton North East	Bolton MB	Halliwell	8,811	11.0

LEIGH (77,001)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Leigh	Wigan MB	Unchanged constituency	77,001	100.0

MAKERFIELD (74,856)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Makerfield	Wigan MB	Unchanged constituency	74,856	100.0

SALFORD AND ECCLES (76,863)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Salford & Eccles	Salford MB	Unchanged constituency	76,863	100.0

Greater Manchester (cont.)

WIGAN(76,779)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Wigan	Wigan MB	Unchanged constituency	76,779	100.0

WORSLEY AND ECCLES SOUTH (73,409)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Worsley & Eccles South	Salford MB	Unchanged constituency	73,409	100.0

Trafford

STRETFORD AND URMSTON (77,813)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Stretford & Urmston	Trafford MB	Entire current constituency	70,520	90.6
Altrincham & Sale West	Trafford MB	Ashton-upon-Mersey	7,293	9.4

ALTRINCHAM AND SALE (72,918)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Altrincham & Sale West	Trafford MB	Altrincham, Bowdon, Broadheath, St Mary's, Timperley, Village	49,760	68.2
Wythenshawe & Sale East	Trafford MB	Brooklands, Priory, Sale Moor	23,158	31.8

Stockport and Tameside

HYDE AND DENTON (79,178)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Stalybridge & Hyde	Tameside MB	Hyde (3), Longdendale	35,173	44.4
Denton & Reddish	Tameside MB	Audenshaw, Denton North East, Denton South	25,980	32.8
Ashton-under-Lyne	Tameside MB	Droylsden (2)	18,025	22.8

Greater Manchester (cont.)

POYNTON AND BRAMHALL (74,023)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Cheadle	Stockport MB	Bramhall (2), Cheadle Hulme South	30,842	41.7
Macclesfield	Cheshire East UA	Bollington & Disley, Poynton	23,779	32.1
Hazel Grove	Stockport MB	Marple (2)	19,402	26.2

A cross-border Cheshire seat – this is essentially Cheadle pushed outwards, as the Cheshire areas are essentially continuations of the south Manchester commuter belt. The boundaries of Cheadle were somewhat flexible before 1983 and this resumes.

STALYBRIDGE AND ASHTON (79,814)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Stalybridge & Hyde	Tameside MB	Dukinfield Stalybridge, Mossley, Stalybridge (2)	35,518	44.5
Ashton-under-Lyne	Tameside MB	Ashton (3), St Peter's	34,810	43.6
Denton & Reddish	Tameside MB	Dukinfield	9,486	11.9

STOCKPORT NORTH (78,000 approx)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Denton & Reddish	Stockport MB	Reddish (2)	20,889	38.7
Denton & Reddish	Tameside MB	Denton West	9,329	
Stockport	Stockport MB	Heatons (2), Brinnington & Central (Brinnington part)	26,000 approx	33.5
Hazel Grove	Stockport MB	Bredbury (2)	21,734	27.8

The size of Stockport wards necessitates some ward-splitting – this model splits only one, Brinnington & Central, which as its name suggests is composed of two distinct parts.

Greater Manchester (cont.)

STOCKPORT SOUTH (77,600 approx)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Stockport	Stockport MB	Davenport & Cale Green, Edgeley & Cheadle Heath, Manor, Brinnington & Central (Central part)	36,640	47.2
Hazel Grove	Stockport MB	Hazel Grove, Offerton	21,286	27.4
Cheadle	Stockport MB	Cheadle Hulme North, Stepping Hill	19,700	25.4

Lancashire

ACCRINGTON AND RAWTENSTALL (77,434)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Hyndburn	Hyndburn DC	Altham, Barnfield, Baxenden, Central, Church, Clayton-le-Moors, Huncoat, Immanuel, Milnshaw, Peel, St Andrew's, Spring Hill	42,030	65.8
Hyndburn	Rossendale DC	Greenfield, Worsley	8,946	
Rossendale & Darwen	Rossendale DC	Cribden, Eden, Goodshaw, Hareholme, Helmshore, Longholme, Whitewell	26,458	34.2

BLACKBURN (75,698)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Blackburn	Blackburn with Darwen UA	Audley, Bastwell, Beardwood w Lammack, Corporation Park, Ewood, Little Harwood, Mill Hill, Queens Park, Roe Lee, Shadsworth w Whitebirk, Shear Brow, Wensley Fold	57,057	75.4
Hyndburn	Hyndburn DC	Netherton, Overton, Rishton, St Oswald's	18,641	24.6

BLACKPOOL NORTH AND FLEETWOOD (74,817)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Blackpool North & Cleveleys	Blackpool UA	Anchorsholme, Bispham, Claremont, Greenlands, Ingthorpe, Norbreck, Warbreck	37,452	74.1
Blackpool North & Cleveleys	Wyre DC	Bourne, Cleveleys Park, Jubilee, Victoria	18,000	
Lancaster & Fleetwood	Wyre DC	Mount, Park, Pharos, Rossall, Warren	19,365	25.9
Wyre & Preston North	Wyre DC	Norcross	2,932	3.9

Lancashire (cont.)

BLACKPOOL SOUTH (74,816)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Blackpool South	Blackpool UA	Entire current constituency	64,081	85.7
Blackpool North & Cleveleys	Blackpool UA	Layton, Park	10,735	14.3

BURNLEY AND BACUP (75,186)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Burnley	Burnley DC	Current constituency less Briarcliffe, Lanehead	57,898	77.0
Rossendale & Darwen	Rossendale DC	Facit & Shawforth, Greensclough, Healey & Whitworth, Irwell, Stacksteads	17,288	23.0

CHORLEY AND HORWICH (78,886)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Chorley	Chorley DC	Adlington & Anderton, Astley & Buckshaw, Chorley (5), Clayton-le-Woods (3), Coppull, Heath Charnock & Rivington, Pennine, Wheelton & Withnell	59,528	75.5
Bolton West	Bolton MB	Horwich (2)	19,358	24.5

DARWEN (74,301)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Rossendale & Darwen	Blackburn with Darwen UA	Earcroft, East Rural, Fernhurst, Marsh House, North Turton w Tockholes, Sudell, Sunnyhurst, Whitehall	29,697	40.0
Bolton North East	Bolton MB	Astley Bridge, Bradshaw, Bromley Cross	29,549	39.8
Blackburn	Blackburn with Darwen UA	Higher Croft, Livesey w Pleasington, Meadowhead	15,055	20.3

The current Rossendale & Darwen is unusual, but not unique (even in Lancashire) for being non-contiguous by road. There is a steep hill between Rossendale and Darwen with no road crossing except via other constituencies. This seat essentially revives a pre-1983 concept for a constituency, grouping Darwen with the Turton area which was placed in the Bolton borough in 1974.

Lancashire (cont.)

FYLDE (79,196)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Fylde	Fylde DC	Entire district other than Newton & Treales	59,159	74.7
Wyre & Preston North	Wyre DC	Breck, Carleton, Hardhorn, High Cross, Staina, Tithebarn	20,037	25.3

NORTH LANCASHIRE (79,591)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Wyre & Preston North	Wyre DC	Brock, Cabus, Calder, Catterall, Garstang, Great Eccleston, Hambleton & Stalmines w Staynall	17,330	39.3
Wyre & Preston North	Preston DC	Preston Rural East (part), Preston Rural North, Sharoe Green	13,956	
Lancaster & Fleetwood	Lancaster DC	Ellel, Lower Lune Valley, University	12,742	26.1
Lancaster & Fleetwood	Wyre DC	Pilling, Preesall, Wyresdale	8,050	
Morecambe & Lunesdale	Lancaster DC	Bolton-le-Sands, Carnforth, Halton-w-Aughton, Kellett, Silverdale, Slyne-w-Hest, Upper Lune Valley, Warton	20,168	25.3
Fylde	Fylde DC	Newton & Treales	2,589	9.2
Fylde	Preston DC	Lea	4,756	
Preston	Preston DC	Preston Rural East (part)	202	0.3

North Lancashire is a somewhat diverse constituency, although it is surprisingly compact in terms of drive-time because the M6 serves as a spine connecting it from top to bottom. Few of the seats in this part of Lancashire have had really satisfactory boundaries in the last couple of redistributions, with some pretty inelegant seats like 'Wyre and Preston North' and 'Lancaster and Wyre' appearing.

WEST LANCASHIRE (79,038)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
West Lancashire	West Lancashire DC	Current constituency less Parbold, Wrightington	66,483	84.1
South Ribble	West Lancashire DC	Hesketh, North Meols, Rufford, Tarleton	12,555	15.9

Lancashire (cont.)

LANCASTER AND MORECAMBE (76,436)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Morecambe & Lunesdale	Lancaster DC	Bare, Harbour, Heysham (3), Overton, Poulton, Skerton (2), Torrisholme, Westgate	49,288	64.5
Lancaster & Fleetwood	Lancaster DC	Bulk, Castle, Dukes, John O'Gaunt, Scotforth (2)	27,148	35.5

PENDLE (75,840)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Pendle	Pendle DC	Entire current constituency	66,735	88.0
Burnley	Burnley DC	Briarcliffe, Lanehead	9,105	12.0

PRESTON (78,180)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Preston	Preston DC	Entire current constituency less Preston Rural East (part)	60,823	77.8
Wyre & Preston North	Preston DC	Cadley, College, Garrison, Greyfriars	17,357	22.2

RIBBLE VALLEY (79,207)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Ribble Valley	Ribble Valley DC, South Ribble DC	Entire current constituency	77,437	97.8
Chorley	Chorley DC	Brindle & Hoghton	1,770	2.2

SOUTH RIBBLE (79,141)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
South Ribble	South Ribble DC	All wards in current constituency	54,282	76.9
South Ribble	Chorley DC	Eccleston & Mawdesley, Lostock	8,279	
Chorley	Chorley DC	Chisnall, Euxton (2)	10,035	12.7
West Lancashire	West Lancashire DC	Parbold, Wrightington	6,545	8.3

Merseyside

AINTREE (80,294)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Sefton Central	Sefton MB	Manor, Molyneux, Park, Ravenmeols, Sudell	49,034	61.1
Knowsley	Knowsley MB	Cherryfield, Kirkby Central, Northwood, Park, Shevington, Whitefield	31,260	38.9

BOOTLE & CROSBY (79,734)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Bootle	Sefton MB	Entire current constituency	70,824	88.8
Sefton Central	Sefton MB	Blundellsands	8,910	11.2

HUYTON (74,480)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Knowsley	Knowsley MB	Longview, Page Moss, Prescot West, Roby, St Bartholomew's, St Gabriel's, St Michael's, Stockbridge, Swanside	48,074	64.5
Garston & Halewood	Knowsley MB	Halewood (3)	15,521	20.8
Garston & Halewood	Liverpool MB	Belle Vale	10,885	14.6

A revival of the name of a constituency which during its entire lifespan (1950-83) was represented by Harold Wilson.

LIVERPOOL ALLERTON (77,124)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Garston & Halewood	Liverpool MB	Allerton & Hunts Cross, Cressington, Speke-Garston, Woolton	45,212	58.6
Liverpool Wavertree	Liverpool MB	Childwall, Church, Wavertree	31,912	41.4

This could be 'Liverpool Garston & Wavertree' but brevity has advantages.

Merseyside (cont.)

LIVERPOOL RIVERSIDE (73,406)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Liverpool Riverside	Liverpool MB	Unchanged constituency	73,406	100.0

LIVERPOOL WALTON (79,718)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Liverpool Walton	Liverpool MB	Anfield, Clubmoor, County, Everton, Warbreck	50,813	63.7
Liverpool Wavertree	Liverpool MB	Kensington & Fairfield, Picton	18,643	23.4
Liverpool West Derby	Liverpool MB	Tuebrook & Stoneycroft	10,262	12.9

LIVERPOOL WEST DERBY (74,732)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Liverpool West Derby	Liverpool MB	Current constituency less Tuebrook & Stoneycroft	52,447	70.2
Liverpool Walton	Liverpool MB	Fazakerley	11,161	14.9
Liverpool Wavertree	Liverpool MB	Old Swan	11,124	14.9

ST. HELENS NORTH (75,688)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
St Helens North	St Helens MB	Unchanged constituency	75,688	100.0

ST. HELENS SOUTH & WHISTON (78,612)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
St Helens South & Whiston	St Helens MB, Knowsley MB	Unchanged constituency	78,612	100.0

SOUTHPORT (77,555)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Southport	Sefton MB	Entire current constituency	67,803	87.4
Sefton Central	Sefton MB	Harington	9,752	12.6

Merseyside (cont.)

Southport is a problem case for the new boundary regime. It is a well-defined, self-contained town which happens to a bit too small for a constituency of its own. One solution would be to take in some rural inland West Lancashire wards – a county border crossing that would however fit well with local sentiment. However, to do so would probably mean another crossing of the Merseyside somewhere else east of the Mersey, causing disruption in St Helens, Warrington or Wigan. The alternative, as here, is unfortunately to split the town of Formby in half.

WIRRAL NORTH (79,509)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Wallasey	Wirral	Leasowe & Moreton East, Moreton West & Saughall Massie, Wallasey	33,404	42.0
Wirral West	Wirral	Greasby, Frankby & Irby, Upton	23,719	29.8
Birkenhead	Wirral	Claughton, Oxton	22,386	28.2

The Wirral is – yet again – a difficult problem for the Boundary Commission. There are two basic solutions – one is to hive off a ward (Eastham) to a Cheshire seat and have three seats with seven wards each, or to try – as here – to produce three all-Wirral seats. It will require some fine cutting of wards. The North seat, here, is composed of seven wards, but the other two Wirral seats split a ward.

WIRRAL RIVERSIDE (80,000 approx)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Wallasey	Wirral	Liscard, New Brighton, Seacombe	32,328	40.1
Birkenhead	Wirral	Bidston & St James, Birkenhead & Tranmere, Rock Ferry (part)	26,000 approx	36.5
Wirral South	Wirral	Bromborough, Eastham	21,733	27.2

WIRRAL WEST (80,000 approx)				
Current constituency	**Local authority**	**Wards**	**Electors**	**Share %**
Wirral South	Wirral	Bebington, Clatterbridge, Heswall	34,505	43.1
Wirral West	Wirral	Hoylake & Meols, Pensby & Thingwall, West Kirby & Thurstaston	31,358	39.2
Birkenhead	Wirral	Prenton, Rock Ferry (part)	14,000 approx	13.6

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