



Withyham Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr Diana Kelly

Clerk: Deborah Siddle
Assistant Clerk: Natalie Brett

Withyham Parish Council Response to 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies

Withyham Parish Council request that the proposed exclusion of Hartfield Parish and the area of Marden's Hill of Withyham Parish from the Crowborough and Hailsham Constituency is rejected and that this area remains part of the Crowborough and Hailsham Constituency.

The reasons for this request is that there are many common community interests and community ties between the two parishes which should be represented by the Member of Parliament for Crowborough and Hailsham.

Both Parishes look to Crowborough as the principal town for shopping, schools, and shops.

Both Parishes have a common concern regarding the future of the Ashdown Forest and environmental concerns such as the noise from aircraft using Gatwick airport.

Residents in both Parishes use facilities in the two main villages of Hartfield and Groombridge such as the Doctor's Surgery in Hartfield and the Post Office in Groombridge.

Both Parishes have cultural ties such as Hartfield and Withyham church choirs.

Both Parishes therefore form a common cultural and community area which should be represented by one Member of Parliament.

For and on behalf of Withyham Parish Council

Mrs D Siddle
The Clerk and Proper Officer