

## Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

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### Comment text:

I am responding as Chair of Rusthall Parish Council to ask that Rusthall retains its status as a separate electoral ward. Although smaller than your ideal ward we believe the status quo with 2 councillors is best. Rusthall is an ancient settlement first recorded in 765AD, pre-dating Tunbridge Wells. The topography supports its remaining separate, bounded on all sides by fields, farms, woodland and a main road cutting it off from surrounding areas. Residents take pride in Rusthall's character and opportunities offered through its many community facilities. We have 3 churches, a primary school, 2 pre-schools, a thriving High Street, library, doctor's surgery, vets and dentists. 3 church and community halls offer a range of activities - table tennis, Pilates, slimming clubs, yoga, singing and arts and crafts. There is a Village Association and. Community Larder. There is also a well-supported drama group that puts on an annual production using the local landscape as its platform. There is a weekly Lunch Club, a monthly Community Cafe, as well as the Rusthall Community Cinema and Film Society. The St Paul's Rusthall Scouts support 2 Beaver colonies, 2 Cub packs, 2 scout troops and Explorers group that meet weekly. The Parish Council owns and maintains 3 allotments sites and there is also a childrens' playground. I hope this proves that the electoral ward of Rusthall fulfills the second of your statutory criteria which is to reflect community ties and identities.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded