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Re paragraph 65 Northumberland

I am currently resident in West Thirston and have been a resident in Felton in the past. I can confirm that to all intents and purposes, the two are one community. The division along the River Coquet that formerly existed between Alnwick and Castle Morpeth local authorities disappeared when they did in 2008. West Thirston has no shops, GP surgery or village hall so residents use the facilities found in Felton for these purposes. Most if not all of the social and recreational activities in the community involve residents of both villages. Many local groups style themselves 'Felton and Thirston...'.
It is also the case that the River Coquet does not separate them into two communities but connects them via two bridges.
I fully support the Commission's view that Felton and Thirston should be treated as the one community that they are.

Attached Documents:

None attached