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Related subject: Teesdale and Barnard Castle in particular

Barnard Castle needs its own County Councillor

Making the whole of Teesdale into one county council ward with three members, instead of the current system of two wards each with two members is a step backwards.

It is bad enough for the number of Durham county councillors to be reduced overall from 126 to 98, leaving Teesdale with three councillors instead of four, but to put them all into one huge ward – previously with its own district council – means an even bigger burden for our elected councillors who will each have to cover the whole of the dale.

Having three separate county councillors would make it clearer and simpler for local residents to have to deal with one county councillor instead of three, and make it much more convenient for residents to visit their county councillor and vice versa: also for attending local events, the numerous villages and parish councils.

(Cllr) Chris Foote-Wood, member of Barnard Castle Town council (speaking for myself), a former Durham County Councillor and Hon. Alderman of Durham County.

Attached Documents:

None attached