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Related subject: Broomfield and the Quantocks

Broomfield is a rural parish and one of only 2 villages on the Quantock Hills. Historically we have formed a loose 'alliance with Kingston and West Monkton broadly around the 3 churches working more closely together.

In reality however Broomfield residents live in a scattered hamlet, with more in common with Enmore and Spaxton and Goathurst than with KSM and West Monkton. The latter are either already becoming urban extensions of Taunton or will soon become so in all but name. The issues for our parish have little in common with those of the vilages not on the hills - KSM and West Monkton are concerned it seems with housing developments, traffic, school places and so on - in Broomfield we are concerned with a lack of broadband infrastructure and flooded and damaged roads.

In the same vein we have little in common with places such as Lyng, a levels village with entirely different issues to those of our scattered community.

Furthermore I don't believe that the new boundaries should be based on the Local Community Network areas unless there is a guarantee (and I can't see how there can be) that the LCN's are going to continue for the foreseeable future (given the financial pressures on the Council).

In summary it is important I think that boundaries should encompass areas that have similar issues, share similar challenges otherwise small rural communities such as Broomfield will inevitably be forgotten if grouped with expanding towns and villages.

Attached Documents:

None attached