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Related subject: Monkton and North Curry

Hello, I understand there is a possible suggestion of Stoke St Gregory being separated out from the North Curry area and instead combined with Curry Rivel. As a resident of Stoke St Gregory I would be strongly opposed to this. Stoke and North Curry have very strong historical, geographical and social links, with a near continuous stretch of housing between the two villages. The C of E churches are covered by the same Reverend, many children go to the nursery in Stoke St Gregory before attending the primary school in North Curry, and toddler groups and similar events in both villages are frequently attended by parents and children from both villages.

Geographically and logistically, both villages are served by the same bus route which connects them to Taunton, while Curry Rivel and the surrounding area are entirely separate. Indeed, during the winter it is not uncommon for Stoke to be cut off from Curry Rivel across the moor, while the road to North Curry remains open. Physically, both Stoke and North Curry sit on the same stretch of raised running roughly east-west between the moorland to the north and south.

This grouping is also reflected in the outcome of the 2023 Boundary Commission for England review and there is a clear benefit to keeping the districts within Somerset council consistent and coherent with that. I very much hope any suggestion of separating the two villages as part of the boundary review is swiftly nipped in the bud.

Many thanks,



Attached Documents:

None attached