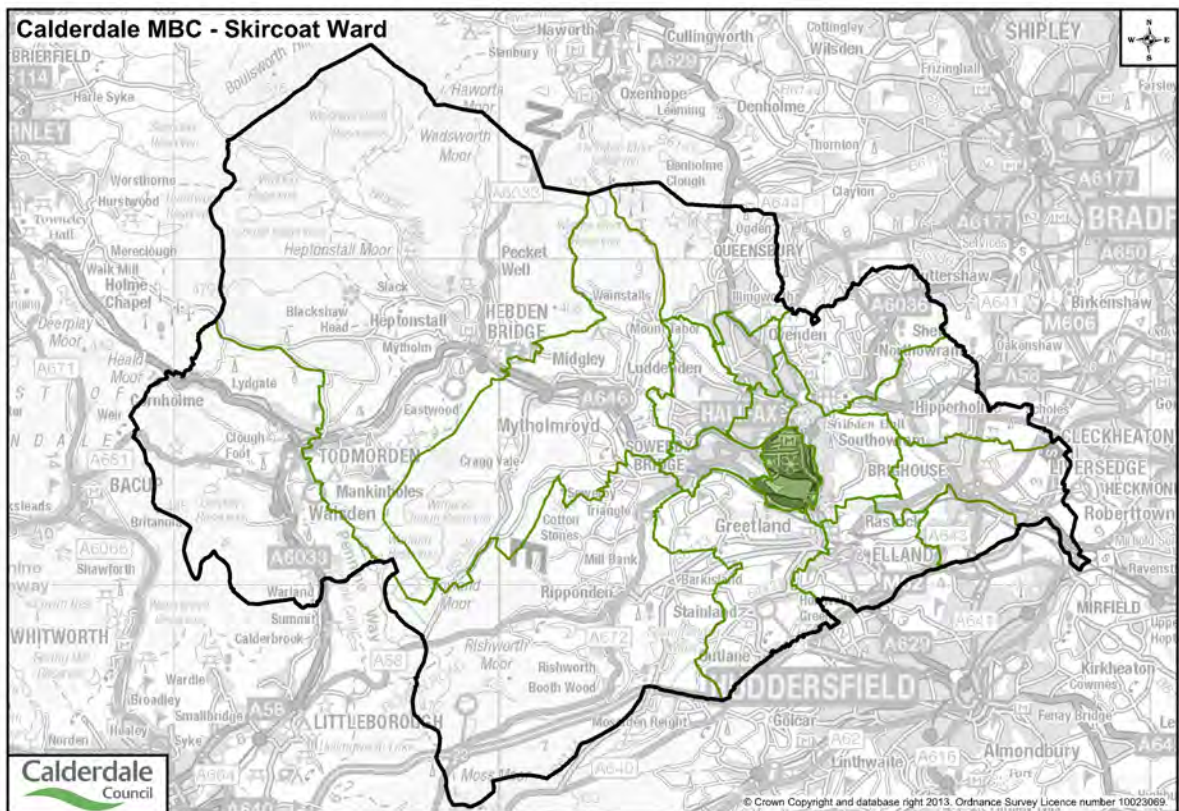


Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations 2013

Skircoat Ward



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Introduction

Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, local authorities are required to divide their area into polling districts, to designate polling places for those polling districts and to keep their electoral arrangements under review.

The Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced a duty for all polling districts and polling places to be reviewed every four years. The Council's first review was carried out in autumn 2007, followed by the second in autumn 2011.

Under the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, local authorities are required to undertake a compulsory review of its polling districts and polling places in its area. The first compulsory review period begins with the 1st October 2013 and every fifth year after that.

Each polling district must offer reasonable facilities for voting for all its electors, as far as reasonably practicable in the circumstances.

Aim of the review

In conducting this review, the Council must seek to ensure that:-

- all electors in the constituency have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances;
- polling places are accessible to all electors and all sections of the community; and
- when considering or reviewing the designation of a polling place, have regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons.

What is being reviewed?

- The polling district boundaries within each ward of the district
- The location of the polling station in each polling district
- The access to each polling station
- Buildings that might be considered for use as polling stations

What cannot be reviewed at this time?

- The ward boundaries
- The parish boundaries
- The parliamentary constituency boundaries

Who will be consulted?

- Residents of The Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale
- Local Councillors
- The Members of Parliament for the Constituencies of Halifax and Calder Valley
- Political parties
- Town and Parish Councils
- Voluntary Groups
- Community Groups
- Individuals and organisations with expertise on access issues

What happens next?

Deadline for submission of representations	Friday 8 th November 2013
Publication of the Returning Officer's provisional recommendations	Friday 15 th November 2013
Closing date for representations and comments on Returning Officer's recommendations	Friday 13 th December 2013
Final report to Governance and Business Committee	Monday 20 th January 2014
Final report to Full Council	Wednesday 12 th February 2014
Publication of result of review	Friday 14 th February 2014
Publication of revised register of electors based on new polling district boundaries.	Monday 17 th February 2014

Glossary of Terms

Parliamentary constituencies: it is important to note that these cannot be changed by this review. The subject of the review is the division of these constituencies into polling district and places.

Polling district: this is the area created by the division of a constituency or ward. Within this area, a polling place must be determined, which is convenient to electors registered in that area.

Polling place: the building or area in which polling stations will be selected by the Returning Officer

Polling station: the room or building where the poll takes place. This is chosen by the Returning Officer for the election and is published on various official notices and communicated to the electorate via poll card.

Guidance on Submission of Representations and Suggestions

This ward information booklet is designed to help the electorate in making informed representations and suggestions to the Returning Officer about the allocation of polling places in the Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale.

Maps are available for inspection in the following locations:

- Town Hall, Halifax,
- Electoral Services Unit, Northgate House, Halifax.

Copies of this booklet are available at:

- Town Hall, Halifax.
- Electoral Services Unit, Northgate House, Halifax.
- Customer First Brighouse, Brighouse Civic Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse.
- Customer First Elland, Southgate, Elland.
- Customer First Sowerby Bridge, Carlton Mill, Wharf Street, Sowerby Bridge.
- Customer First Hebden Bridge, Town Hall, Hebden Bridge.
- Customer First Todmorden, Calderdale Community College, Burnley Road, Todmorden.

What makes a suitable polling place?

It is important to consider what factors define a good polling place when submitting any suggestions. It is important that alternative premises are identified when suggesting a change in polling place.

A polling place should have, as a minimum, the following characteristics:

- 1) It should be central relative to the location of electors in the polling district, where possible.
- 2) Accessibility for all electors, including those with disabilities, where possible.
- 3) Adequate, safe parking for the size of the electorate. The car park (if any) and area around the station, should be well lit, as the station is open until 10:00pm
- 4) Facilities for polling staff, e.g. toilets, kitchen or coffee & tea making facilities, heating/cooling systems, comfortable adult sized chairs and tables.
- 5) The size of the room/building used as the polling station must be adequate for the size of the electorate.

Electorate Information

Skircoat Ward

Electors – this is the number of electors included in the register of electors as published on the 1st September 2013.

Properties – this is the number of properties included in the register of electors as published on the 1st September 2013.

PD Ref	Polling District Name	Total no of registered electors	No of electors registered to vote in person	No of electors registered absent voters	No of Properties
NA	MANOR HEATH	1773	1406	367	1084
NB	STAFFORD	1190	888	302	812
NC	SKIRCOAT GREEN	2144	1668	476	1248
ND	COPLEY	1045	810	235	638
NE	WELL HEAD	1652	1285	367	986
NF	SAVILE PARK	1721	1384	337	1123
Total		9525	7441	2084	5891

Polling District and Polling Place Details

NA - MANOR HEATH
HEATH UNITED REFORMED SUNDAY SCHOOL, MANOR DRIVE,
HALIFAX,



Additional Information

Disabled Access - YES

Polling District and Polling Place Details

NB - STAFFORD
 THE MOORE HALL, ST ANDREWS METHODIST CHURCH,
 HUDDERSFIELD ROAD, HALIFAX

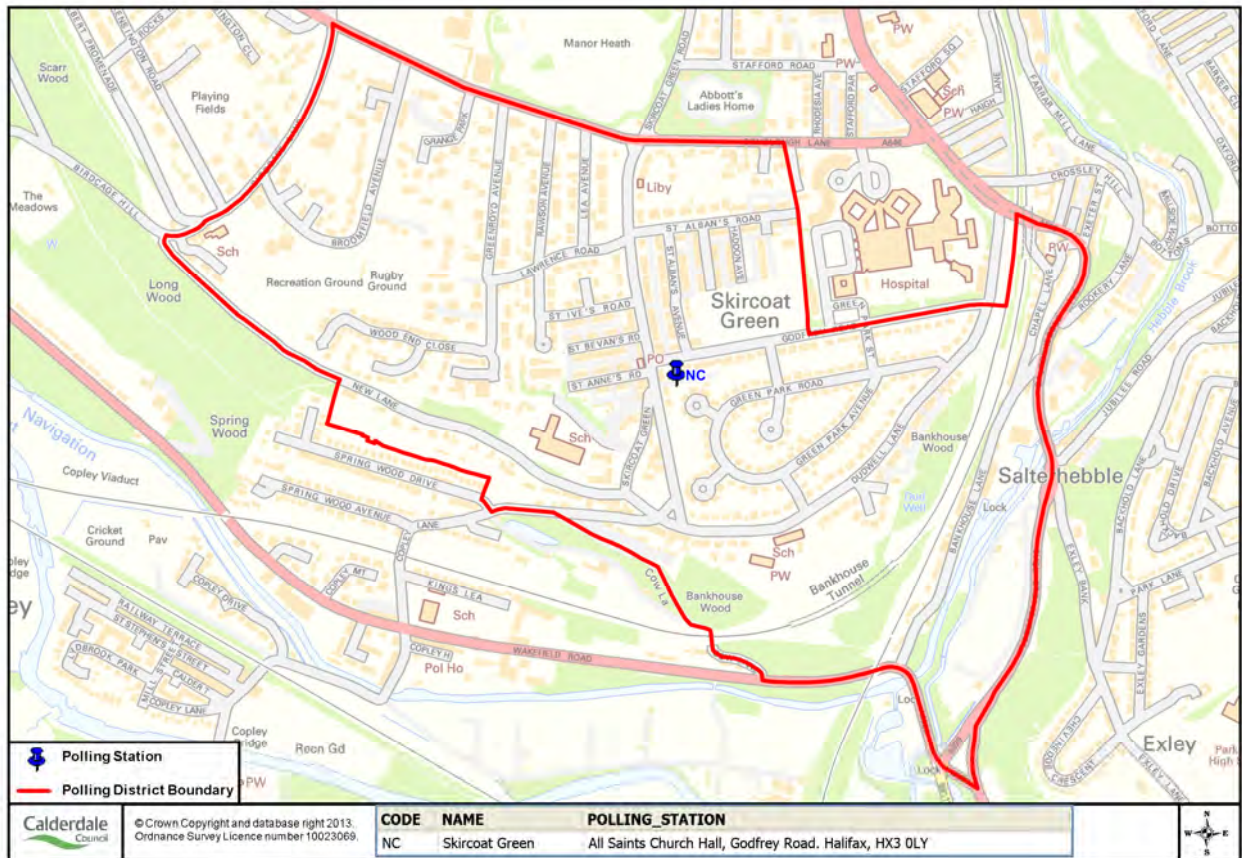


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NC - SKIRCOAT GREEN
ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL, GODFREY ROAD, HALIFAX

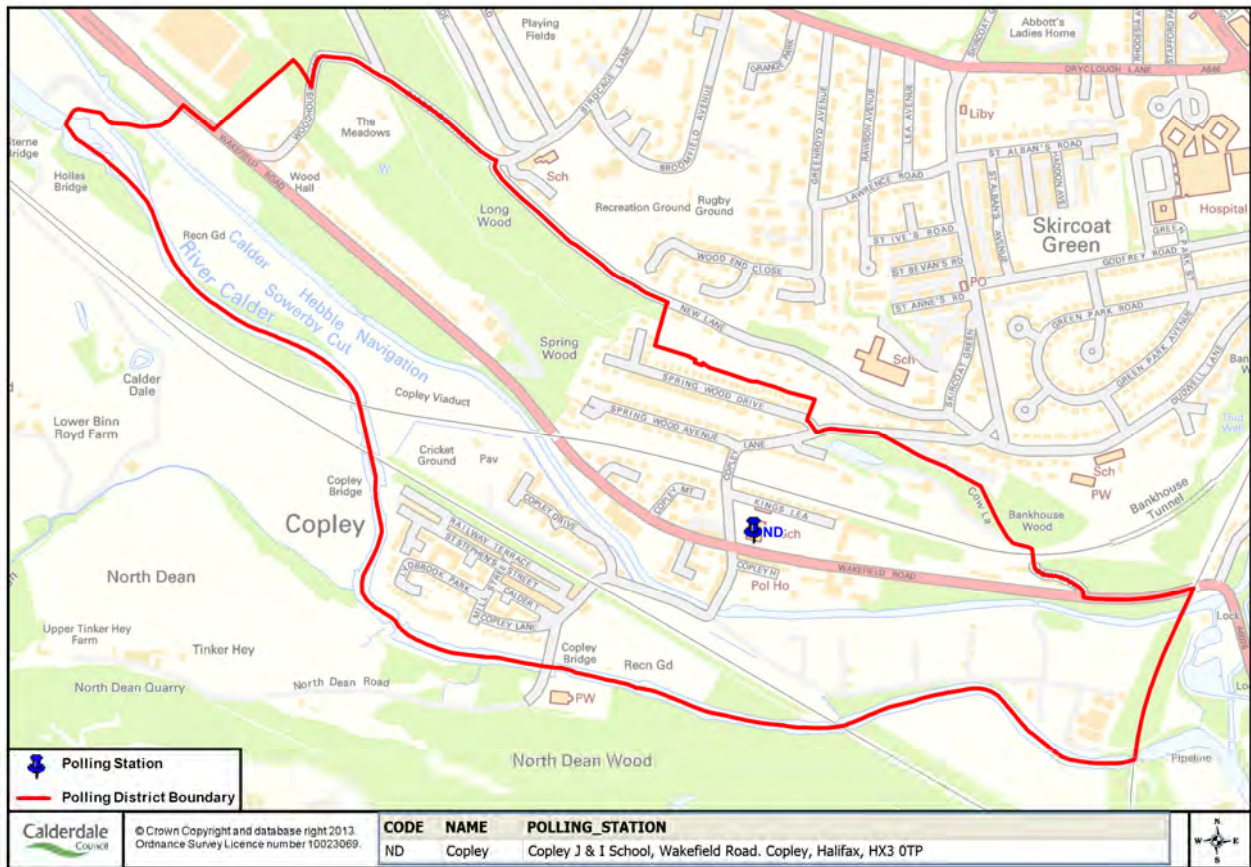


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ND - COPLEY
 COPLEY J & I SCHOOL, WAKEFIELD ROAD, COPLEY, HALIFAX

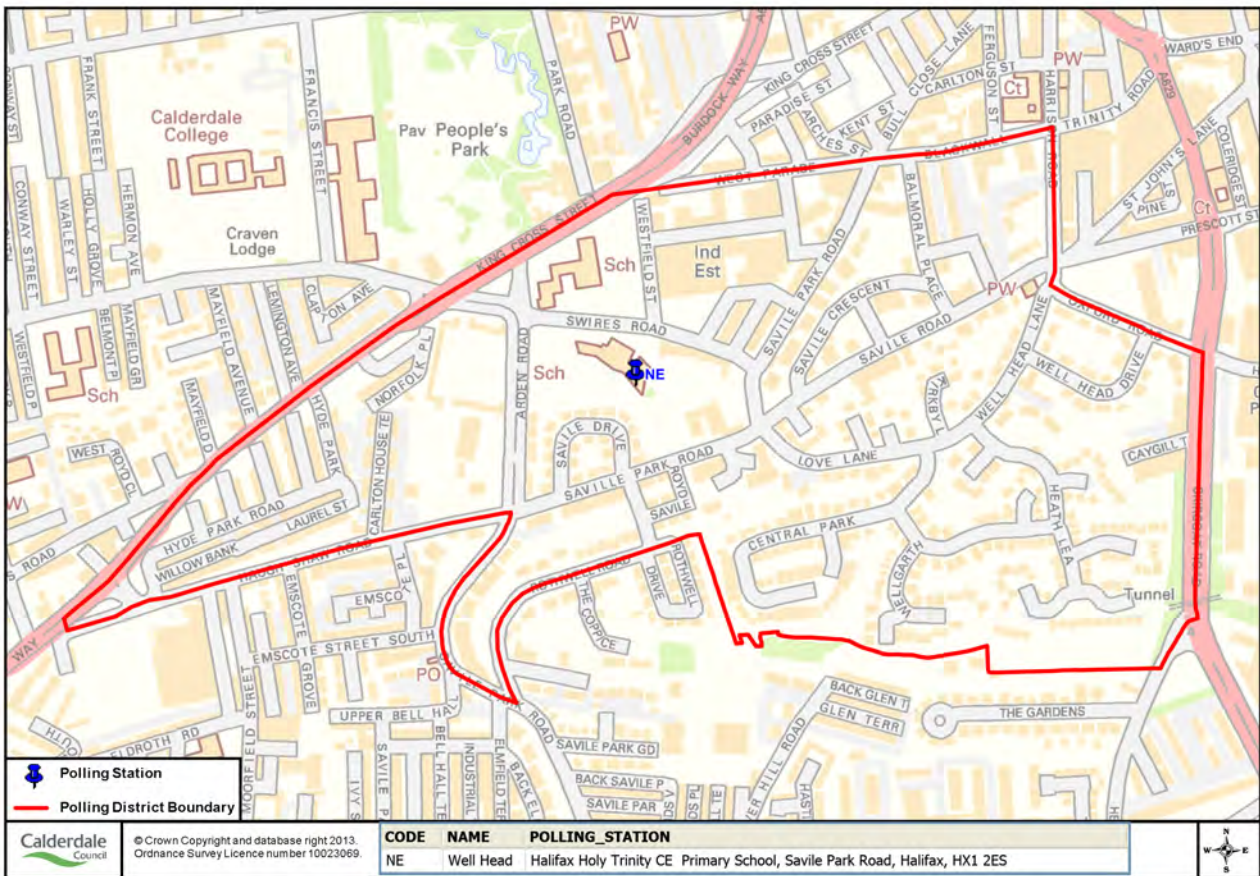


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Polling District and Polling Place Details

NE - WELL HEAD
 HOLY TRINITY C E PRIMARY SCHOOL, SAVILE PARK ROAD, HALIFAX

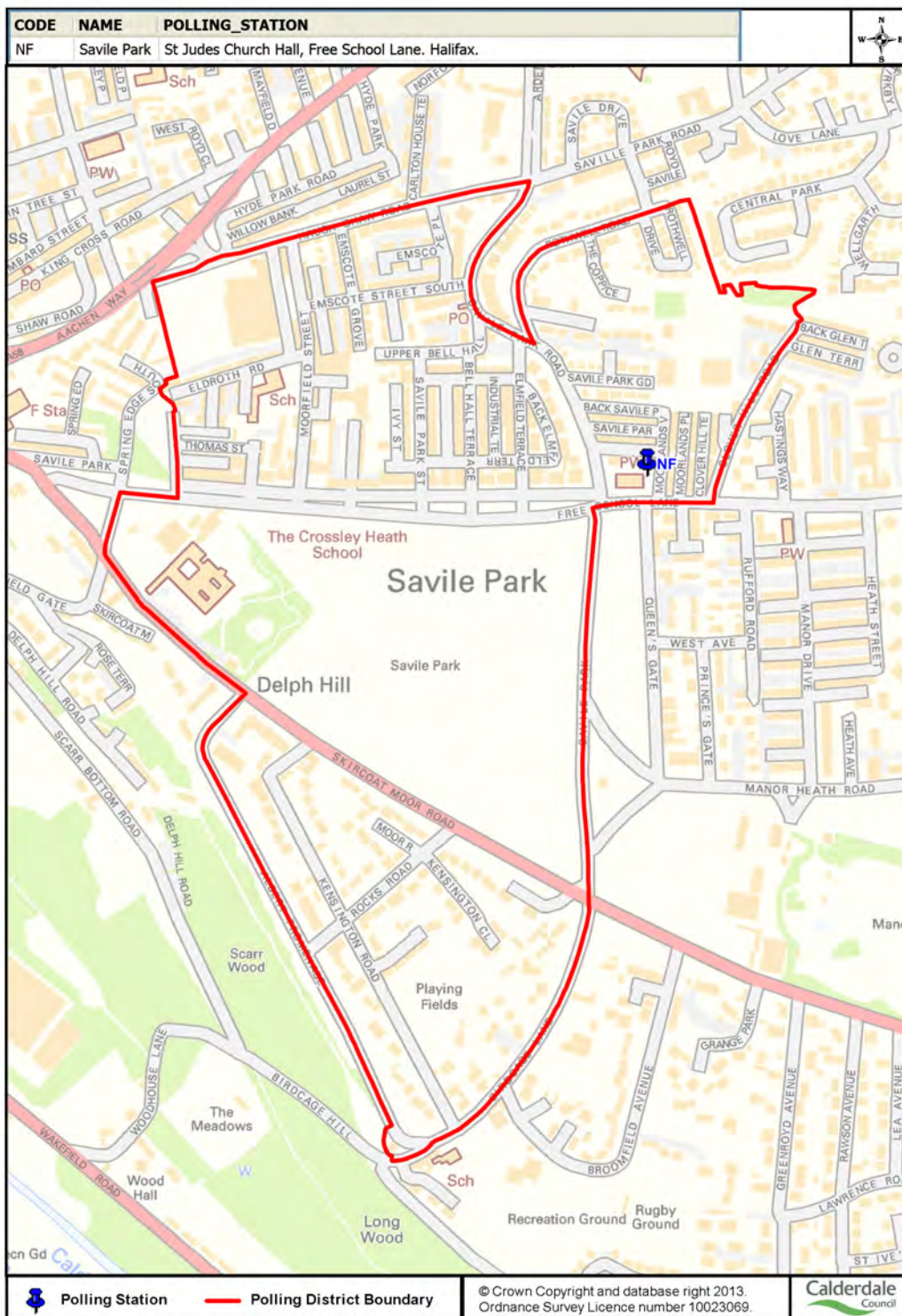


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Polling District and Polling Place Details

NF - SAVILE PARK
ST JUDE'S CHURCH HALL, FREE SCHOOL LANE, HALIFAX



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