

TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL WARD BOUNDARIES



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In 1974 following the creation of Calderdale, Todmorden Town Council had a total of 24 Councillors including the 6 Aldermen positions retained on the Council as Councillors until the first election in 1976.

The six original wards remained as Central, Cornholme, Langfield, Stansfield, Todmorden and Walsden. The first elections to the new Town Council were in May 1976 and they were fought on the old ward boundaries. During the following 3 years, Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council conducted a review of the Town Council ward boundaries, primarily with a view to evening out the size of Calderdale Wards as in the Upper Calder Valley 3 Calderdale Wards were created instead of 2.

There were substantial changes. Todmorden Ward was abolished, its 3 polling districts split up between Central, Stansfield and Langfield and a new Ward, Stoodley was created from parts of Langfield and Stansfield. The 1979 elections were fought on these new boundaries. Then in 2003/4 when Calderdale was revising its ward boundaries yet again, there was a further change. One polling district of Langfield (Kilnhurst) was moved into Stoodley Ward and that ward got 4 councillors whilst Langfield was reduced to 2.

Function Split Between West Riding County Council and Todmorden

For the whole period between the creation of West Riding County Council (1889) and 1974 there was a split of functions between West Riding County Council and Todmorden Borough. Education and Social services, trunk roads, major planning were primarily the purview of West Riding County Council leaving Todmorden BC to deal with highways, public health, housing, parks and recreation, planning, libraries, transport and libraries.

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