LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

The Dover District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2026

Made November 2026

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) below.

Dover District Council ("the council"), in accordance with section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28) ("the 2007 Act"), has undertaken a community governance review and made recommendations dated September 2026.

The council has decided to give effect to those recommendations and, in accordance with section 93 of the 2007 Act, has consulted with the local government electors and other interested persons and has had regard to the need to secure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community and is effective and convenient.

The council, in accordance with section 100 of the 2007 Act, has had regard to guidance issued under that section.

The council makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 86, 98(3) and 240(10) of the 2007 Act.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Dover District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2026.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) below, this Order comes into force on 1 April 2027.

(3) Article 5 comes into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027.

(4) For the purposes of:

a. this article,
b. article 6, and
c. proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for the parishes specified in article 5, to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027,

this Order shall come into force on the day after that on which it is made.

Interpretation

2. In this Order

"district" means the district of Dover;

"map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Dover District Council Reorganisation of Community Governance Order 2026 and deposited in accordance with section 96(4) of the 2007 Act: and any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number;

"ordinary day of election of councillors" has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983; and

"registration officer" means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Effect of Order

3.—This Order has effect subject to any agreement under section 99 (agreements about incidental matters) of the 2007 Act relevant to any provision of this Order.

Parish elections

4.—The next elections of all parish councillors for the parishes specified in article 5 shall be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027.

Number of parish councillors

5.—(1) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Aylesham shall be fourteen.

(2) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Denton with Wootton shall be seven.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Lydden shall be seven.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Stourmouth shall be seven.

(5) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Temple Ewell shall be seven.

Electoral register

6.—The registration officer for the district shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

Order Date

7.—1 April 2027 is the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

The above is agreed and below is the Council's attestation clause.



Executed as a Deed (but not delivered until the date of this Deed) by affixing the common seal of DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL in the presence of

BEVERLEY DEMPSTER
Full Name

Authorised Signature

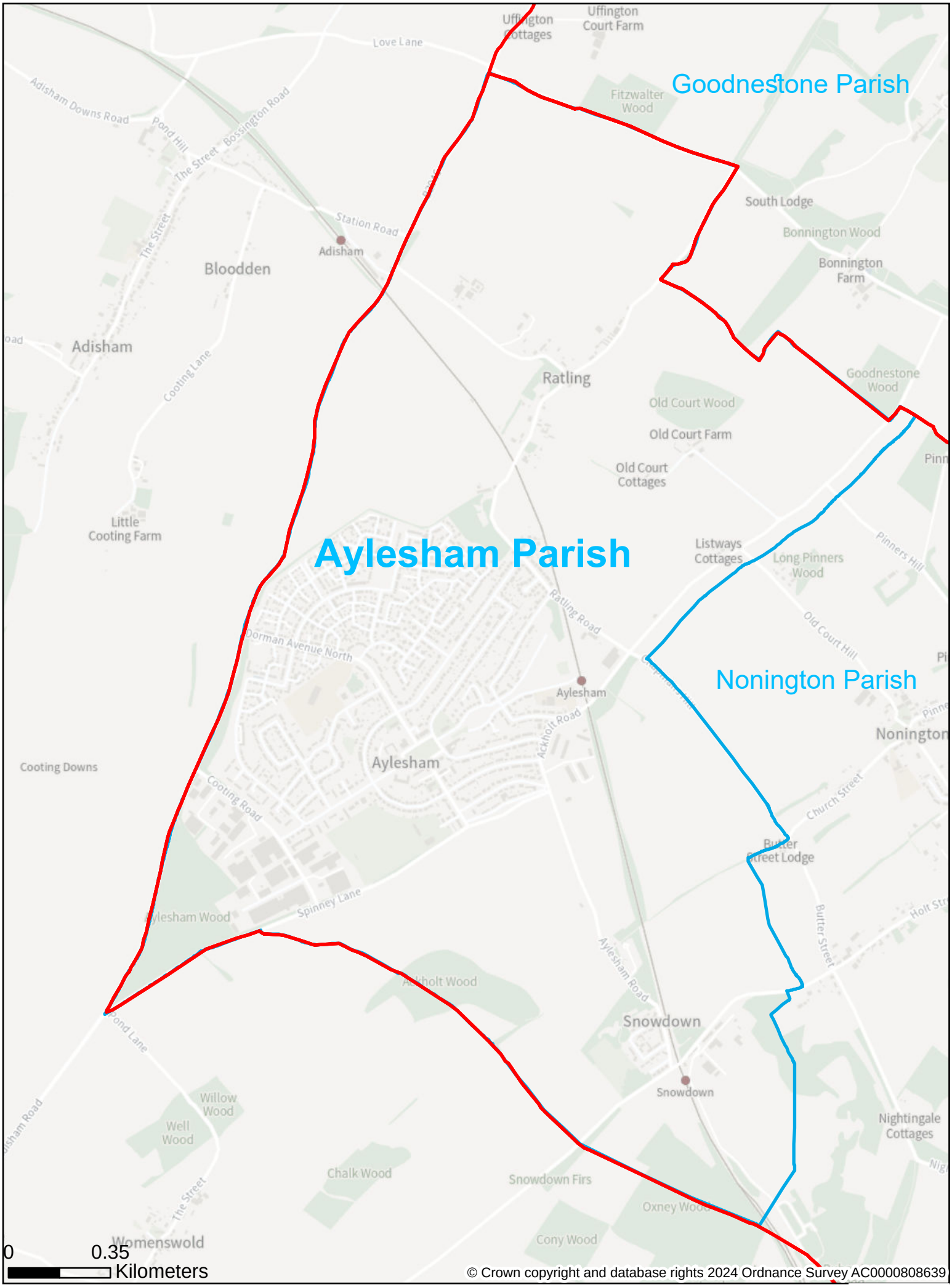
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by Dover District Council following a Community Governance Review.

Article 5 changes the numbers of parish councillors to be elected for the parishes of Aylesham, Denton with Wootton, Lydden, Stourmouth and Temple Ewell. Those changes take effect on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027.

Article 6 requires the registration officer to make any consequential rearrangement or adaptation of the register of local government electors that may be necessary.



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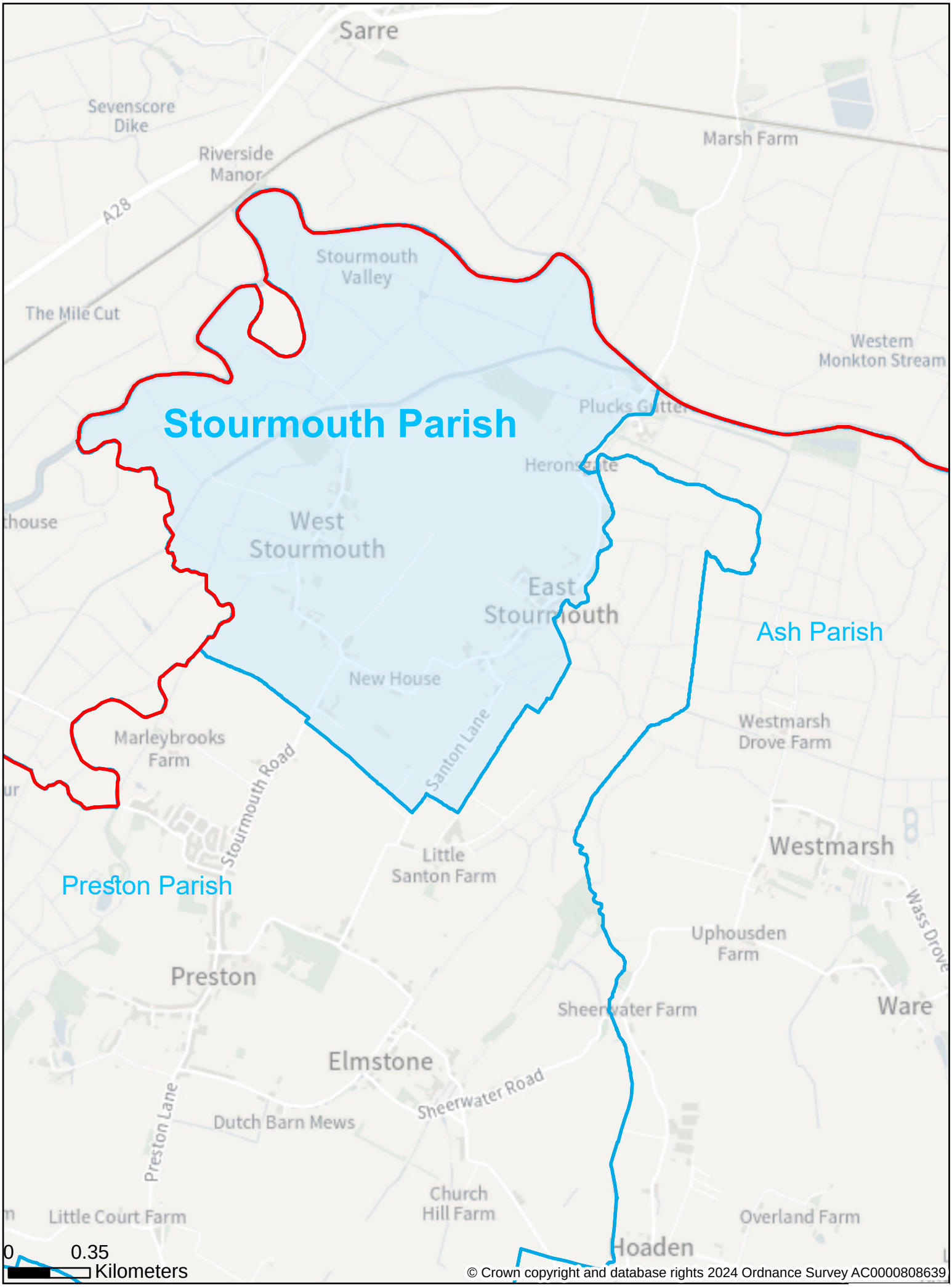
Map of Aylesham Parish Boundaries

Date: February 2026

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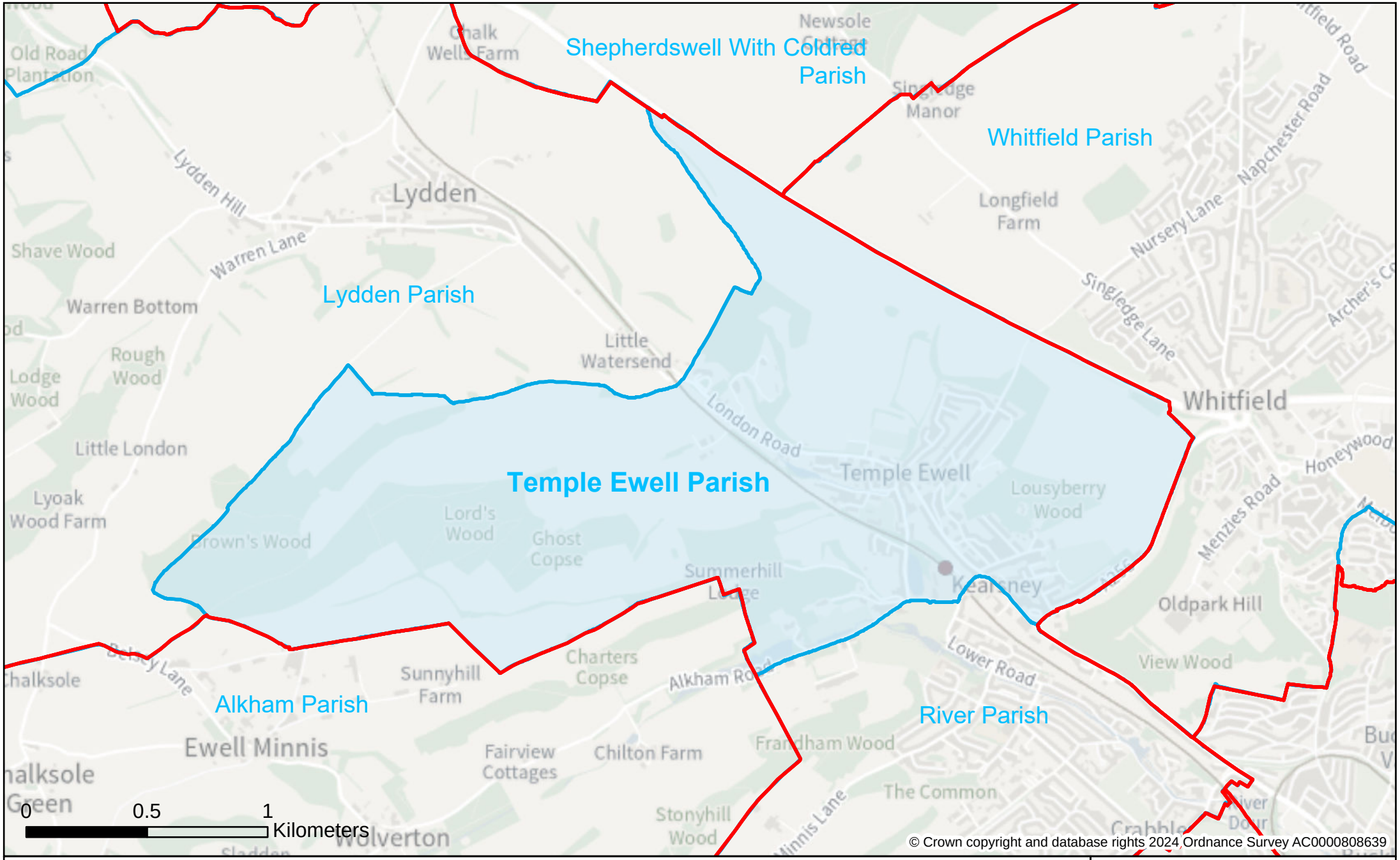
Map of Stourmouth Parish Boundaries

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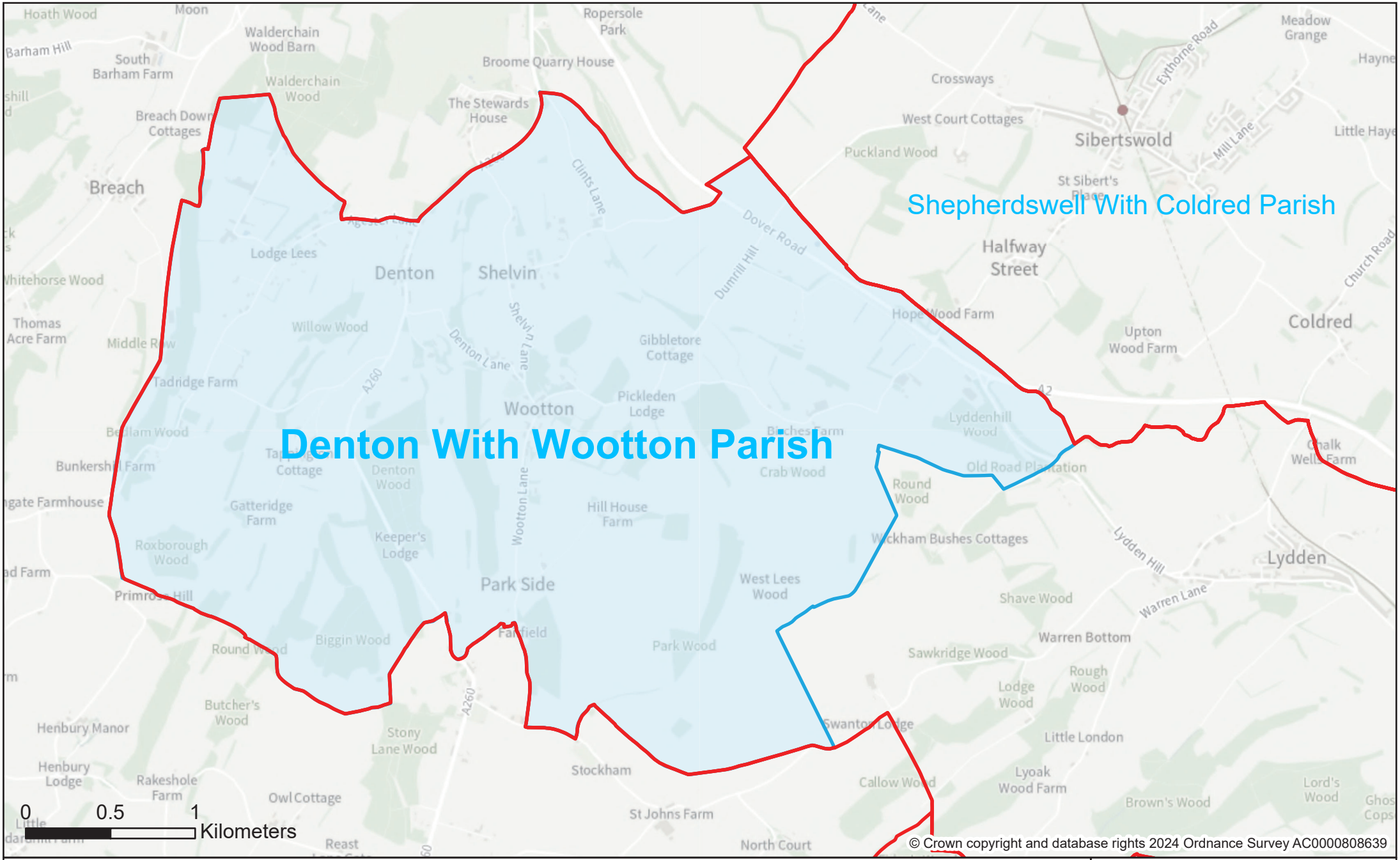
Map of Temple Ewell Parish Boundaries

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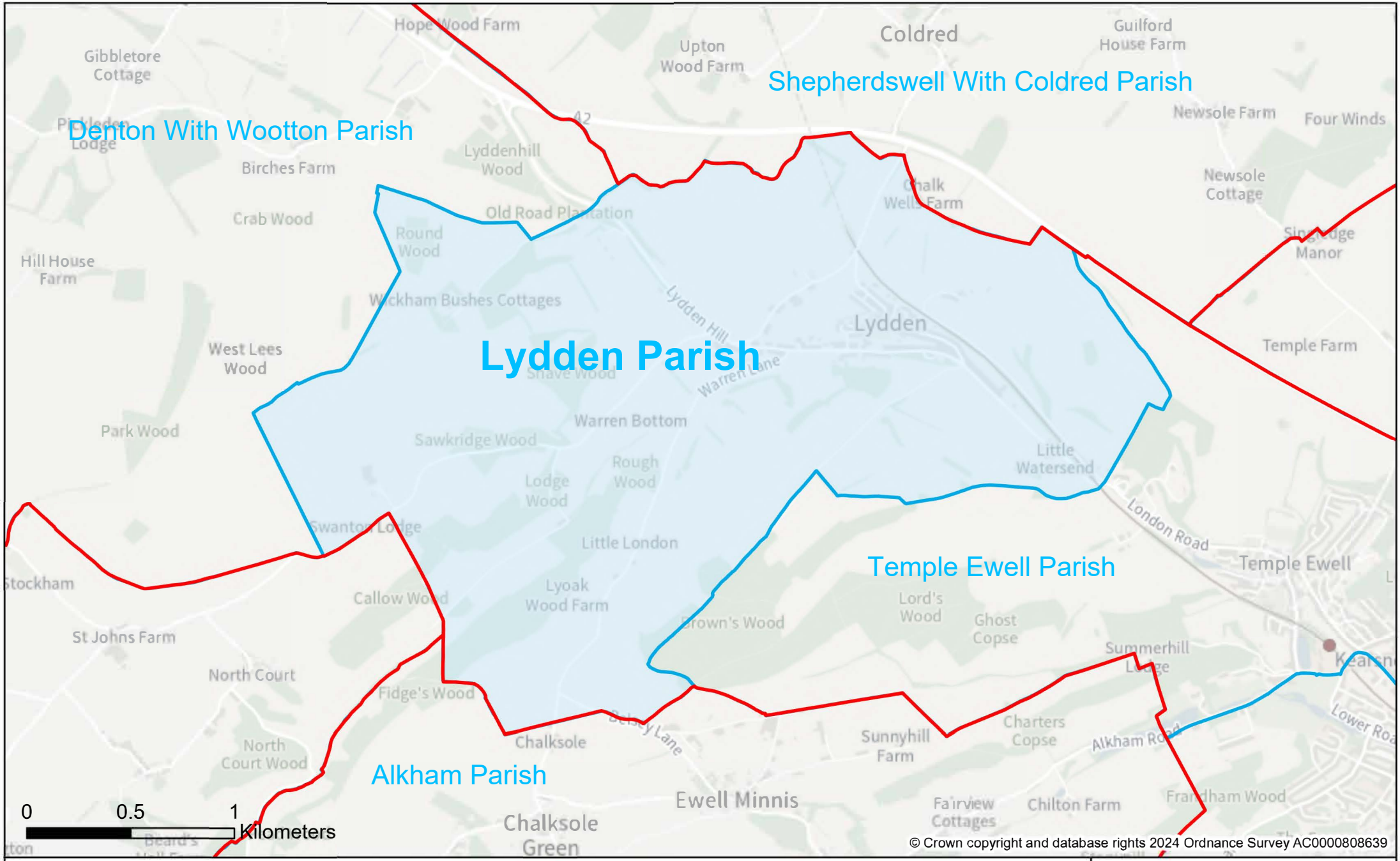
Map of Denton with Wootton Parish Boundaries

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Map of Lydden Parish Boundaries

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