The Local Government and Rating Act 1997 Rural Settlement List Effective from 1 April 2024

All those rural settlements with a population of less than 3,000 including but not exclusive to the following list:

- Barningham
- Beamish
- Bearpark
- Billy Row
- Binchester
- Bishop Middleham
- Blackhouse
- Bolam
- Boldron
- Bowes
- Bradbury
- Brancepeth
- Broompark
- Burn Hall
- Burnhope
- Burnt Houses
- Butterknowle
- Byers Garth
- Byers Green
- Cassop
- Castle Dene
- Castle Eden
- Castleside
- Chester Moor
- Chilton Lane
- Cleatlam
- Clough Dene
- Cockfield
- Copley
- Cornforth
- Cornsay
- Cornsay Colliery
- Cotherstone
- Coundon
- Cowshill
- Crawley Side
- Crimdon
- Crookgate Bank
- Croxdale
- Daddry Shield
- Daisy Hill
- Dalton-le-Dale
- Deaf Hill

- Easington Colliery
- East Law
- Eastgate
- Ebchester
- Edmondsley
- Edmundbyers
- Eggleston
- Eldon
- Escomb
- Esh
- Esperley
- Etherley Grange
- Evenwood
- Evenwood Gate
- Ferryhill Station
- Fir Tree
- Fishburn
- Frosterley
- Gainford
- Grange Villa
- Greta Bridge
- Hamsterley
- Hamsterley Mill
- Haswell
- Haswell Plough
- Hawthorn
- Helmington Row
- Hesleden
- Hett
- High Etherley
- High Grange
- High Handenhold
- High Hesleden
- High Lands
- High Pittington
- High Shincliffe
- High Urpeth
- High Westwood
- Hilton
- Holmside
- Howden-le-Wear
- Hunderthwaite
- Hunstanworth
- Hunwick
- Hutton Henry
- Hutton Magna
- Ingleton
- Ireshopeburn
- Iveston

- Kelloe
- Kimblesworth
- Kirk Merrington
- Lanehead
- Langley Moor
- Lartington
- Leamside
- Leasingthorne
- Leeholme
- Lintz Green
- Lintzford
- Little Thorpe
- Littletown
- Low Etherley
- Low Pittington
- Low Westwood
- Ludworth
- Lumley Thicks
- Maiden Law
- Mainsforth
- Meadowfield
- Medomsley
- Medomsley Edge
- Mickleton
- Middlestone Village
- Middleton-in-Teesdale
- Middridge
- Moorside
- Mordon
- Morley
- Muggleswick
- Nettlesworth
- New Brancepeth
- New Coundon
- Newbiggin
- Newfield Bishop Auckland
- No Place
- North Bitchburn
- North Close
- Oakenshaw
- Old Cassop
- Old Quarrington
- Ovington
- Phoenix Row
- Pickering Nook
- Plawsworth
- Quaking Houses
- Quarrington Hill
- Quebec

- Rainton Gate
- Ramshaw
- Roddymoor
- Romaldkirk
- Rookhope
- Ruffside
- Rushyford
- Satley
- School Aycliffe
- Shadforth
- Sheraton
- Sherburn Hill
- Sherburn House
- Shincliffe
- South Cleatlam
- South Side
- St Johns Chapel
- Staindrop
- Stainton
- Stainton Grove
- Stanhope
- Stanley Crook
- Startforth
- Station Town
- Sunderland Bridge
- Sunniside
- Sunnybrow
- Tanfield
- Tantobie
- Thornley
- Thornley Village
- Thorpe Larches
- Toft Hill
- Toronto
- Tow Law
- Trimdon
- Trimdon Colliery
- Trimdon Grange
- Trimdon Station
- Tursdale
- Wackerfield
- Waldridge
- Waterhouses
- Wear Valley Junction
- Wearhead
- West Blackdene
- West Pelton
- West Rainton
- Westerton

- Westgate
- Whorlton
- Wilks Hill
- Winston
- Witton Gilbert
- Witton Park
- Witton-le-Wear
- Wolsingham
- Woodland
- Woodside
- Wycliffe