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COLNEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL INVITE RESIDENTS AND LOCAL PEOPLE to

BEATING THE BOUNDS

ON THE COMMON

SUNDAY 21ST MAY 2017

START AT 2pm

MEET AT THE VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, COLNEY HEATH,
AFTERWARDS AT COMMUNITY ROOM, VILLAGE HALL FOR LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS

The circular walk will begin at the Village Hall and progress around Colney Heath Common to declare the boundary of the common land within the Parish of Colney Heath;

Parish Councillors and the Parish Common Ranger will accompany the walk. The walk will not include busy roads, so therefore will be ideal for children. You should expect to take about 1 ½ hours, it is set at an easy pace to suit all age groups. The common land is an interesting nature area to walk. At each point of the Common Boundary we will stop for a few moments and all will be invited to 'Beat the Bounds' at the designated places. The ceremony will finish up after, at the Village Hall, where refreshments will be provided.

BEATING THE BOUNDS is an ancient ceremony going back to the 14th Century, where the 'restrictive' landlord tried to claim more land to the discontent of the citizens. St. Albans had a peasant revolt in 1381 where the Alderman (or elders) of the village redefined the local boundaries. It is possible that this ancient ceremony originated from around this time and has continued as a yearly event in this parish for quite some time by way of an annual walk.

For more information, please contact the parish office by email at clerk@colneyheathparishcouncil.gov.uk