



## COLNEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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COLNEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL INVITES RESIDENTS AND LOCAL PEOPLE TO

# BEATING THE BOUNDS

ON THE COLNEY HEATH COMMON

ON SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021

STARTING AT 2pm

MEET AT THE VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, COLNEY HEATH

The circular walk will start from the Village Hall and progress around Colney Heath Common to declare the boundary of the common land within the Parish of Colney Heath. The common land is an interesting nature area to walk.

Parish Councillors and the Parish Common Ranger will accompany the walk, which does not include busy roads and is therefore ideal for children. The walk is set at an easy pace to suit all age groups and takes about 90 minutes. At each point of the Common Boundary the walkers will stop for a few moments and all will be invited to 'Beat the Bounds' at the designated places.

The ceremony will end at the Village Hall but, due to the current pandemic, refreshments will **not** be served this year.

***BEATING THE BOUNDS is an ancient ceremony going back to the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 an event in this parish for quite some time by way of an annual walk.***

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