

To receive a report on the Beating of the Bounds and consider any actions and associated expenditure

Background

Beating the Bounds dates back to Anglo-Saxon times in England with the first mention in Saltash being in 1871.

The community walk the boundaries of the parish to establish where the boundary stones lay and to pray for protection and blessings for the lands. It's traditional for the Mayor of Saltash and the Town Clerk to be bounced on each boundary stone for protection and blessings for the land.

Proposal

The proposed date of the event will be Saturday 5th October 2024. Participants will be asked to meet at the bridleway adjacent to Waitrose supermarket for 10.30am.

The five-mile walk will pass through Moditonham Quay, Botus Fleming, Hatt and Notter Bridge. During the walk five boundary stones will be passed each one will be blessed by a minister with the Mayor of Saltash bounced on each one.

Participants will be asked to bring a packed lunch and drink with them. Botus Fleming Parish Council have been asked if they would like to host the lunch break, as they have expressed a wish to be more involved with future Beating of the Bounds events. If Botus Fleming are unable to host the group an alternative venue will be sourced such as Notter Bridge Inn or the Rising Sun pub.

Ticket prices will be £5 per adult and 16 years and under will be £1. Dogs will be able to attend for free but must be always kept on a lead. Tickets will be sold on Eventbrite, at the Saltash Library Hub and the Guildhall.

Due to capacity with the Saltash Red Bus, tickets will be limited to 60 people to ensure everyone has a seat on the bus to go back to Isambard House for a cream tea.

The event will be advertised on social media and the town's notice boards. The Town Seals will be used in all promotional material due to the importance of the bound's events.

Members are asked to note that in Saltash it is traditional for Beating of the Bounds to be held on special occasions only and there are records at Saltash Heritage of it dating back to 1871. It has been held in 1974 to commemorate the ending of Saltash Borough Council and the start of Saltash Town Council and in 1977 for the Queen's Silver Jubilee. The most recent times are 2012 for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and 2022 for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Costings

The below costings are based on 60 people attending. If fewer people attend, then less buses will be required, and the cost will decrease.

Event Expenditure:

Saltash Red Bus hire charge = £300 (based on 1 bus for 7 hours to follow the walkers should anyone not be able to complete the entire walk and three buses to take people from Notter Bridge to Isambard House via the boundary stones)

Afternoon tea = £50 (to include scones, jam, cream including gluten free options)

Total expenditure - £350

Budget:

If the event runs at a loss, then the below budget code would be used to cover any shortfall.

Budget code: 6871 – SA EMF Tresorys Kernow Funding

Budget available: £469

End of Report

Mayor's Secretary/Receptionist