

A “Beating the Bounds” report from the Working Group – Pete Samuels, Brian Stoyel,
Julia Peggs, Rachel Bullock and Martin Lister

The group have met twice to organise this forthcoming event.

Key facts:

- The date of the event is Saturday 8th October 2022
- People will meet at the Waitrose car park side of the Waitrose bridge at 10.30am
- The walk will take approximately 3 hours passing through Moditonham Quay, Botus Fleming, Hatt and Notter Bridge. The walk is approximately 5 miles.
- There are 5 boundary stones in which the walkers will pass. At each stone there will be a blessing before Mayor is bumped on the stone!
- At Notter Bridge the walkers will stop for a brief rest, a picnic or a drink/snack in the pub if they wish. The Notter Bridge Inn has been informed of this event. They have said they can't cater for a large amount of people at once, but they can serve drink and bar snacks, sandwiches and chips etc. We will suggest to participants that they take a picnic and plenty of drink for their journey.
- At 2.30pm we will be collected from Notter by the 3 Saltash Red Buses. The buses will transport us to St Germans for the final leg of the trip. The three buses hold 45 people in total and are hired for 4 hours, so they can go back and forth to St Germans if more than 45 people attend the event.
- At St Germans we will then catch the 3.29pm train back to Saltash.
- The day will end in Isambard House with scones and cream for the participants.
- The Saltash Red Bus will be on standby for anyone wishing to return to Carkeel after the event if need be.
- Rachel Bullock will shop for the scones. There will be fruit scones, plain scones and cheese scones on offer along with Jam, cream, butter, cream cheese and caramelised onion chutney (for those who prefer savoury to sweet).

Event costing:

The hire of Saltash Red buses is £75 per bus for 4 hours use = £225.00

To purchase scones, jam cream, etc is approx as we don't know how many we need, it will depend on how many tickets we sell. So approx cost for the scones is £20.00.

There will be no costing prior to the event. Saltash Red Bus are happy to invoice the Town Council after the event.

Ticket prices:

As this is a STC event which isn't a regular occurrence, it would be nice to have as many people involved as possible. Also due to the current economic climate, the working group decided tickets would be sold at £5 per adult, under 16s are free. This means that the event could potentially run at a loss.

The tickets will be sold from the Guildhall and the Library.

There are 2 options:

- 1) Charge £5 a ticket and any losses to be allocated to the below Town Council budget;
- 2) Increase the cost for the tickets to avoid the Town Council incurring any expense. This could mean less people would attend the event.

Budget codes:

P&F Events and Consultation - Available balance: £1,500.

Services Isambard House Tresorys Kernow – Available balance: £1,216.67.

Town Seals:



The Working Group are seeking permission from the Town Council to use the Town Seals in the advertising of this event. The Town Seals are on some of the boundary stones, it is only right that we use them on the advertising posters only.

Advertising:

The Working Group would like to use some old photos of the event on the poster. Permission from Terry Cummings of Saltash Heritage has been granted.

Risk assessment:

To be worked up and signed off by the Town Clerk to Saltash Town Council.

The Town Council Risk Assessment will be uploaded to the Town Council website and notice boards and referenced on the tickets.



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"BEATING THE BOUNDS"

Saturday 8th October - 10.30am

Meet at Waitrose foot bridge – Waitrose car park

Beating the bounds is an ancient custom which is still observed in some English and Welsh parishes. The custom dates from Anglo-Saxon times.

A group of old and young members of the community would walk the boundaries of the parish to share the knowledge of where they lay.

This walk will be approximately 5 miles and will take you to the boundaries of Saltash - Moditonham Quay, Hatt and Notter Bridge. At these boundary markers the mayor Councillor Richard Bickford will be "bumped" on the boundary stones, (see photo below) something not to be missed!

From Notter Bridge a bus will take everyone to St Germans where a train ride back to Saltash will confirm the boundaries of the river. The day will end with a cream tea in Isambard House, Saltash Station. Please bring a packed lunch and train fare. Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome!

Tickets

£5

per person

Under 16's free

Ticket includes the walk,



Tickets are available to purchase from:

Saltash Library or Saltash Guildhall. Tel: 01752 844846

The History of BTB – taken from Saltash Heritage

Beating the bounds is an ancient custom which is still observed in some English and Welsh parishes. In England, the custom dates from Anglo-Saxon times, as it is mentioned in laws of Alfred the Great. It was often followed by an ale feast which guaranteed its popularity.

A group of old and young members of the community would walk the boundaries of the parish, usually led by the parish priest and church officials, to share the knowledge of where they lay, and to pray for protection and blessings for the lands.

There are records of Saltash Beating the Bounds in 1871 and in 1890. The first photographs I could find were from 1934. It was the custom for both the Mayor and Town Clerk to be bumped on the first and last stone

Since WWII Beating the Bounds has been carried out a number of times including 19th July 1951, 18th Sep 1971 and 24th March 1974

Although an annual event in many places Saltash seemed to ‘Beat the Bounds’ on special occasions like in 1974 to commemorate the ending of Saltash Borough Council and the start of Saltash Town Council. John Bryant became first Town Mayor.

As the Rivers Lynher and Tamar are part of Saltash’s boundary, in 1951 the participants completed the trip round the town boundary by boat

After a long gap it was revived in 1977 for the Queen’s Silver Jubilee and lead by Vic Harding.

In more recent years the ceremony was carried out on 23rd May 2009 with Mayor Sue Hooper and on the 4th June 2012 with Mayor Martin Gee for the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. The last two occasions were led by Martin Lister.

End of Report

Councillor Bullock