In autumn each year the Beating the Bounds Community Walk takes place around the ancient boundaries of Barnoldswick. The walk is led by members of the Town Council. At each of the boundary stones walkers are encouraged to beat them with willow wands. It's free and anyone who completes the 9-mile walk receives a commemorative medal.

No booking required, just turn up and go and it's free!

For more details of day and time please contact:
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Walk rules

- Please bring clothing appropriate for the day and waterproofs, as our weather can be unpredictable.
- All walkers are required to log in with the organisers before the walk starts.
- Boots or stout walking shoes are needed for the walk.
- It is advisable to bring with you a drink and refreshments.
- We reserve the right to exclude an inadequately equipped person.
- In poor weather the leader may modify the walk.
- Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a lead.
- Anyone getting ahead of the leader may be deemed to have left the walk.
- An adult must accompany walkers under 16.
- All those taking part do so at their own risk.
- Cars should be left locked in appropriate parking places with no valuables inside.
- Walkers should follow the Country Code.
- For any emergency, contact the walk leader or any walk steward.

Beating the Bounds

A circular walk exploring the ancient boundaries of Barnoldswick

Replica ancient boundary stones are being installed in the surrounding countryside along the lines of the old Parish Boundary. The scheme funding this is Pendle Council's Canal Corridor Fund which is co-ordinated by Barnoldswick Town Council. It commemorates and preserves an ancient tradition aimed at protecting the Parish Boundary line.

Beside funding the production and installation of the boundary stones the grant will enable the Town Council to install interpretation boards and has helped to publish this explanatory leaflet. It will also enable the purchase of a community marquee for use in publicising walking and other activities.

This will help preserve and publicise the annual Beating the Bounds community guided walk which welcomes local parishioners and visitors from near and far.

Barnoldswick Town Council appreciate the help given by the Barnoldswick History Society.

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A circular walk of around 9 miles (approx 4 hours) round the ancient boundaries of Barnoldswick

Starting from the Pavilion at Victory Park (which is approx 130m above sea level), walk across the playing fields in front to the footbridge at the edge of the park. Follow the path alongside the stream to Greenberfield Lane. Turn right and follow the lane until you arrive at the Leeds & Liverpool Canal. At Greenberfield top lock join the towpath and follow this along the canal. After the towpath changes banks, there is a footpath sign across the fields towards the Rolls Royce factory. Follow this footpath around the factory until you reach Skipston Road (B6252). Cross the road and take the next footpath sign towards St Mary le Ghyll Church.

At the stone stile in the corner of the church grounds, follow the path through the cemetery until you come to the tarmac surface in front of the church.

Turn away from the church and at the junction with Ghyll Lane turn left and follow this until the road ends. Go onto the footpath and follow this along the canal. After the towpath changes banks, there is a footpath sign across the fields towards the Rolls Royce factory. Follow this footpath around the factory until you reach Skipston Road (B6252). Cross the road and take the next footpath sign towards St Mary le Ghyll Church.

From Kelbrook Road follow the footpath across the fields and in front of the house above you towards the gate taking you onto Hodge Lane.

You then reach Manchester Road, (B6251) which is the Barnoldswick to Foulridge and Barrowford road. Turn left up the hill, along this road until the turn off on the right to a track, which is called Lister Well Road. After climbing up the hill turn right along the farm access track to Prospect House. Pass in front of the farmhouse and go through the farm gate. Bear right and follow this through another gate and through the fields until you reach Higher View on Folly Lane. This is the highest point of the walk at 350m above sea level.

It is suggested that at the highest point you sing the ‘Beating the Bounds’ song!

Turn right down Folly Lane where you can get wonderful panoramic views of the Yorkshire Dales and the Three Peaks. Towards the bottom of the hill and past the cottages, turn sharp left at the stile before New Field Edge House and walk across the fields. Turn right when the path reaches Esp Lane, and walk down the hill towards Town Head. Between the cottages there is a footpath ginnel on your left. This is called Pickles Hippings which takes you to Calf Hall Lane. Turn right until the next footpath to the left takes you through the fields over Monkroyd Hill. When the path reaches the new housing turn left and over the footbridge. When the path opens into the field keep to the top and follow the path until you reach New House Farm. Go through the farmyard and reach Brogdan Lane, which was the Ribchester to Ilkley roman road.

Turn right along Brogdan Lane until you reach the next footpath on your left. Follow this footpath through the fields until you reach Bracewell Lane. Walk along the road towards Barnoldswick, keeping to the right and taking great care. At the bottom of the incline go forward through the gate and into the field. Follow the footpath across the field to the next footbridge across Stock Beck. The path now heads right following the beck until it reaches Greenberfield Lane again. Go straight across the road, past the pumping station and along the new path towards the park. You can soon see Victory Park Pavilion where you started.

You have now completed Beating the Bounds and have walked about 9 miles and climbed and descended 220 metres.

The Beating the Bounds Song

Tune: The Holly and the Ivy

The land that bears the forest
Is as rich as any known
The trees and plants teach ever down
To the strongest Albion stone.

Chorus
The rising of the sun
and the running of the deer
Run a ring around the land I love
To keep us all safe here.

The fire in our lanterns
Is a light that we all know
It lights our way from dawn to dusk
When sunlight will not show.

The wind that stirs the pine trees
Is as sharp as any knife
It fills the air with noble breath
And gives the forest life.

The lifeblood of the forest
The manor and the farm
Is the rain that falls across the land
To keep us safe from harm.