

WOLD RANGERS

Beating the Bounds

Beating the Bounds is a tradition dating back to Anglo-Saxon times. It is thought to have derived from the Roman festival Terminalia, which was celebrated on 22 February in honour of Terminus, the god of boundaries. The purpose of beating the bounds was to share the knowledge of where the parish boundaries lay, and to bless the crops and pray for protection of the parish in the coming year. The ceremony was usually performed during Rogationtide (Western Christianity) and concluded with a feast, which made it popular with local residents.



Remembering Locations

The custom involved a group of boys, led by parish clergy and officials, walking around the boundaries of their church parish and beating the boundary markers with sticks. Before the Reformation these annual processions were considered important ceremonial affairs and Lords of the Manor, their bailiffs, reeves and stewards would also attend.

The boys beat the parish boundary markers (usually a gatepost, wall, tree or boundary stone) with boughs of birch or willow. The reason for including the younger generation was to ensure that the witnesses to the boundaries survived for a long time.



Settling Disputes

In the days before maps and written title deeds, beating the bounds played an important practical purpose. Regularly checking the boundaries was also a way of maintaining their integrity and preventing encroachment by neighbouring parishes; sometimes boundary markers would be mysteriously moved, or lines obscured.

Still Lawful

Today, parish boundaries have little significance and modern surveying techniques make the ceremony obsolete, nevertheless, beating the bounds is still lawful.

BEATING THE BOUNDS: 1

Start Point



Driffield Market Place

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Leave the Wold Rangers Way starting point on Marketplace Market Place and head past the Original Keys pub along Middle Street South, and straight on until you pass the Petrol Station (opposite side of road) and cross the road at the Zebra Crossing to Railway Gardens. Along the way there's lots of opportunities to grab a snack or a drink to take with you on the walk. Continue until the railway crossing. Bear left over the crossing on to Riverhead.



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Walk east on Riverhead, passing the iconic crane (on your right) overlooking canal head. The Driffield Beck (on your left) passes under you at this spot to join Driffield Canal (A). (You may want to cross the road and detour down Riverside for a wander down the canal past the Mortimer Warehouse (B)).

Follow Riverhead, which becomes Anderson Street at Eastgate South. Look to your left to see the round windows in the tower of Manor House, once owned by a corn merchant William Witty who could observe his barges being unloaded at Riverhead. The derelict site on your left is the remains of the Whites Sugar Mill (C).

Continue to the T junction (B1249 Wansford Road) and cross, turning right, then turn first left onto Meadow Road. Eventually Meadow

Road becomes an unmade track which you follow to the Driffield Railway (D) line crossing. Cross the railway line at the designated crossing.



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Continue on the track through the wooded area with the railway line on your right. Where the trees end, continue straight on, between two fields, then bear left (by a couple of trees) and cross the small beck (known as Nafferton Slack) over a footbridge. Keep the beck (almost only a ditch!) on your left until the end of the first field, then turn sharp right (at the yellow arrow) away from the beck (do not follow the other minor track which goes straight on). Just past a fenced off shed (on your left) the track joins a road (Markman Lane) on its sharp bend. Go left along the road. (It's a busy road so take care - walk on the right facing on-coming traffic and use the verges where necessary).

At the end of Markman Lane, at the T junction with the Driffield to Nafferton road (New Road), cross to the footpath. Turn left (towards Driffield) past the Lodge (on your right).

Go straight on at the two roundabouts (entrance to Berriman Drive and then Fieldfare) and past the (E) Alfred Bean Hospital. The Ridings (road on your right) covers the site of the old East Riding General Hospital (F).



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Continue to the entrance of (G) Driffield Cemetery on your right. Walk in, and up all the way through the grounds past the chapel.

Exit the cemetery opposite the football ground (Allotment Lane).

(To your right, adjacent to the cemetery, are the Driffield Town Council allotments - contact Driffield Town Council if you are interested in renting an allotment).

Turn left briefly onto Allotment Lane, past the football clubhouse, then turn right onto the grass path around the football pitches, with the green metal railings on your right. Where the

railings turn sharp right around the football pitches, you keep straight on along the field edge path until you reach a track (Long Lane). Turn left.



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Walk west along Long Lane. Look out for the (H) Cold-war monitoring bunker on your left - the air ventilation shaft remain visible.

Continue straight along until you emerge on the street at Mortimer Park (with Nalton Drive to the right). Keep straight on down Long Lane (housing on both sides) to the T junction (Scarborough Road). Turn left towards Driffield.

Where the road forks (the main road bears to the right of a triangular grass area), carry straight on for approx. 20m. From here you can see (I) Moot Hill (slightly to your right) and (further right) 'Highfield House' Grade II listed built in the Cheshire style.

Cross the road (towards the bungalows on the 'triangle' to your right) and go down 'Granny Steps' tucked behind the bungalows on Windmill Hill, then turn left, and pass (J) Pinfold (on your left).

Continue ahead, passing the Remembrance Gardens (on your left) and the Old Pumping Station. Under the road bridge is the Driffield Beck. Cross the road at the Zebra Crossing and turn left. Almost immediately (opposite the North End Park entrance) turn right onto a small public footpath. Where the footpath splits, keep to the left and follow it until it emerges through housing (Lowndes Park) and turn left. Follow the footpath and turn left at the first junction. After a further 20m, at the T junction (with Spellowgate) turn right. Cross Spellowgate and take the first left onto Whitelands. Follow the footpath (past Spring Close and Autumn View on your left) and, where the houses end, follow the path between hedges. As the path bears right, you turn left over a patch of grass onto a short track leading onto York Road.



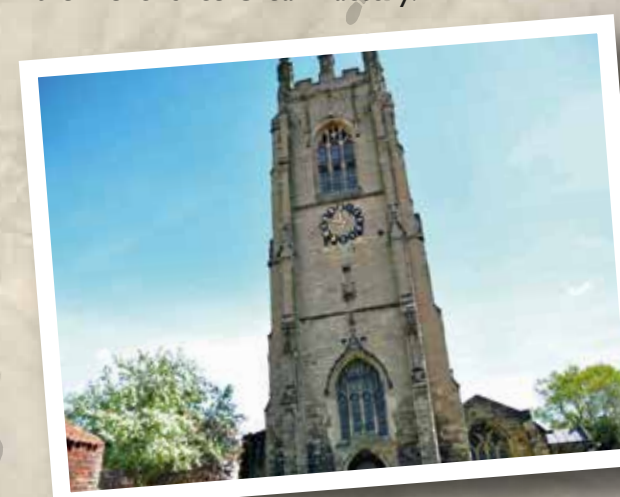
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Cross York Road and turn right. At the roundabout stay on the footpath and bear left along the side of the bypass for about 50m

before turning left at the Wold Rangers Way/ public footpath sign, through the gate and along under the arch of trees (known as (L) Cadger Lane) away from the bypass. Cadgers Lane emerges into an open grassy area before joining Millennium Green.

Go straight ahead to the middle of Millennium Green where the path goes both ways. Here you can turn left to follow the path to exit Millennium Green via the gate in the far left corner, or you can detour (turn right, and right again at the fence) to see the footbridge over the Keld, and Kings Mill, then turn round and follow the fence line to a gate which exits Millennium Green at its far right corner by the entrance to Kings Mill House.

After exiting Millennium Green, turn left (Kings Mill Road) and keep left at the sharp bend where it merges with Bracken Road to the right. Take the 2nd road left (Newland Avenue) and follow as it 'S' bends to the left and then to the right (at Newland Close, dead end). After c. 20 yards, there is a Newland Avenue street sign on the right hand side of the road which incorporates a sign for Mill Falls with an arrow. Take the track off Newland Avenue at this sign. It emerges onto a residential street (West Promenade) which you follow to the junction with Victoria Road (emerging opposite the ambulance station). The house on your left (on the junction) used to be the French's Ice Cream factory.



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Cross over Victoria Road and turn left, then turn first right alongside Kings Mill School (Church Street) - the church fills your view ahead. At the end of Church Street, cross over (Westgate) onto to Church Lane (opposite). Enter the grounds of the (N) All Saints Parish Church through the gate, following the path around the Church past the (O) War Memorial and out onto Middle Street North. (Note, there are steps in the Churchyard so to avoid these stay on Church Lane until it joins Middle Street North).

Turn right onto Middle Street North and continue back to where you started at the Wold Rangers Way map on Marketplace.

Finish Point

Version 1 (March 2022)
6 mile Circular Walk
OF DRIFFIELD
NORTH & EAST
BEATING THE BOUNDS (I)



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(H) Cold War Bunker

The Royal Observer Corp (ROC) monitoring bunker was opened in September 1957 and closed in October 1968. As part of a housing development in 2021, the bunker was rediscovered and entered through the access hatch where a catalogue of photos were taken before being resealed.

(F) East Riding County Hospital

Incorporating the former Union Workhouse opened in 1868, an infirmary was built in 1930 and became East Riding General Hospital in 1950 but closed in 1990 and not long after demolished to make way for houses to be built known as 'The Ridings'.

(E) Alfred Bean Hospital

Originating back to 1873, it was rebuilt in 1931, on land gifted by local businessman Alfred Bean.

(J) Pinfold

A listed mid-19th Century brick built circular structure originally used for holding livestock. Now looked after by Driffield Town Council it is a quiet, pleasant place to sit for a while.

(C) Driffield Cemetery

Operated by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Driffield Cemetery contains 72 Commonwealth war graves, most of which are from the Second World War.

(K) Remembrance Gardens

There are three memorial stones; first, the remembrance prayer and roll of honour; second, those who served in 462 and 466 Squadrons Royal Australian Air Force; third, those who died in a 1940 raid on RAF Driffield.

(I) Moot Hill

This is a mid to late 11th century earthwork motte and bailey fortress and underlying this are the remains of King Aldfrith's 8th century Northumbrian palace.

(L) Cadger Lane

A Cadger was an Agents for local millers and this track was a direct route from the mills in Driffield out to the villages of Elmsell and Garton and beyond.

(O) War Memorial

The memorial commemorates the lives of Driffield servicemen lost during the First World War (1914-1918) and Second World War (1939-1945).

(N) All Saints Parish Church

There was a church here at the time of the Domesday survey in 1086 and a Norman church was probably built on the site about the beginning of the 12th century.

(C) Whites Sugar Mill

Built in 1862 by the "Driffield and East Riding Pure Linseed Cake Company" the original factory was a grand building with imposing clock tower. It became Whites Sugar Mill in 1947 before being totally demolished in 2007.

(D) Driffield Railway

Built in 1846, the railway was instrumental in the prosperity of Driffield. The line was extended to Malton in 1853 and to Selby in 1890, bringing holidaymakers through Driffield heading to the coast from the West Riding.

(M) Millennium Green

Driffield Millennium Green is one of many Millennium Green projects establish around the country. It is on the site of the historic King's Mill, which is mentioned in the Domesday Book, and has the most northerly chalk stream in Britain.



(B) Mortimer's Warehouse

From the 1870s to 2014, the Mortimer family used the Riverhead warehouses for their business. Mortimer's Warehouse remained a grain store until 2016 when it was bought by a private individual.

(A) Driffield Canal

Opened fully in 1770 to transport valuable cargos of flour, bone meals and coal. The last commercial traffic departed in 1951 and the Driffield Navigation Trust are now working to make the waterway fully navigable again for pleasure craft.

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