



Territorial claims have always mattered as much to humans as they do to some animals and beating the bounds is a traditional way of demarcating the land that separates one settlement from another. In medieval times, pinching a bit of your neighbour's land was as heavily frowned upon as it is today. The practice of recognising boundaries through ceremonies is an old one and one that is being replicated here as part of the Town's 750th celebrations - but with some licence to the actual boundaries which may not be accessible!



Please dress appropriately for the weather conditions and take the provisions that you think you may need. The walk uses Public Rights of Way and footpaths. Some of the paths on the 9.9 route can get muddy at times. Both circular walks can be started at any point. There are a number of cafes and public houses fairly close to the route but it is best to spend some time planning your route and breaks in advance.

We hope you enjoy this Beating the Bounds walk around the boundaries of Congleton.

For more about Congleton's 750th celebrations see:  
[www.congleton750.org](http://www.congleton750.org)

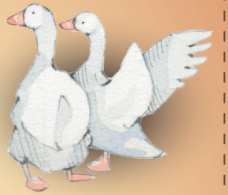
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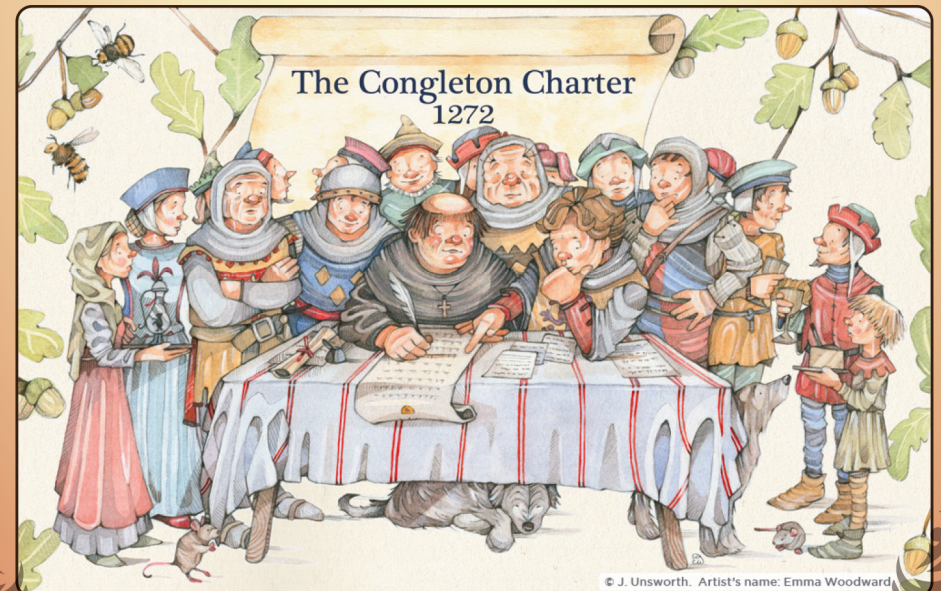


# Beating the Bounds of Congleton



## Self-guided 'Beating the Bounds' walk

Your choice of a 9.9 mile walk using paths and footpaths with some steps, or a 4.5 mile accessible walk as part of Congleton's 750 Charter celebrations.



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## Accessible Route (4.5 Miles)

Route Direction



### Key Points

- 1 Start point is on Moss Lane near Manchester Road.
- 2 Wheel or scoot towards Manchester Road and follow Wolstenholme Elmy Way to Back Lane.
- 3 Follow Back Lane to Holmes Chapel Road.
- 4 Navigate along West Road pathway towards the fire station roundabout.
- 5 Follow the pathway along the Clayton Bypass, up Rood Hill to the gyratory.
- 6 Take Sustrans route 55 then navigate onto Manchester Road.
- 7 Navigate along Manchester Road. Turn left back to the Start/Finish point.

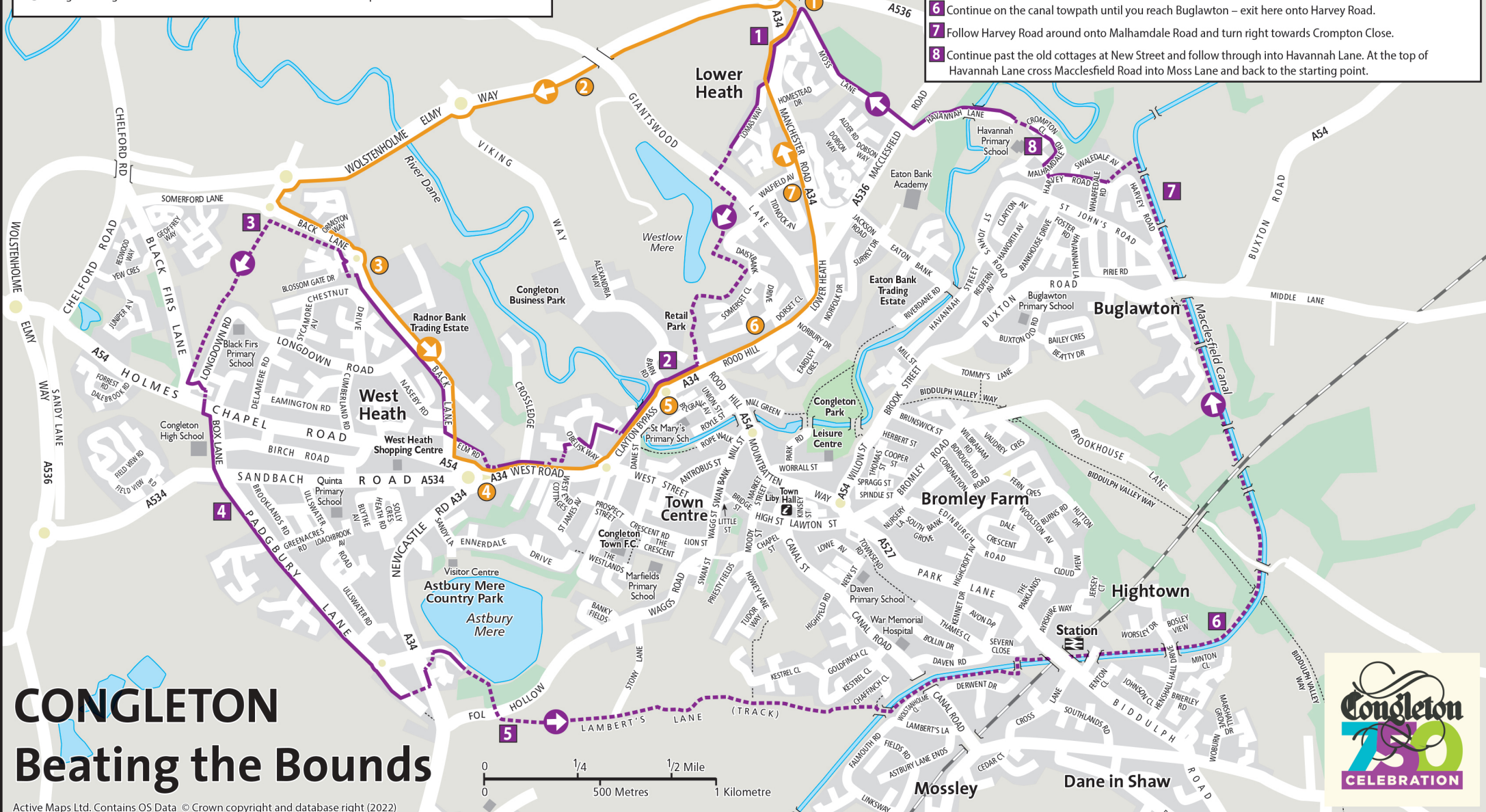
## Walking Route (9.9 Miles)

Route Direction



### Key Points

- 1 Start point is the Manchester Road end of Moss Lane. Walk under the underpass to Giantswood Lane and turn left following Lady Warburtons Way.
- 2 Arrive at Rood Hill, turn right, follow the Clayton Bypass to the pedestrian access onto Woodlands. Continue through the housing developments onto West Road and turn right towards Holmes Chapel Road.
- 3 Walk along Back Lane to the playing fields, walk across the playing field turn left into Black Fir Lane.
- 4 Cross Holmes Chapel Road and walk along Box Lane and Padgbury Lane to Astbury Mere.
- 5 Cross Fol Hollow, access Lamberts Lane and continue until the end when you will join the canal.
- 6 Continue on the canal towpath until you reach Buglawton – exit here onto Harvey Road.
- 7 Follow Harvey Road around onto Malhamdale Road and turn right towards Crompton Close.
- 8 Continue past the old cottages at New Street and follow through into Havannah Lane. At the top of Havannah Lane cross Macclesfield Road into Moss Lane and back to the starting point.



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