

From the President



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Dear Alasdair

Presidential Hampshire Walk: Inkpen Beacon to Lymington - 2-4 November 2014

I am writing to you regarding the above and, in particular, to request financial sponsorship for a very worthy cause.

From 2 to 4 November 2014, I will be walking approximately 65 miles from the very north to the far south of Hampshire - the county where I was born, brought up and have spent all of my working life! My route will follow the Test Way long distance footpath for the first two days and the Solent Way for the third.

I will be leaving Inkpen Beacon at 7.00am on Sunday, 2 November and aim to reach my firm's Lymington office at approximately 4.00pm on Tuesday, 4 November.

The walk is timed to coincide with this year's Pro Bono week (from 3 to 7 November). I very much want to assist in raising the profile of this and also raise some money for the Access to Justice Foundation.

The Access to Justice Foundation is a national charity established in 2008 by the legal profession working with the advice sector and aims to provide access to justice for the most vulnerable in society. The Foundation does this by raising funds and distributing them to organisations that support those who need legal help but cannot afford it.

Working closely with the advice and pro bono sector, the Foundation takes a strategic approach to the distribution of funding, accounting for local, regional and national needs. Funds are distributed to pro bono organisations, strategic regional projects and to local advice agencies such as Citizens Advice Bureaux and Law Centres.

At the heart of the Foundation's activities is the aim that there should be proper access to justice. With the recent changes in the provision of legal aid, cuts in government spending and the increasing complexity of citizens' interaction with the law, the ability to obtain access to justice remains as relevant today as ever. For those who cannot afford such access, the pro bono and advice sector provides a vital means of ensuring the provision of proper access to justice is maintained.

The Access to Justice Foundation supports the pro bono and free legal advice sectors and plays its own role in maintaining that tradition.

All contributions will be gratefully received. I do hope that you will be able to sponsor me in this challenging walk and in doing so support the important work that the Foundation does.

Donations can be sent direct to me at Chancery Lane or the Access to Justice Foundation at PO BOX 64162, London WC1A 9AN. Cheques can be made payable to "the Access to Justice Foundation" and bank transfers can be made to The Access to Justice Foundation: account number 00018272, sort code 40-52-40.

You can also sponsor me online here:

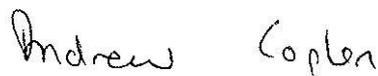
<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PresidentialHampshireWalk>

I would also be delighted to have company on the walk, particularly on the final day, 4 November. That day the walk begins at Hythe, near Southampton and then goes into the New Forest via Beaulieu and Bucklers Hard to Lymington.

I can supply details of approximate times that I should be at Beaulieu and Bucklers Hard so colleagues can meet me at either place rather than walk the whole of that day's section. It would be very encouraging if there were a number of us walking the last part of the walk into Lymington!

I do hope that you will be able to support both me and this very worthy cause. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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President

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