

19th-20th June 2021 Solstice Weekend <u>http://www.therobgeorgefoundation.org</u>

The Rob George Foundation £1000 challenge!

(Take the challenge or raise what you can) Registered Charity No: 1156026

"Rob's Big Walk 2021"

The Essex Way is a way-marked 81-mile long walk, starting in Epping in the southwest, crossing the Dedham Vale and Constable country, finishing at the port of Harwich on the Stour estuary.

It passes through ancient woodlands, open farmland, tree-lined river valleys and leafy green lanes, unveiling historic towns and villages along the way. Follow the poppies.....



Calling Local Businesses, Groups of friends, individuals and Clubs......

- We have divided the 81-mile Essex way into 10 sections.
- There will be a check-in at each start/end point with directions for walkers, emergency supplies and medals for participants!
- Gather your team or group.
- Decide who is going to walk which sections. (You can walk as many as you like, and stop or start where you like but the challenge is to cover the whole walk if you can.)
- The event is carefully timetabled so arrive at your allotted start point.
- Prepare to receive your team's baton and follow our pace setters to the next check point. (You are, of course, free to walk at whatever speed you are comfortable, but the 3 miles/hr will get you to Harwich in daylight hours and in time for fish and chips!)
- Collect your medal.
- Put your feet up!

When?.....

This walking event will take place over the Summer Solstice Weekend of 20th/21st June 2020. Walking will take place in daylight hours only. All walkers will be free to either keep up with the pace (approx. 3 miles/hr) or walk at their own speed – the pace-setters are only there to make sure our Olympic Torch makes it to the next team's start point on schedule!

Why?.....

The Rob George Foundation exists in memory of Rob, who died aged 21 in 2013, after a battle bravely fought against Leukaemia. Please visit: <u>http://www.therobgeorgefoundation.org</u> for lots of information on the work we do.

We aim:-

- 1) To provide practical and/or financial support to young people with life threatening or terminal illnesses.
- 2) To provide financial support to young people who demonstrate exceptional commitment and/or ability in the worlds of sport or performing arts but may be held back by their financial situation from pursuing their goals.

^{••}Making a Difference -One Individual at a Time!"

And one more thing.....

Please come and walk with us because you can, and because you owe it to yourself to get up and out and to explore the beautiful Essex countryside on your doorstep! You will be amazed by its variety and splendour. Whether you choose to rise with the mid summer sun or at a more leisurely time, this is your opportunity to mark the summer and achieve something really special in the company of family, friends and colleagues!!



You can choose which section or sections you wish to walk, do as many as you like, simply name your starting point:-

Saturday 19th June 2021

Stage 1: 5.00am - Epping – Chipping Ongar (7.5 miles)
Stage 2: 7.15am - Chipping Ongar – Good Easter (9.5 miles)
Stage 3: 10.45am - Good Easter – Little Leighs (9.5 miles)
Stage 4: 2.00pm - Little Leighs – Cressing (10.1 miles)
Stage 5: 6.00pm - Cressing – Great Tey (9.4 miles)
(approx. finish 9.30pm)
Sunday 20th June 2021
Stage 6: 5.00am - Great Tey – West Bergholt (5.7 miles)
Stage 7: 7.00am - West Bergholt – Dedham (11.2 miles)
Stage 8: 11.00am - Dedham – Bradfield (8 miles)
Stage 9: 1.30pm - Bradfield – Ramsay (5.3 miles)
Stage 10: 3.30pm - Ramsay – Harwich Lighthouse (5.5 miles)

Sunrise 4:31 - Sunset 21:17

