



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Stourbridge and District Cats Protection**

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### **Cat walkers strut their stuff for local cats**

Local people are being urged to kick off their kitten heels and haul on their hiking boots because it's time for Stourbridge and District Cats Protection's annual cat walk!

Each year, Cats Protection local branches up and down the country take to their local paths and parks to raise money to help needy cats and kittens in their own area. This year's Cat Walks all take part on the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> June and over 80 branches are taking part across the country.

Stourbridge and District Branch's walk takes part on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 2:00pm. The walk takes place around Cotwall End Valley in Sedgley and is approximately 2 miles in length. Walkers should meet at the car park off Cotwall End Road behind Critter's Farm. The whole family and pet dogs are more than welcome to attend. People may also choose to do a sponsored cycle version of the route instead!

#### **Rob Hall, Public Relations Officer for the branch said:**

"This is a great way for the whole family to get together and enjoy some of our local countryside whilst raising money at the same time. The more money that we can raise, the more LOCAL cats and kittens we can look after! Even if people can't take part then they can help by collecting sponsor money for someone else."

Anyone interested in getting involved should ring 07092 301745 to obtain a sponsor form. Forms are also available from the website at [www.stourbridgecats.org.uk](http://www.stourbridgecats.org.uk) or by e-mailing [walk@stourbridgecats.org.uk](mailto:walk@stourbridgecats.org.uk)

Cotwall End is a Local Nature Reserve and Site of Importance for Nature Conservation, comprising a variety of habitats including species-rich grassland, ancient and semi-natural woodland and lowland heath. The walk passes through picturesque wooded valleys with pools, brooks and natural springs. The valley has a rich history and geology associated with its agricultural and industrial past.

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1. For more information please contact Rob, PR Officer, on 07092 364572.
2. Photo opportunities are available – please contact Rob Hall to arrange!
3. Stourbridge Branch of Cats Protection covers postcodes DY1 – DY13, which encompasses Stourbridge, Lye, Kinver, Kingswinford, Hagley, Brierley Hill, Tipton, Dudley, Sedgley, Kidderminster, Stourport and Bewdley.