Friday 17 August 2018

Dear Occupier,

The OVO Energy Tour of Britain cycle race, Thursday 6 and Friday 7 September 2018

On Thursday 6 September, Stage Five of the OVO Energy Tour of Britain international cycle race will take place between Cockermouth and Whinlatter Visitor Centre. This will be a unique team time trial stage, but as such does require some additional road closures.

As you will see on the map overleaf, the race will start on Main Street in Cockermouth and use Station Street, Lorton Road, Strawberry How Road, Hundith Hill Road and the B5292 before the finish at Whinlatter Visitor Centre. The 20 teams in the race will ride this 14-kilometre route one at a time against the clock, with the first team departing from Main Street at 13:00, and the final team at 13:58.

Temporary road closures on 6 September
The event will be a great opportunity to enjoy elite cycle racing, although you will need to plan journeys around the area in advance as a number of roads will be temporarily closed:

- The following roads in Cockermouth will be closed to traffic between 18:00 on the 5th September to 17:00 on the 6th September: Main Street; from its junction with Sullart Street to its junction with Station Street.;
- The following roads in Cockermouth will be closed to traffic between 10:00 and 14:45 on 6 September: Crown Street - from its junction with Gote Road to its junction with Sullart Street and Sullart Street from its junction with Main Street to its junction with South Street and the Westbound lane of Main Street from its junction with South Street to its junction with Market Place;
- The following roads in Cockermouth and surrounding areas will be closed to traffic between 11:30 and 14:45 on 6 September: Station Street; Lorton Street; Strawberry How Road; Hundith Hill Road; – and Lorton Road

Other key points to note are:
- The Riverdale area of Cockermouth will have access all day via Lorton Road to Hundith Hill cross roads
- Emergency access to the route will be available between 1130 and 1245 by calling Event Control 07340 831 695
- After this time blue light services will have priority and access at all times.
- Pedestrian access in Cockermouth will be maintained at all times.
Stage 6, Friday 7 September
A day later Stage Six of the OVO Energy Tour of Britain will take place between Barrow in Furness and Whinlatter. This will use some of the same roads as Stage Five, but with a rolling road closure.

The race will pass along the B5289 in a westerly direction between Braithwaite and Lorton between 13:04 and 13:50, before heading to Loweswater and Mockerkin, using a rolling road closure. A full road closure will be in place on Whinlatter Pass from 05:00 on Friday 7th September to 19:00.

The race will also pass through the centre of Cockermouth between 14:15 and 15:00 on Crown Street, Main Street and the B5291. This will be a rolling road closure.

Both stages will be live on ITV4 and around the world, so you will be able to follow the progress of the event and hopefully enjoy seeing your local area showcased to a global audience.

Find out more
For further information about the event, please visit tourofbritain.co.uk or email info@thetour.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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