

THE SCOTTISH BORDERS STAGE - KELSO

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Coming to Kelso for the OVO Energy Tour of Britain stage start and finish on Sunday 8 September?

Please consider the following information when planning your journey ahead of race day.

ACCESSIBILITY

RAIL: The Tweedbank station on the Borders Railway and Berwick-upon-Tweed on the East Coast Main Line are the closest rail stations, with public transport then required to reach Kelso.

- Plan your journey at [National Rail](#)

BUS: The main operator in the Scottish Borders is Borders Buses.

Routes 52 (Jedburgh to Edinburgh) and 67 (Galashiels to Berwick-Upon-Tweed) service Kelso.

- Plan your journey at [Border Buses](#)

ROAD: Located in the central Scottish Borders, Kelso can be easily accessed from all directions by road, including from the A68 north and south, then using the A697, A698 or A699 to Kelso.

CAR PARKING: Free spectator parking a short walk from the town centre finish is available and will be signposted on all approaches to the town.

ROAD CLOSURES

Road closures will be in place in Kelso town centre, with diversion routes around the edge of the town providing access from all sides to the free spectator parking.

The A699 from St Boswells to Kelso will close at around 1.45pm ahead of the race finish, with alternative routes to Kelso available, including the A698 and B6404/B6397.

TOUR VILLAGE

Don't forget to visit the Tour Village in The Square, offering fans a big screen showing full live coverage of the stage, plus exhibits from race partners.

WHAT'S ON?

As Kelso is hosting both the start and finish of stage two of the 2019 OVO Energy Tour of Britain, there is no better place to get up close with the race and riders this year.

Team buses are expected to arrive at The Knowes Car Park from 9am, before the riders sign on at the podium in The Square. Stage two departs from Kelso at 11am. Be sure to arrive early to get the chance to meet the stars and grab an autograph or two.

After the race rolls out of Kelso there will be lots to keep race fans entertained in the town centre, including the Tour Village, entertainment for all the family and live coverage of the stage on big screens.

LOCAL AMENITIES

Kelso is home to many fine independent shops and food and drink establishments, as well as visitor attractions such as Floors Castle and Kelso Abbey too, so there's lots to explore and enjoy before the race returns for a final sprint to the finish line in the afternoon.

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