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ALDERLEY PARK TO HOST TOUR OF BRITAIN STAGE FIVE START

Bruntwood SciTech's Alderley Park, in Cheshire, will host the start of stage five of the 2021 Tour of Britain on Thursday 9 September.

The 152-kilometre (95-mile) stage will take in a loop through Cheshire and the fringes of the Peak District National Park before the finish in the heart of Warrington outside the town's famous Golden Gates.

Situated in more than 400 acres, Alderley Park is home to a world leading science and tech campus, of over 200 innovative companies and offers over 1m sq ft of state of the art laboratory and workspace specifically designed for science and tech businesses. The Park also offers a wide range of amenities for the local community including a gym, sports pitches, and scenic woodland walking, running and cycling routes. The Churchill Tree pub opened to the public in December 2020.

Dr Kath Mackay, managing director, Bruntwood SciTech - Alderley Park, said: "Cycling is a sport renowned for innovation and pushing the realms of possibility and, as a place that is home to some of the country's most innovative businesses, Alderley Park is a fitting host for the competition.

"The Tour of Britain is a world-class event that brings people together and we can't wait to welcome the riders, volunteers and the local community for what is set to be a very memorable event."

Stage five will get underway from Alderley Park at 11:30am from outside Glasshouse, a 150,000 sq ft hub for innovative, hi-tech companies, taking in a route through the impressive grounds.

The route will pass famous Cheshire landmarks such as the 18th Century neoclassical Capesthorpe Hall, Jodrell Bank - home to the iconic Grade I listed Lovell Telescope - and through the towns of Holmes Chapel and Congleton, the latter of which hosts the first intermediate sprint.

A trio of ŠKODA King of the Mountains climbs follow skirting below the famous skyline of Bosley Cloud and into the Cheshire Peak District, with the main climb at Bottom-of-the-Oven, a 1.7km ascent (with an average gradient of 6.9%) to just shy of the famous Cat and Fiddle.

Macclesfield, Rainow, and Adlington will all welcome the race before a second intermediate sprint at Wilmslow. The route then heads through the town of Alderley Edge and the climb of the same name and on through Chelford, Knutsford and High Legh before entering Warrington via Appleton.

Jonathan Durling, Tour of Britain partnerships director, said: *“We’re delighted to unveil Alderley Park as the location for the stage five start. Alderley Park’s reputation as being a world-leading campus for innovation ties in perfectly with the Tour of Britain, as the competing teams and riders leave no stone unturned when it comes to using the best and most up-to-date equipment out there to give them that crucial performance edge. It’s incredibly exciting for us to be working with a campus that has an unwavering desire to capitalise on all of the benefits that cycling can provide.”*

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