USEFUL INFORMATION FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

For more information on the event, please visit the FAQ section on the ‘Local Community’ page of www.tourotheborders.com

If you have a specific question or would like more information please contact us directly at community@tourotheborders.com or call us on 01721 588050. The event is produced and managed by Hillside Outside Ltd, a Peebles-based company specialising in cycling events.

We are happy to advise and assist with advance planning if you think you will be affected. Please contact us as early as possible with details and your postcode. This will allow us to give a more detailed answer to individual queries based on an exact location.

EMERGENCY ACCESS TO PROPERTIES

Emergency access to all properties and residents on route is maintained at all times. In the event of an emergency, dial 999 as usual. Emergency services will be co-ordinated through our Multi Agencies Control Centre. There may be a unit closer to you than usual so response time may be reduced.

CARER ACCESS

We work alongside care providers to make sure no-one is left without essential care on the day of the event. If you know of a resident who requires carer access or if you yourself need access for a carer please contact us at 01721 588050 or community@tourotheborders.com.

HOW DOES THE ROAD CLOSURE WORK?

A team will travel around the route early in the morning of Sunday 1st September, closing roads and driveways to ensure no vehicles come on to the road.

The road will be legally closed by the issue of a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO).

The road will be opened at or often before the time stated for each section of road unless the Police decide there are significant safety issues which prevent this.

The road closure means no vehicles can be on the road during that period, but pedestrians walking on or crossing the road should apply common sense to make sure they do not cause a hazard for riders, and of course keep themselves safe at all times.

LITTER COLLECTION

Cyclists dropping litter is unacceptable and the vast majority of cyclists would never consider doing so. We will clear the course behind the last rider to collect discarded items. We work hard to leave the course as beautiful as we found it.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Tour O The Borders is a great opportunity to get involved in a fantastic and exciting sporting event in your community. If you would like to get involved in the event please get in touch at community@tourotheborders.com.

PROBLEMS ON THE DAY?

ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT, IF SERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES ARISE WHICH MEAN YOU NEED TO USE A SECTION OF CLOSED ROAD, YOU MUST PHONE AND ASK FOR PERMISSION FROM THE JOINT AGENCIES CONTROL CENTRE.

Need to discuss something on the day?

Call 07496 871220

In the case of an emergency on the day, call 999.

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Tour O The Borders is a mass participation cycle event - it is not a race but a challenge event, with up to 2,500 riders across a wide range of abilities taking part. Many riders also take part to raise money for charity.

The Scottish Borders is an extremely popular cycling destination and the event helps to attract cyclists to the area throughout the year. The event generates over £500,000 for the local area every year.

**WHAT IS TOUR O THE BORDERS?**

**WHY ARE ROADS CLOSED?**

The event will be held on closed roads, which will allow cyclists to enjoy their ride in safety. Rigorous event planning is conducted through Scottish Borders Council’s Safety Advisory Group, which includes Police and all the emergency services.

We do appreciate that this event can cause inconvenience to local communities and for this we apologise. In order to minimise any disruption caused, the event is on a Sunday and starts very early in the morning. We have consulted with local communities and members of the public who are affected by the road closures. We have worked hard with traffic management experts and council staff to ensure disruption is kept to a minimum whilst ensuring the safety of everyone involved – event participants, local residents, event staff, and traffic management personnel.

More detailed descriptions and maps of certain road sections can be found on the Community section of www.tourotheborders.com

**MORE INFO AT Tourotheborders.com**