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At the time of writing preparations are well advanced for the 4th Tour de Yorkshire, and for the first time both the Women's race and the Men's will include Skidby and Little Weighton. Individuals, community groups, pubs, businesses, churches, schools and the Parish Councils are all busily involved in making spectacular displays to welcome the riders and visitors. As an example the Skidby Country Women's Association have knitted over 200 mini-jumpers to use as bunting.

Councillor Stephen Parnaby, leader of East Riding of Yorkshire Council said "One of the many benefits of being a partner in The Tour is the engagement of Towns and Villages along the route, I am sure Skidby and Little Weighton will have done themselves proud and encourage the organisers to return for what is the biggest single event attraction in Yorkshire".

Sir Gary Verity, Chief Executive of Welcome to Yorkshire, the event promoter and Christian Prudhomme, General Director of The Tour de France, the race co-ordinators will be welcomed to Skidby ahead of the men's race by Councillor Parnaby who said "I intend to present them with a famous Skidby giant Yorkshire pudding at The Half Moon and wash it down with a Yorkshire Cuppa at The Village Hall".

The four day race will start in Beverley on Thursday 3rd of May the Women leaving at 8.50 am and heading straight to Skidby. The Men's start is at 2.00 pm doing a loop to Hornsea before returning to Beverley and expected to be coming through Skidby just after 3.00 pm. At around 12.30 pm the sponsors caravan of 30 vehicles will also be coming through the villages.

Both races consist of 20 teams of seven, with some of the Worlds, European and British riders competing. The peloton is supported by teams of coaches, medics and mechanics along with a plethora of police and volunteer motor cyclists who co-ordinate the "rolling road blocks", as well as ensuring safety along the route. Camera crews pick up every aspect including two helicopters who follow the race. Pictures are beamed to live TV covering 180 countries. Last year the race attracted over two million spectators, 10 million TV viewers and generated £64 million to the local economy, this year these figures are anticipated to be well in excess for a cycling event that is proving to be a must for the top teams who love The Yorkshire Welcome .

Councillor Parnaby concluded, "I sincerely hope everyone had a good day and enjoyed the spectacle. My thanks to all those who took part and especially those who went the extra mile. Apologies to anyone who had their day slightly disrupted but hope all communities taking part can be proud to be associated".

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## Tour de Yorkshire gears up to take in new East Riding locations

Some of the world's top cyclists will be back in the East Riding in May to contest the Tour de Yorkshire, with Beverley selected to host the start of both the men's and women's races.

This year's events have been extended, with the men's race running for four days from Thursday, 3 to Sunday, 6 May and the ASDA Tour de Yorkshire Women's Race doubling in size from one to two days – from Thursday, 3 to Friday, 4 May.

Stage one, from Beverley to Doncaster, will see the riders take on a gruelling king of the mountain stage and action packed sprints over 182km.

The ceremonial start for the men's race will take place in Beverley's Saturday Market before heading out through Norwold to the official start at Tickton.

The peloton will then cycle to Catwick and Hornsea, loop around Hornsea Mere, through Great Hatfield and Sigglesthorpe back to Beverley, where they go past the Minster and out onto the A164 to Skidby, Little Weighton, Walkington, South Dalton, North Dalton and Warter – where the first King of the Mountain stage will take place at the Cote de Baggaby Hill.

There will be a sprint in Pocklington then out of the town crossing the A1079 to Allerthorpe, Seaton Ross, Holme-upon-Spalding-Moor and into Howden where there will be another sprint.

The riders will then pass through Airmyn and onto the A614, continue through Rawcliffe before crossing into South Yorkshire at Sykehouse, Hatfield and onto Bawtry Road to finish in Doncaster.

The women's race will have its ceremonial start in Beverley and will largely follow the same route as the men's race, except for the Hornsea loop, with the official start at Bentley.

Councillor Stephen Parnaby, leader of the council, said: "We have been involved in the Tour de Yorkshire since its inception, with the race growing in popularity year-on-year.

"The 2018 edition promises to be the best yet and the council is really pleased that, once again, it will take in new locations in the East Riding, with places like Hornsea and Howden making their debuts on the route.

"As well as providing an opportunity to promote the area to audiences across the world, the Tour de Yorkshire allows communities to come together and watch some of cycling's biggest names compete on their doorstep."

The other stages are as follows:

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