



**Tuesday 30 May 2017**

### **Vote for your favourite piece of Tour de Yorkshire Land Art**

To celebrate a month since the Tour de Yorkshire reached its sensational conclusion, voting is now open to crown the best piece of land art from this year's race.

Hundreds of amazing installations animated this year's route and the following 12 have been shortlisted for the public vote:

#### **Stage one:**

- A moving human bicycle involving 40 year eight students from Norton College in Norton
- A flamingo commissioned by Flamingo Land and designed by official Tour de Yorkshire artist Lucy Pittaway
- A 'gigantic' yellow and blue cycling jersey produced by Scarborough Borough Council
- A Yorkshire-themed bike drawn in the sand at Hunmanby by artist Mim Robson

#### **Stage two:**

- A bike made from recycled materials at Riverside Community Primary School in Tadcaster
- A giant Yorkshire Y in Lofthouse by Studfold Adventure Trail and Touring Park and Nidderdale Way Café
- A flock of sheep wearing yellow and blue jerseys created by the residents of Fearby
- A sheep on a Yorkshire-themed bicycle by Masham Primary School and Masham Parish Council

#### **Stage three:**

- A trio of giant ducks wearing cycling jerseys on the road by Bradford Metropolitan District Council and Addingham Parish Council
- Branwell Brontë riding a bicycle by Worth Valley Young Farmers Club and Haworth Primary School
- A collection of massive bike components in Penistone and Thurgoland drawn by local children as part of their In Gear activation

- A giant The Great Get Together banner displayed in Birstall by the Jo Cox Foundation

The public vote is now open for people to decide their favourite land art from this year's Tour de Yorkshire and they can do so at [letouryorkshire.com/landart](http://letouryorkshire.com/landart)

Voting is open until midnight on Tuesday 13 June and the winner will be announced shortly after.

Sir Gary Verity, Chief Executive of Welcome to Yorkshire, will present the winner with the coveted Tour de Yorkshire Land Art Trophy which was awarded to the North York Moors National Park Authority and Hambleton District Council in 2016 for their giant piece on Sutton Bank which featured a horse, ram and wild boar riding a penny farthing.

He said: "We were blown away by the sheer number, range and quality of land art which featured on this year's race and it was extremely difficult to select just 12 pieces.

"Images of these amazing installations were beamed right around the world and they really were a joy to behold.

"Not only did they highlight how Yorkshire people were embracing the Tour, they demonstrated the creativity, humour and ingenuity which our county is famous for and helped showcase Yorkshire at its very best.

"We'd like to thank everyone who has taken part and good luck to all those who have been shortlisted."

**Download photographs of all 12 shortlisted entries here:**

<https://yorkshire.box.com/s/5ezkl3p0mzjh6z9mbljsgzmm30q4nvoy>

The third edition of the Tour de Yorkshire proved to be the biggest and best one yet with record crowds of over 2.2 million roadside spectators watching the action first-hand. Belgian rider Serge Pauwels took the overall victory after winning the third stage just ahead of his Dimension Data team-mate Omar Fraile.

Full information on the Tour de Yorkshire and Asda Women's Tour de Yorkshire can be found at [letouryorkshire.com](http://letouryorkshire.com)

**Notes to editors:**

- The Tour de Yorkshire was launched in 2015 to extend the legacy of the 2014 Grand Départ.
- The 2017 edition of men's race was a three-day event with a 2.1 UCI Europe Tour classification taking place between 28-30 April.
- The single-day Asda Women's Tour de Yorkshire was awarded 1.2 status in 2016 and this year's race took place on Saturday 29 April.
- 2.2 million spectators lined the route for the 2017 edition, up from 2 million in 2016.
- The 2016 edition was watched by 11.4 million TV viewers in 178 countries.
- Our ambition is to grow the men's Tour de Yorkshire to a four-day race and extend the women's race to two days.

- The race is supported by Yorkshire Bank, Asda, Virgin Trains, Dimension Data, Doncaster Sheffield Airport and Flybe, Mug Shot, Aunt Bessie's, JCT600, Tissot, Le Coq Sportif and Mavic.

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