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**TOUR DE YORKSHIRE LAND ART COMPETITION – THE RACE IS NOW ON!**

Exactly one month since the Tour de Yorkshire reached its sensational conclusion, voting is now open for the race’s coveted Land Art trophy.

Spectacular land art creations could be seen animating the route over the four days of action between 3-6 May, and 12 pieces have now been shortlisted to go head-to-head in a public vote.

**The nominees are:**

- A Richmondshire rose made of recycled plastic bottles in Catterick created by the local community
- A moving human bicycle created by Kingswood Park Primary School
- A sheep and school name created by Ackworth School
- A pig riding a bike by Anna’s Happy Kitchen in Howden
- “Revenge is a dish best taken cold” - Richard III and a cyclist at Middleham created by Fields of Vision
- “Barnsley in Gear” created by Creative Recovery
- Confetti land art at Wentworth Woodhouse created by James Brunt
- Jerseys and Tour de Yorkshire sign by Kippax Guides
- Armley land art with moving human bicycle cogs
- “Northallerton welcomes Tour de Yorkshire” created by Wendi May New and Pete Gough
- Yorkshire rose design by Thirsk Community Primary School
- A gigantic yellow cyclist near Constable Burton created by Simon Loadman

Voting is open to everyone and takes place online at [letouryorkshire.com/landart](http://letouryorkshire.com/landart)

The deadline for voting is midnight on Friday 22 June and once the numbers have been counted and verified, Sir Gary Verity DL, Chief Executive of Welcome to Yorkshire, will present the winner with the coveted Tour de Yorkshire Land Art Trophy.



He said: “The Tour de Yorkshire is renowned for these spectacular land art creations and I’m amazed by the number and quality we see lining the route each year.

“The passion and enthusiasm of those taking part shows just how much our county has taken this race to its heart.

“It’s clear that we have the creativity and community spirit to bring the grandest of ideas to life, and I couldn’t be prouder when I see images of these artworks being beamed across the world.

“We’d like to thank everyone who created a piece for this year’s race and wish bonne chance to all those who have been shortlisted.”

Last year’s winner was the iconic “Branwell Bronte on a Bicycle” created by Andrew Wood, the Fields of Vision team and Haworth Primary School.

Download photographs of all 12 shortlisted entries here:

<https://yorkshire.box.com/s/2mp6to16s2mordl1h66kwbvnddmfrpzb>

Later this month a public Twitter vote will also be held to determine the winners of the Tour de Yorkshire’s Best Dressed competition. The four categories are: Best Dressed Village, Best Dressed Town, Best Dressed Host Location and Spirit of Le Tour.

Welcome to Yorkshire and The Yorkshire Post are currently compiling a shortlist of the top four entries from each category and they will go to a public vote at @letouryorkshire. The lucky winner of each category will then be presented with an exclusive commemorative plaque.

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### Notes to editors:

- The Tour de Yorkshire was launched in 2015 as a legacy of the 2014 Grand Départ. It is organised by Welcome to Yorkshire and the Amaury Sport Organisation.
- The men’s race holds a 2.1 UCI Europe Tour classification.
- The Asda Tour de Yorkshire Women’s Race was awarded 1.2 status in 2016.
- 2.2 million spectators lined the route for the 2017 edition, up from 2 million in 2016.
- The 2017 edition was watched by 9.7 million TV viewers in 180 countries.
- The 2017 edition generated £64 million for the Yorkshire economy.
- The race is supported by Yorkshire Bank, Yorkshire Bank Bike Libraries, Asda, Dimension Data, Virgin Trains East Coast, Tissot, Le Coq Sportif, Sky Betting & Gaming, Soreen, Mug Shot, RAGT Seeds, Named Sport, Mavic, Global Autocare and Black Sheep.

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