

2014 Etape Cymru – Route Description / Explanation

85.11 Miles (approx)

Description: Same as 2013 except - new outward / return tails, new TM on A5104, new route up to Graigfechan, new section through Llanarmon-yn-Ial (avoiding Llandegla), and additional TM Zones

OLD SECTION....

- Route turns left out of Bangor-on-Dee Racecourse **POINT A**
- Continues on the same roads as in 2013 through Bangor-on-Dee, turns left at the Church, goes over the bridge and down the slip road the wrong way

NEW SECTION....

- At end of slip road turns left onto A525
- Turns right onto B5426
- Crosses A528
 - Traffic Management traffic to be in place to allow vehicles on A528 to cross course
- Turns left towards Gyfelia (towards A359)
- Turns right onto A539 towards Ruabon
- Crosses over A483 **POINT B**
- Turns left at T-Junction
- Turns right at Roundabout (A539 j/w B5605) onto A539
 - Traffic Management to be in place
 - Roundabout to be split to allow cyclists to cut across “wrong” side of roundabout to turn right rather than go round it - allows vehicle movement to still be managed across the other side
 - Diversion for A539 from Plas Bennion Road to the roundabout of A539 j/w B5605 – i.e. traffic on A539 from west diverted to turn right at this point towards B5605, turn left onto B5605 & up to roundabout (where they can only turn right towards A483 due to the course route)
 - A539 closed from Ruabon to Overton until all cyclists cleared area
- Turns right onto Plas Bennion Road (towards Penycae) **POINT C**
- Continues through Penycae **POINT D (Church St j/w Bridge St)**

- ➔ Apart from Bangor on Dee and Church Street in Penycae the new route avoids duplicating the same roads that will be used by the returning cyclists (see the map and the below for description)
- ➔ As the outward section it will only be closed for a few hours in the morning – deliberately returning cyclists on different roads to ensure same residents are not affected all day
- ➔ Affected business along section - “The Plassey” can operate unaffected, units opens at 10.30am, restaurant does Sunday lunch from 12.00 – cyclists will be clear of area before then
- ➔ Affected business along section - “Cinders Fancy Chicks” - opens at 9am
- ➔ Ruabon Railway Station – first train leaves Ruabon at 09.45 towards Shrewsbury (10.47 towards Wrexham)
- ➔ A483 operates unaffected and access to it is maintained throughout event
- ➔ Short closure of small section of A539 (Ruabon to Overton) but early on a Sunday morning when quiet so impact of closure is low

OLD SECTION....

- Route continues on same roads used in 2013 out of Penycae and along Panorama, up Horse Shoe Pass, through Bryneglwys, Carrog etc until the 2013 Steward Position 93
 - Possible location for feed station at Prospect Café, Carrog Village Hall
- ➔ New addition of a “zone letter” after cyclists have passed through main part of Bryneglwys village **POINT G**

The rural road from Bryneglwys to Carrog remains closed, once confirmed all through this point the A5104 will be opened in full from the roundabout to the j/w A494 (Traffic Lights in place near A494 – see point below)

- ➔ Changes made to the route this year near **POINT H** – cyclist route is taken off of the A5104 earlier which means that the A5104 from Bryneglwys to A494 can be used by local affected residents along it (including Bryneglwys) to get out as long as don't have to go onto or cross the cyclists route to get to it. The change made this year will also allow the full length of A5104 to be opened once all cyclists are through Bryneglwys rather than when all through Point H.

NEW SECTION....

- Turns left and follows road towards B5429
- Turns right onto B5429 (north of Rhyd-y-meudwy)
- Crosses straight over A525 **POINT I**
 - Traffic Management to be in place at this point to temporarily hold traffic to allow cyclists to cross – allows A525 to stay open for its whole length
- Stays on B5429 through Pentre Celyn & into Graig-fechan

- ➔ The Three Pigeons at Graig-fechan – early Sunday lunch trade possibly affected

OLD SECTION....

- Route follows same roads as in 2013 until the 2013 Steward Position 117

NEW SECTION....

- Turns left at cross roads onto the B5431 towards Llanarmon-yn-lal
- Turns right onto B5430 **POINT K**
- Follows road crossing A5104 **POINT L**
 - Traffic Management to be in place at this point to temporarily hold traffic to allow cyclists to cross – allows A5104 to stay open at this point (temporary closure of a small section from roundabout j/w A542 to Bryneglwys, A525 kept fully open)
- Follows road crossing A525 at Four Crosses (Moors Inn) **POINT M**
 - Traffic Management to be in place at this point to temporarily hold traffic to allow cyclists to cross – allows A525 to stay fully open
 - Traffic Management to be in place to allow access to the Moors Inn (as it was in 2013)

- ➔ The Raven Inn at Llanarmon-yn-lal – Sunday lunch trade affected

Possible location for feed station

OLD SECTION....

- Route follows same roads as in 2013 through Minera & across Worlds End etc until Penycae (Church Street j/w Bridge Street) **POINT D**
- As in 2013 in then turns left onto Bridge Street and follows same route back to Bangor on Dee (Ty Mawr Reservoir, Cock Bank, Cross Lanes etc)
 - Traffic Management to be in place at following locations along this section allow roads to stay open and so to maintain vehicle movement in the area - temporarily hold traffic to allow cyclists to cross (cyclists have priority)
 - Pentre Bychan – B5605 staggered crossroads (course route crosses over B5605 - Smithy Lane onto Corkscrew Lane)
 - Cock Bank – B5130 j/w A528 (course route crosses over A528)
 - Cross Lanes – same TM as in 2013 (cyclists turn right onto A525 – vehicle movement maintained for those approaching from east on B5130 to go north onto A525 towards Marchwiel, and vice versa)

REASON FOR / ADVANTAGES OF THIS ROUTE

- ➔ A reduced number of residents are on both the outward & return route and so this reduces the amount of time that the residents are affected (those that are still affected are a few residents on the road to the Overton Road (near Racecourse), in Bangor-on-Dee village, Church Street in Penrycae, and Panorama)
- ➔ From changes to the route made this year the A5104 from Bryneglyws to A494 (near Corwen) can be used by vehicles to get out as long as don't go onto route to get to it. Better / easier access & access to Bryneglyws village. After cyclists are passed Bryneglyws and the Horse Shoe Pass is open, the roundabout can be opened completely for full access which means that the full length of the A5104 is open earlier to traffic.
- ➔ A525 kept fully open (apart from managed stop/go or traffic lights to get cyclists across – cyclists have priority)
- ➔ Minimal effect on Llandegla village – can't go north out of village towards crossroads with B5431 however whole village is able to get out via A5104
- ➔ Able to keep Carrog Village Hall as a Feed station (great location, supporters of event, village gets financial benefit)

NEWLY AFFECTED AREAS

- ➔ New areas previously not on the out / back tails e.g. Gyfelia, Ruabon, more of Penrycae
- ➔ 2013 Steward 93 - Pentre-celyn section
 - Egress roads available so village not fully trapped in (i.e. like Llandegla was) meaning most residents along section are still able to get out (could park car off route and walk to it if property is directly on route)
- ➔ Llanarmon-yn-lal / Graianrhyd section
 - Not all of village fully trapped in (i.e. like Llandegla was) meaning most residents along section are still able to get out (could park car off route and walk to it if property is directly on route)
 - The Raven Inn at Llanarmon-yn-lal – Sunday lunch affected
 - Parc Farm Caravan Park – would need to communicate with them

ADDITIONAL NOTE

The event has been moved a week later in 2014 to Sunday 14th September. Given the rural environment in which it operates hopefully, weather permitting, this should mean that the event is less likely to clash with harvesting activities.