

Stage 2 Tour of Britain – Frequently Asked Questions

🏁 About the Event

What is the Tour of Britain?

The Tour of Britain is the UK's biggest free-to-watch sporting event. It is the UK's premier professional cycling road race, held over 6 days and attracting some of the world's best cyclists.

When is the event being held?

The Tour of Britain is held annually in early September. Woodbridge will host the first stage on Tuesday 2 September 2025, before it moves to our districts on Wednesday 3 September.

Who organises the race?

The race is organised by British Cycling and supported by Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils.

👁️ Watching the Race

How can I watch the race?

You can watch the race anywhere along the route. There will also be an event village with a big screen next to The Regal Theatre in Stowmarket. The race will be broadcast live on ITV4.

Are there any activities or entertainment planned in the event village?

Yes, the event village near The Regal Theatre will feature stalls, entertainment, and refreshments. Details will be available on the council's website closer to the event.

What happens if it rains?

The race will go ahead in the rain. Spectators should check the weather forecast and dress appropriately, as no shelters will be provided along the route.

What are the top tips for spectators?

Check the route and road closures in advance
Arrive early to secure a safe viewing spot
Keep children and animals away from the roadside
Do not obstruct the riders

🗺️ Route & Timing

What is the route?

The full route is available on the British Cycling website:

<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/tourofbritain/men/stagetwo>

When will the race pass through my town/village?

Estimated times of arrival (ETAs) will be published on the website. Please note these are approximate and depend on the race speed.

Where does the race start and finish?

The race starts and finishes in Stowmarket.

Can I cycle or walk along the route before or after the race?

Yes, apart from Ipswich Road. Once the race has passed and roads are reopened, you may enjoy the route. Please avoid it during the race for safety reasons.

**Parking & Road Closures****Will the roads be closed?**

Yes. There will be an extended road closure in Stowmarket. Elsewhere, rolling road closures will be in place for around 40 minutes as the race passes. No vehicles will be allowed on the route during this time.

Why will there be parking restrictions in my road?

To ensure the safety of riders and spectators. Notices and cones will be placed the evening before. Affected residents will receive a letter.

Where do I park my vehicle if parking is restricted in my road?

Please move your vehicle by 09.00hrs (08.00hrs in Eye and Hadleigh). Use nearby streets or public car parks. Restrictions will be lifted as soon as possible after the race.

What will happen if I don't move my car?

You may receive a Penalty Charge Notice and your vehicle may be relocated to a safer location.

Will any car parks be closed?

Yes. Ipswich Street Car Park (The Regal Theatre) and Milton Road Car Park in Stowmarket will be closed from 06.00hrs and remain closed all day.

I am a Blue Badge holder. Am I exempt from the temporary restrictions?

No. All vehicles must be moved for safety reasons.

Will I be able to access my driveway during the road closures?

Access may be restricted if your driveway is on the race route. Please plan ahead.

What if I need to leave for work or an appointment during the closure?

Leave before the closure begins or wait until it ends. Rolling closures typically last around 40 minutes.

Will there be marshals or staff to help guide traffic and pedestrians?

Yes, marshals and event staff will be stationed at key points to assist.

How will emergency services access properties during closures?

Emergency services are fully briefed and will have access throughout the event.



Additional Information

Will there be any public transport disruptions?

Some bus routes may be diverted or delayed. Please check with your local transport provider on the day.