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BEAUMONT TROPHY

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WELCOME TO THE 2024 BEAUMONT TROPHY

This year's Beaumont Trophy will take place on the afternoon of Sunday 15th September, starting at 1.30pm.

I'd like to start by thanking Northumberland County Council for their support for the event as our new lead sponsor. The Beaumont Trophy and the whole of the Cyclone Festival of Cycling, of which the race is a key component, are very much a celebration of our magnificent local area and this partnership further cements this important link.

On a related note, it's always important to acknowledge the support of the local communities who welcome all our Cyclone Festival events and allow us to share this wonderful corner of Northumberland for the day. I hope that visiting the race, either as a spectator or competitor, inspires you to return in the future and explore it further.

Peter Harrison – Cyclone Festival Organiser



HISTORY OF THE BEAUMONT TROPHY

The Beaumont Trophy is one of the longest running national road events on the calendar. It was first run in 1952, the year after the organising club, Gosforth Road Club, was formed and the club remains an integral part of the event to this day. At that first event, the trophy was presented by Rex Beaumont, a cycle and motorcycle wholesaler based in Newcastle and the recipient was Stan Blair riding for Viking Cycles.

The most prolific winner of the Trophy was Ray Wetherell who won it 5 times. Ray sadly passed away last year, but his record looks safe for the time being, with twelve different winners in the last 12 years. Last year the winner was Finn Crockett of the St Piran team, pictured right being congratulated by organiser, Peter Harrison.



PREVIOUS WINNERS

2011 Bradley Wiggins (*National Championships*)
2012 Russell Downing
2013 Dean Downing
2014 Kristian House
2015 Christopher Latham
2016 Dion Smith (NZL)

2017 Peter Williams
2018 Connor Swift (*National Championships*)
2019 Rory Townsend (IRL)
2021 Jacob Scott
2022 Jack Rootkin-Gray
2023 Finn Crockett

THE RACE

The race will start and finish adjacent to the village green in Stamfordham and will get underway at 1.30pm. The race will use a combination of two circuits: riders tackling four anti-clockwise laps of a larger 25-mile circuit, marked in red on the map and then finishing with a single lap of a smaller 14-mile circuit, marked in blue. Total race distance is 114 miles.

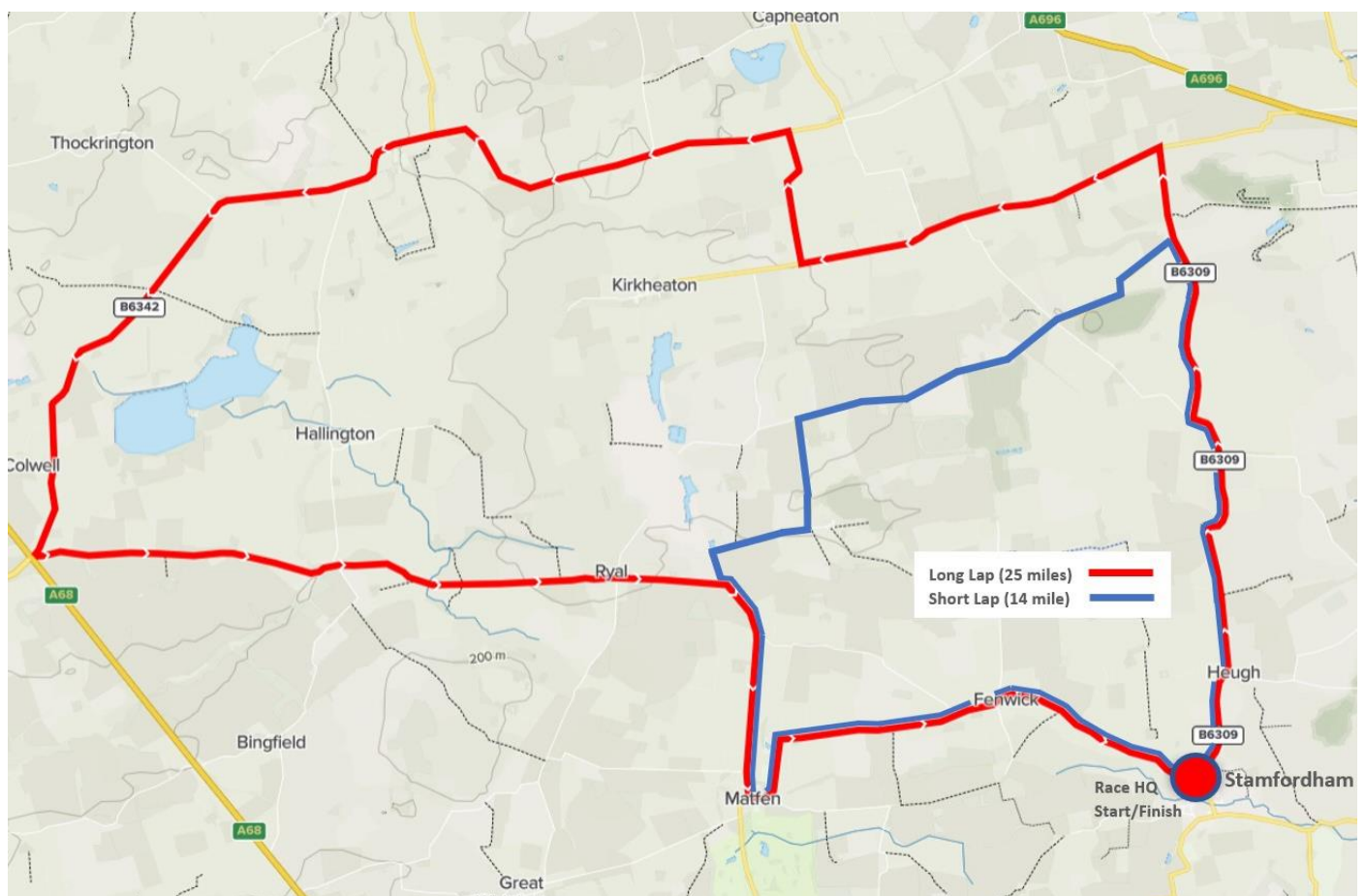
There will be a King of the Mountains competition based on points awarded at the summit of the Ryal climb (pictured) on each of the 4 ascents.

A podium presentation will take place as soon as possible after the race, next to the start/finish line. Here, there will prizes awarded to the race winner (sponsored by **Northumberland County Council**) leading Under-23 rider (sponsored by **Gosforth Road Club**), King of the Mountains (sponsored by **Fratelli**) and the leading team (Sponsored by **MountainChalet.co.uk**), which is determined by the sum of the times of a team's first three riders to finish.



Photo: Thank you to Chris Maher who also supplied the front cover images

COURSE MAP



SPECTATING AT THE BEAUMONT TROPHY

The race takes place around the village of Stamfordham and includes the race-defining climb of the Ryals (the hamlet of Ryal, at the top of the climb, is marked on the course map). Both of these locations are popular with spectators. Spectating from a bicycle is highly recommended. Some people cycle the main lap in reverse direction, which afford regular and repeated views of the race. And it a great little bike ride!

Watching the Race in Stamfordham

Stamfordham village is a great place to watch the race, with a lovely village green, where a mobile ice cream cart will be located. Here you'll have a chance to see the riders every lap, as well as before the start and at the finish and post-race presentation. The Race HQ is Stamfordham Village Hall (*What3Words location: ///loafing.leopard.status*), where there will be a wide range of refreshments, plus toilet facilities, all open to spectators. The Swinburne Arms pub in Stamfordham, will be open, whilst, just up the road, in Matfen, there's a café at the village store, on the green.

Spectator Parking is situated at Stamfordham Cricket Club and Sports Pavilion, just South of the village on the B6309 (*What3Words location: ///feuds.ferrying.flap*). There is a fee of £3, cash only, with proceeds supporting the venue. Refreshments will be available here. There is no postcode for this facility, so please check the map carefully. Please note, there will be strictly NO spectator or competitor parking in the village or surrounding roads. Residents only can park in front of properties in the centre of Stamfordham.

Race Timings In Stamfordham

Race Start:	13:30
End of lap 1	14:28 (+ or – 5 minutes)
End of lap 2	15:26 (+ or – 10 minutes)
End of lap 3	16:24 (+ or – 10 minutes)
End of lap 4	17:23 (+ or – 20 minutes)
End of lap 5/Finish	17:54 (+ or – 20 minutes)

All race timings are approximate and may vary depending on conditions and race speed.

Watching the Race at the Ryals Climb

The Ryals climb is located approximately 6 miles before the finish, four miles to the NE of the village of Matfen. The climb consists of three steep ramps and often proves to be a decisive point in the race. Please take special care when moving to and from the Ryals during the race and when spectating on the hill. Parking is extremely limited and the best way to spectate here, and anywhere away from Stamfordham or Matfen villages, is by foot or by bicycle.

Race Timings At The Ryals

Lap 1	14:13 (+ or – 5 minutes)
Lap 2	15:12 (+ or – 10 minutes)
Lap 3	16:10 (+ or – 10 minutes)
Lap 4	17:08 (+ or – 20 minutes)

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STAMFORDHAM VILLAGE MAP

