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# The Rayner Foundation Otley GP

2nd July 2025, 20:35pm

PART OF THE 2025 OTLEY CYCLE RACES



## Race Manual

Dear Rider,

Thanks for entering the 2025 Rayner Foundation Open Otley GP. This is the first race in the British Cycling Open National Circuit Series.

My team have been working hard behind the scenes to continue the great tradition of Otley Cycle Races. It's promising to be another great evening of racing and as usual there is a full field of riders.

We'd like to thanks the sponsors of this race who have named the race after one of our favourite charity's The Rayner Foundation. They are a group of businesses which buys and develops high value properties in the Leeds area; ID Planning, Blacks Law and Park Lane Homes. If you're in the market for a nice house, you know where to look.

The race is run under the Technical Regulations of British Cycling.

This document contains useful and important information which will help your evening run smoothly and get the most out of your race.

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Asst Commisaire:	Dave Harris
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Commentator: Matt Payne

This race manual will be available on  
our website:



## The Race

All Otley Cycle races take place on a closed circuit. The circuit is approx 2km. The finishing straight is flat and the finish line is approximately 190m from the last corner. After the finish line the course jinks left and then right up Burras Lane. The first part is steep but momentum will carry you most of the way up this bit. The road then dips a little before climbing again on a wide well surfaced road to the highest point as it crosses a bridge before turning left into Birdcage Walk. This road is undulating but being under trees, has poor lighting. At the end of Birdcage Walk the course turns left for the plunge downhill back towards the town centre. At the bottom of the hill is a left hander into the finishing straight. This is a very fast finish to a race. There are manhole covers to negotiate on this corner so take extra care if it's wet.

The race will cover approx 50km. There will be a lap board by the finish line for the last 9 laps and a bell to signify the last lap.

## Race Registry

Please report for race registry at Event Headquarters at Otley CC Clubrooms on Crow Lane, behind Chevin Cycles. See map below. Signing on will open at 16:30 and will close at 19.45 for your race. Toilets and limited changing facilities are available at HQ.

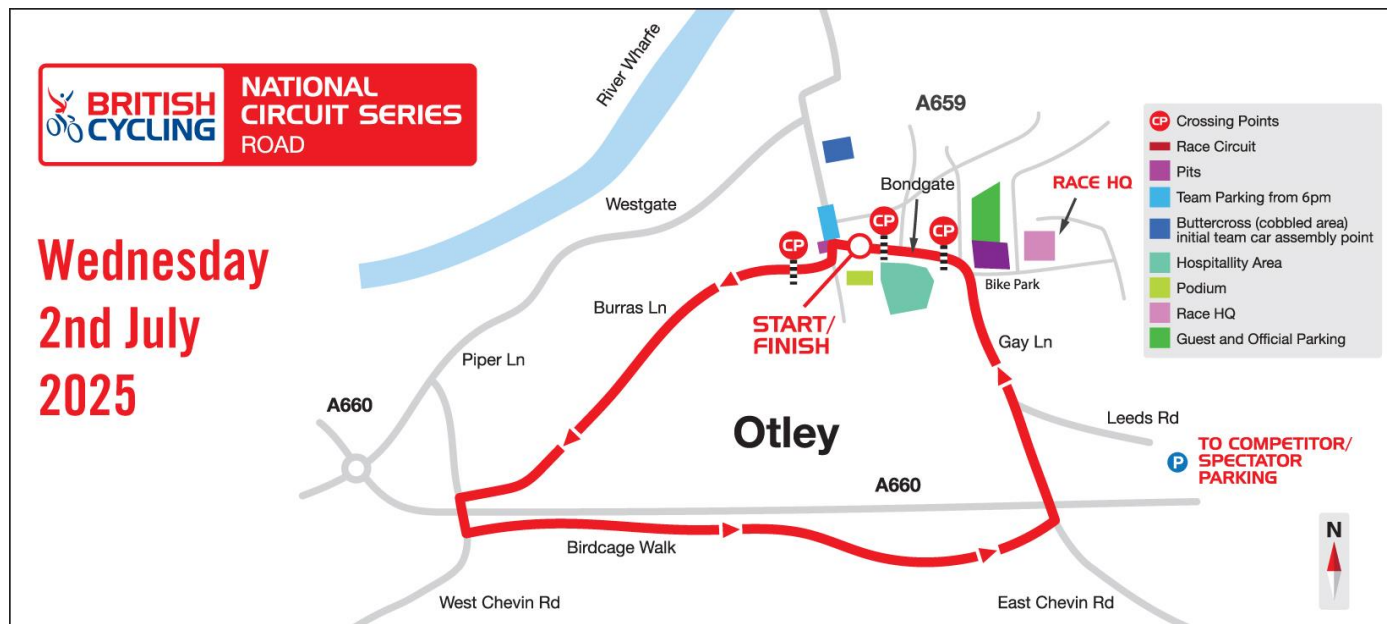
At this point you must also collect your race number, frame number and transponder. The race will be chip timed. Please affix the transponder to your front fork. Please attach both numbers to the back of your jersey & the frame number to your seat post with a frame clip or small cable tie.

All riders will receive an Otley Cycle Races bidon kindly provided by Chevin Cycles, Elite Physio and OTE.

**You must return your transponder to HQ after your race and ensure receipt is acknowledged by one of our staff.**

**PLEASE NOTE: NON-RETURN OF YOUR TRANSPONDER  
WILL RESULT IN A £90 CHARGE.**

# Your race starts at 20.35



## Rider Assembly

Please assemble at the end of Crossgate (next to the Rose & Crown Pub 10 minutes before your start time. From here you will be escorted to the start line (down Bondgate), ready for the race to commence.

## Rider Briefing

Riders will be briefed by the Chief Commisaire at the end of Crossgate 5 minutes before the start time. Please listen carefully. There will be no sighting lap.

## Neutralised Laps

In the case of an incident requiring the neutralisation of the race a PA announcement will be made or you will receive instructions from the Commisaires. Riders must then

form up on the start line or another suitable location until the race can resume. THERE WILL BE NO SIGHTING LAP.

## Mechanical Issues

THERE ARE NO LAPS OUT. If you have a mechanical problem then you can receive service from the pits only. This will be on the right hand side of the circuit and at the end of the finishing straight (see map).

## Lapped Riders – National Circuit Series

In the event of rider(s) being lapped by the leading group, these lapped rider(s) will continue until three laps to go, where they will be withdrawn and placed in the results, after sprinting for position on the line. If you are lapped in the last 3 laps, you may continue to the end of the race.

All riders when retiring from the race, whether individually or as a part of a group, must retire via the Pit Area and under no circumstances cross the finish line again, riders who insist on doing this will be disqualified (unless instructed differently).

Lapped riders must not impede the progress of the lapping riders, nor must they manipulate the outcome of the race. Riders found to be deliberately flouting this regulation will be penalised. A rider(s) will be considered lapped when the leading rider(s) make the junction with the rear of the group that they are within.

## Blue Flag

In the final three laps of the race, if a rider/group of riders are likely to be caught by the race leader(s) they will be shown a blue flag by a race official to indicate that they are about to be lapped. If shown the blue flag, riders must keep tight to the left hand side of the circuit to allow the safe and clear passage of the leading riders. If you are lapped inside the final 3 laps, please complete the full distance, finishing on the same lap as the leading rider.

# After the Race

Once you have finished your race, please leave the circuit as soon as possible in order to enable a smooth transition to the next race. The best way to leave the circuit is via Waitrose car park, ride through the car park to Westgate then turn right back into Otley.

# Results/Complaints

Any complaints regarding the race result must be made within 36 hours to Sonja Harper at the email address on page one.

# Prize presentation

Prize presentation for your race is at 21.40. If you are 1st, 2nd or 3rd then you need to be available at the British Cycling Podium once your race has finished. It is best to access this from the side nearest the church.

All cash prizes (including any for podium places) will be transferred to you after the event.



# Prizes

Cash prizes are awarded in accordance with National Circuit Series Guidelines up to 20th place.

1st	Otley Grand Prix Trophy (to return after presentation ceremony) + £400
2nd	£300
3rd	£240
4th	£170
5th	£140
6th	£120
7th	£100
8th	£80
9th	£70
10th	£60 etc.

# Parking & Travel

For individual riders there is a car park off Leeds Road which is free and will be sign posted. In addition, there is some on street parking in Otley, the area immediately around the race circuit will be very congested and there are parking restrictions in place. Traffic around Otley will be very heavy on race night and the roads on or within the circuit will close to vehicles at 17.15pm so you should leave plenty of time for your journey.



# Timetable

16.30	Signing on opens
17.15	Road Closures begin
17.55	Road Closure complete - Pro Team parking can begin at 18.15
18.00	MAS Design Super Prestige Youth Race for boys
18.01	Otley Cycle Club Prestige Bike Race for girls
18.35	Chevin Cycles Classic Race
18.50	Podium presentations for the youth races
18.45	Signing on for Women's Otley Grand Prix closes
19.15	Gridding Women's Otley Grand Prix
19.25	Santini Women's Otley Grand Prix
19.45.	Signing on for Open Elite Race closes
20.20	Gridding for Open Otley Grand Prix
20.35	The Rayner Foundation Open Otley Grand Prix
21.45	Podium presentations
22.00	Roads open