

# TOUR OF THE TROSSACHS 2021

VANELLI PROJECT GO CYCLE TEAM

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE SANDY WALLACE

SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, ABERFOYLE

FIRST RIDER 10.00am

<https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/race-details/22952>



## TOUR DE TROSSACHS 2021 incorporating the SVTTA Bill Lennon Trophy

Start time/ First rider off 10:00am – Sunday, 10th October 2021

Welcome to the 2021 Tour de Trossachs and many thanks for entering our first open event– we are hoping to do justice to this long established and cherished end of season event that unfortunately was unable to take place last year .

### EVENT HEADQUARTERS

#### **Aberfoyle Memorial Hall**

address is Trossachs Road, Aberfoyle, FK8 3SW (red circle)

There is plenty of parking in Aberfoyle and we would prefer you mainly to use the large area behind the Scottish wool centre (green circle) as this is used less and there is

always plenty of room there. Please don't park near the hall especially after the event start, it annoys the locals and will impede your fellow competitors.

There are toilets at the Hall but there are also public toilets beside the Visit Scotland building.

We will have tea/coffee and cake courtesy of Maggie's Bakers (BIG SHOUT OUT- well worth calling at her shop for more later) and possibly Lucie Hrniceva if she has time this week- thanks Lucie in advance). Please give some donations (hint hint!)

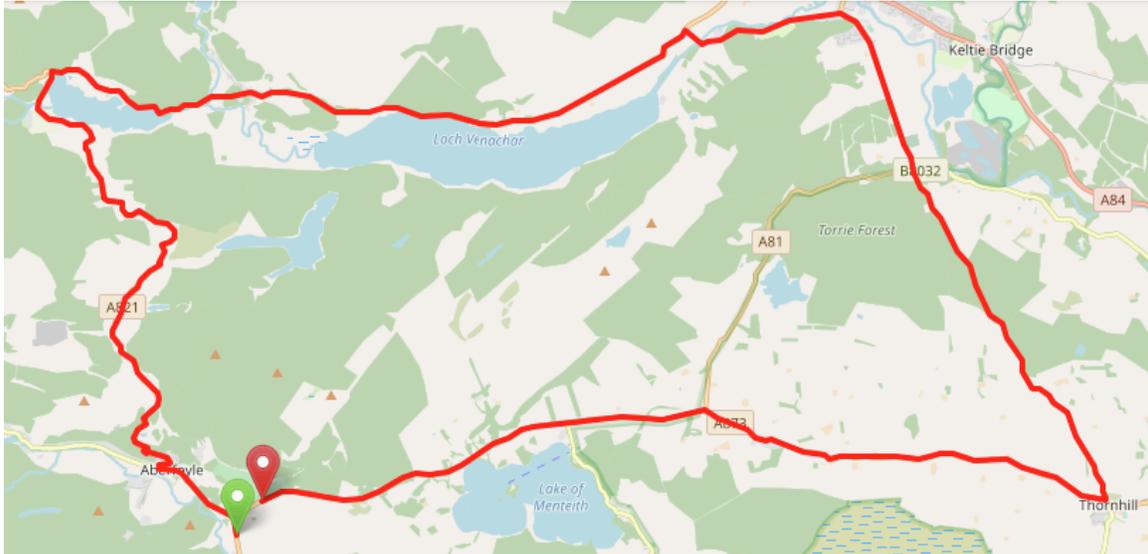
Donations from the tea bar and most of the entry money will be going to **Return to Life (Charity for Renal diseases) and Project GO (a charity for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)**

**COVID PRECAUTIONS STILL APPLY, There will be plenty of Hand sanitiser Gel in the Hall and please wear your masks indoors, plus try not to congregate in large numbers. Due to this I am unlikely to be able to give a prize presentation on the day unless the weather is amazingly good in which case I will hopefully do it outside the hall**



## The Course ...

**PLEASE ALL FAMILIARISE YOURSELVES, IF POSSIBLE CHECK THE COURSE OUT PRIOR TO THE EVENT. ROAD SURFACES ARE MIXED, PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE SECTION BETWEEN BRIG O TURK AND LOCH VENACHER, SOME BAD POT HOLES TO AVOID- SORRY IN ADVANCE**



**START** On A81 at Shannochill Road end 1.5km south of the Rob Roy Hotel. (NOTE GIVE YOURSELF 10 minutes to get out to start- you can warm up beyond the start heading South)

Turn left onto A821 at the Rob Roy roundabout, proceed through Aberfoyle village to turn right at Bank of Scotland building and proceed over the Dukes pass. Keep right at the Loch Katrine road end (7.5ml), onto Invertrossachs Road junction (14.1ml). Turn right onto Invertrossachs Road and continue to junction of Callander to Glasgow A81. Turn right onto A81 and continue to bottom of Braes of Greenock (17.2m). Bear left onto B822 and proceed to junction at Thornhill A873 (21ml). Turn right onto A873 and proceed through Ruskie to join the A81 on the other side of the Braes (25ml). Proceed on A81 through Port of Menteith to Finish at layby (28ml). approx 1mile east of Rob Roy Hotel/ roundabout.

**CARE MUST BE TAKEN BY RIDERS WHEN CROSSING FROM A811** onto Invertrossachs road you will be crossing over oncoming traffic and be vigilant on the Invertrossachs road, it is narrow and has driveways which people may be coming out of.

**DON'T be an idiot on the Dukes decent**, it is easy to overshoot the first 2 corners especially into oncoming traffic- you won't save much time and it's just not worth it

REMEMBER – MARSHALS ARE THERE TO DIRECT RIDERS NOT STOP TRAFFIC FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE!!! The Future of the event relies on you all obeying this!!!!

**Hill Climb** – there is also a time taken on the hill-climb – you will see the 200m to go before prime flag (green with white border) before the timekeeper at the top of the hill (beside a white flag) – remember and smile.

## **Big Thanks time ...**

Talking about marshalls – the delivery of the Tour de Trossachs is once again a massive team effort. We are a small club still so this event would not have been possible without the help of many others including lots of local clubs, friends and family. I would also like to thank Janette Hazlett , Bill Macmillan and CTT Scotland for their help and guidance throughout.

Thanks also to the Aberfoyle community for use of the memorial hall and their car park as well as being very cycling friendly in general – please support them by browsing round the shop and buying some early Christmas presents or having lunch at the café's and or Forth Inn, and please try to use the bike shop for any last minute repairs not to forget their amazing bacon rolls.

Here is the list of those who are helping – and I'm sure it will be added to on the day  
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### HELPERS LIST

Signing on table – Lucie Hrniceva/ Jason Roberts

Commissaire / Observer – Stevie Blom

Start Timekeeper – Jim Smith

Hill climb timekeeper – Catriona Stirling

Hill climb recorder - Jim Smith

Finish Timekeeper – Mhairi Laffoley, Martin Knox

Course signage – Jason, Rob Friel and Richard McDonald

First Aid – Donna , Jason and Claire

### **Marshalls**

Rob Roy Roundabout – Calum MacNeill, Bill Craig  
Right turn up hill – Paul Hornby, Marion Wilson  
90 degree corner turn to Loch Katrine Enda Mcglouglin  
Right turn into Invertrossachs Road – Gemma Penman, Aidan Quinn  
Roundabout Callander –Graham Smith, Alexandra Hayden  
Fork at Braes of Greenock start including road on left –  
Bottom of Braes of Greenock Donna Clayton, Claire McNulty

*Thank you all so much..*

### **The Riders List ...**

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Good time to mention that there will be bin bags at the start for the collection on jackets etc – these will be brought back to the HQ afterwards for collection – anything left will be added to my cycling kit if it fits and I like the colour.

Please remember to shout your number as you cross the line, if you are able, it really does help the timekeepers.

A bit about the

### **BILL LENNON TROPHY HILLY TIME TRIAL**

Awarded to the best vet on standard on this hilly course

Bill Lennon had the distinction of being the oldest Glasgow Centre novice 25mile winner. Coming late to timetrialing Bill won the novice trophy when he was 37 years old. Bill like all the rest of the club folk then was a mile eater and a hard one at that, the name half--wheeler rings a bell with me. If Bill Met up with you and any conversation took place it was with Bill speaking to you over his left or right shoulder. A window cleaner by trade Bill cycled everywhere in Glasgow during his working day and if you happened to see a bike hanging from scaffolding around some buildings he knew that Bill was'nt far away cleaning windows. Bill left a legacy to the vets, hence the event and trophy to his memory and like John Cusker everyone has a story regards Bill and meeting him out on the road. He was a hard rider.

(Words courtesy of Jim Harris, long time organiser and supporter of the Tour of the Trossachs)