

INFORMATION FOR

West Coast, St Peters and Torteval

**NatWest International Island Games
8-14 July 2023**

Hello

Further information regarding road events

The NatWest International Island Games are returning to Guernsey 8-14 July and we wanted to let you know about the events in your area. As the proud host island, we will be welcoming over 2,000 athletes from 23 other islands, to compete in 14 sports across 25 different venues. The individual triathlon and cycling road events will be in your area. You may well have received a leaflet and letter about this in February, but we wanted to give you some further information as we get nearer to the event.

The sports and the organising committee have been working closely with Traffic and Highways, the Police and Guernsey Civil Protection on plans for the week. The event is run almost entirely by volunteers and we will have a large team of fully trained marshals on site for all events, working alongside police officers and Civil Protection officers.

To ensure the safe and smooth running of the road-based events some temporary road closures will be required. They will provide competitors with the best chance to perform at their highest level and ensure the safety for competitors and spectators. We appreciate that these temporary closures will cause disruption, but the safety of the competitors and public is of paramount importance, and we need to ensure the safe and smooth running of the road-based events. We hope that we can all work together for these events as they will not be normal days for travel.

The three events that we will focus on are:

Triathlon - Sunday 9 July - race time 11.50am- 4.00pm

Cycling Time Trial - Monday 10 July - race time 9.30am-1.00pm

Cycling Road Race - Wednesday 12 July - race time 9.00am-2.45pm (approx) / Women's race starts 9.00am / Men's race starts 11.45am

Sunday 9 July

The individual triathlon race will start at 11.50am on Sunday 9 July.

- The road closure will be in effect from **11.30am-5pm**
- Route de La Lague will be closed from **8am** for set up
- The road closures will affect all vehicular access (including bicycles) although pedestrian access will be available at all times
- The only exception will be access for emergency vehicles
- There will be an access point with two way vehicular crossing at the Longfrie filter. There will also be a one way



crossing at Rue des Fosses exiting across Rue de Manoir on to Rue de la Corbiere leading to Forest Church.

- These crossings will be manned by Guernsey Civil Protection who will direct traffic and allow crossing when it is safe to do so.
- There will be access to Morrisons from St Peter's filter/Rue de La Corderie, exiting at Route de la Tourelle. This will be controlled by Guernsey Civil Protection.
- As soon as all competitors are on the run route, the cycling route will be re-opened.

Monday 10 July

The time trial starts outside the old L'Eree hotel at 9.30am.

- The roads shown in red will be closed from **8.45am**. If you need to leave your property, we highly recommend that you do so before this time
- There will be pedestrian access at all times
- The routes will be fully marshaled throughout
- There will be no vehicular access to the coast road from The Imperial Hotel junction to and including Houmet Lane
- The only exception will be access for emergency vehicles
- The race will finish just before the St Peter's Post Office at the top of L'Eree Hill. There will be no access to L'Eree Hill from St Peter's Post Office onwards
- The roads will be fully opened from **1pm** with staged opening from the Puffin and Oyster once the last rider passes through (approximately 12.30pm)



The medal ceremony will be held at St Peter's Church at approximately 1.30pm. Access to Styx will be late afternoon.

Wednesday 12 July

- The roads shown in red will be shut from **8.30am**.
- There will be limited access to La Hougette School till 8.45am and the school will work with parents regarding school drop off
- We highly recommend that all business and resident movements are completed before 8.30am
- The only exception will be access for emergency vehicles
- There will be pedestrian access at all times
- The routes will be fully marshaled throughout

There will be limited access points for vehicles. These areas will be manned by marshals and Civil Protection who will control the traffic flow.



From the Forest (blue lines on the map opposite):

- Way in – from the Mallard Filter on to Rue de Plaisance and into Rue des Heches
- Way out – Rue des Fosses exiting across Rue de Manoir on to Rue de la Corbiere leading to Forest Church
- Any vehicles who exit at these points will only be able to travel in an anti-clockwise direction on the circuit route

From St Peter's (green lines on the map):

- Way in – via Rue St. Pierre, Longfrie Crossroads, turning right into Les Grandes Rue
- Way out – Camps Massey, Rue Carriax and Clos Landais

Access and parking for Morrison's Car Park and St Peter's village businesses via Route de Frances, St Saviours.

Riders will complete a number of laps of the larger outer circuit followed by a number of laps on the smaller circuit before finishing at St Peter's Church. During the latter part of both races on the Coudre circuit (race loop 2), the access will be extremely limited.

Zone 1 will re-open approximately **1.45pm**

Zone 2 will re-open approximately **2.45pm**

The finish area and medal ceremonies will be outside St Peter's Church. Please gather for medal ceremonies at approximately 3.30pm. Access to Styx will be late afternoon via the Longfrie crossroads.

Work is underway with Traffic and Highways to ensure information road signs are put up in advance, and we will issue further media releases and post full details online. There are Games venues dotted across the whole island, so the roads generally are likely to be very busy. In particular, the Town seafront will be closed nearly all day on Friday 14 July because of the half marathon, cycling, and triathlon relay.

Due to the increased volume of people on Guernsey for the week, we will be encouraging several initiatives including:

- **Bus travel** – free to everyone during the week of the Games
- **'Park and Stride' points** - from various locations
- **Cycling** – extended cycle park areas will be available
- **Working from home** – this could be considered where possible

The guernsey2023.gg website will soon be updated to include a breakdown of all the competition heats and finals, and their timings.

If you would like any further information, please contact the Games Office and we will do all that we can to assist you. As mentioned, we appreciate that these events will cause disruption, but we are committed to working with everyone to minimise this as much as we can and create a great Games experience for everyone.

Kind regards



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CONTACT DETAILS

Games office **01481 720215** (will be manned during the closing event)

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You could win £100

To show support to the visiting athletes and for our own Guernsey team, we are inviting people to decorate their houses, places of work, shops... even their sheds! The local team are all looking forward to competing on home soil and seeing the Guernsey flags waving.

All you have to do is send us a picture of your decorated place to **info@guernsey2023.gg** or by post to: Guernsey 2023 NatWest International Island Games, Decorated Place competition, La Villiaze, St. Andrew's, Guernsey, GY6 8YP. Please include your name, address and contact telephone number and submit your entry by **Saturday 1 July**. Winners will be notified by Wednesday 5 July.

A judging panel will select the best decorated place. There will be 3 prizes of £100 each - in addition, we will donate £50 to the local charity of choice for each of the winners.

For full details about the Games visit www.guernsey2023.gg