



Tour of Britain Cycle Race Results and Prizes

Press Release: 9 September 2008



The people of Newbury joined thousands of visitors to the town centre to watch Stage 2 of the Tour of Britain arrive on Monday lunchtime. Cheering crowds lined the streets to see Olympic gold medallists Bradley Wiggins and Geraint Thomas along with the rest of the peloton battle it out through the town, ending in a gripping sprint finish on Park Way.

The stage win went to Matthew Goss of team CSC – Saxo Bank who was presented with additional Newbury-centric prizes by Councillor Phil Barnett, Mayor of Newbury. The prizes were tickets to the Vodafone Live Music Awards, courtesy of Vodafone, a chance to enjoy lunch in the Royal Box at Newbury Racecourse, courtesy of Newbury Racecourse and a copy of the Newbury Mosaic book.

Alessandro Petacchi kept the yellow jersey as overall leader; he was presented with an exotic arrangement of flowers courtesy of Angelica Flowers by Cllr Ian Grose, Leader of Newbury Town Council. Alessandro Petacchi was also presented with the green jersey by Michael Morris of Greenham Common Trust. Kristian House kept the red and white King of the Mountains jersey. Great Britain's Ian Stannard took the Madison Combativity prize for his 40 mile solo break. A finishing touch to the presentation podium was provided by a glorious array of colourful plants generously donated by Newbury Town Council's grounds maintenance contractors, English Landscapes Ltd.

Cllr Ian Grose, Leader of Newbury Town Council, said, "The day has been a huge success and has really put Newbury on the map. Everybody has had a good time – it's been well worth all the hard work."

Spectators were entertained before the race arrived by a demonstration of cycling skills by children from Park House, Speenhamland and the Iisleys' schools organised by British Cycling's Go Ride team as well as entertainment laid on by the Tour and Newbury Town Council in Victoria Park.

Children from many of the local schools also lined the route, among them Harry Collins, aged 9, from St Nicolas School, Newbury who said, "Our whole school has come to watch. The riders were so fast, it was really exciting."

Newbury Town Council would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who played a part and made the day possible.

END

Cllr Ian Grose – Leader of the Council (grose.ian9@btinternet.com 01635 36816)

Graham Hunt – Chief Executive Officer (chiefexec@newbury.gov.uk 01635 35486)

The race is organised by the Tour of Britain and Stage 2 (from Milton Keynes to Newbury on Monday 8 September 2008) is supported by the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA), Greenham Common Trust and Newbury Town Council.

For more details, see www.newbury.gov.uk or www.tourofbritain.co.uk

Newbury Town Council

Town Hall, Market Place, Newbury, Berkshire. RG14 5AA

Telephone: (01635) 35486 Fax: (01635 40484)

E-Mail: towncouncil@newbury.gov.uk

Website designed & hosted by [Newbury Internet Services](#) and managed by Newbury Town Council

Site photography Jo Andreae

© Copyright 2002-2007 Newbury Town Council