

# An Post Yeats Tour of Sligo 2016

## Participant Feedback



## Organisation

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*Good Organisation. Roads well signed and safety was very good. Snacks much appreciated.*

**(Kilkenny)**

*Brilliant!!! Well organised, well run, great atmosphere and well supported by the staff. Will definitely come again.*

**(Sligo)**

*I found the whole racing experience excellent, there was clearly brilliant organisation. The lead and support cars and all of the support throughout make the event a lot easier to do because of the help they offered.*

**(Sligo)**

*Great overall organisation, great route and great facilities used. Everyone was very friendly and helpful. Coming again next year!*

**(Tyrone)**

*Overall excellent! The organisation of the event was superb. Very enjoyable experience. Keep up the good work.*

**(Donegal)**

*Superb Organisation!! Great route, stops and food at the end. A credit to 'An Post' and Sligo! Thank you.*

**(Northern Ireland)**

*Organisation was exemplary. The marshals were very well informed and informative. The signposting was simple and clear at all times. Food-stops were excellent. Keep up this high standard. Other organisations should look to you for advice on how to things right.*

**(Cavan)**

*As usual, this was another excellently organised event in Sligo, which I look forward to each year. Glad to see that a jacket was supplied, rather than another 'An Post' t-shirt.*

**(Roscommon)**

*The event was supremely well organised and a pleasure to take part in.*

**(Galway)**

*Very well organised. I have done several events over the years and the Sligo 'An Post Tour' is always very well organised, including the Stewarts, hot showers, meals and jackets.*

**(Sligo)**

*All round excellent. Very well organised, great parking, well marshalled and great food. Very enjoyable. Roll on next year!*

**(Dublin)**

## Marshalling/Volunteering

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*A really enjoyable event, with lots of lively, supportive marshals. Credit to all involved.*

**(Galway)**

*First-rate organisation of marshals, and signposting was very clear and easily seen.*

**(Donegal)**

*Fantastic event! So well organised with plenty of helpful marshals who were spot-on. Everyone was friendly and helpful. Well done Sligo!*

**(Dublin)**

*Marshalling, food and water stops were all excellent. It is evident that a lot of hard work goes into organising the event but it definitely paid off.*

**(Monaghan)**

*One of the best marshalled events I was ever involved in. Absolutely excellent Keep up the good work and looking forward to coming back next year.*

**(Cavan)**

*Absolutely Excellent! Excellent marshalling at all times along with great sign posting. Just brilliant all round.*

**(Cavan)**

*Great Marshals! Brilliant organisation with very good signage and information of route. Great work at food stops, volunteers never stopped working. More of the same next year.*

**(Dublin)**

*Excellently organised. Marshalling was very efficient with very friendly encouragement from all of the marshals. Signage and food stops were also very good. Keep up the good work.*

**(Bundoran)**

*Best organised 'An Post' Tour in Ireland! Marshalling was superb. Marshals were excellent considering the dangerous junctions. They were all very helpful. Organisers were very friendly and food stops were so well run by all involved with beautiful and nourishing food. Keep up the good work.*

**(Waterford)**

*Sufficient number of marshals involved. Well organised, planned and thought-out. Credit for route being well sign posted.*

**(Dublin)**

*Top notch organisation, be it marshals, volunteers, signposting or footsteps, all excellent. Thank you.*

**(Sligo)**

## Food Stops

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*Very well organised, great food stops.*

**(Dublin)**

*Food stops were excellent! Food stops on the 100km route was excellent, with nice food and no long queue.*

**(Cavan)**

*The marshalling was great, very smooth and helpful. Food stops are always great. One of the best cycles to do!*

**(Down)**

*Really enjoyed 60km cycle route. Food stops were excellent and facilities were very good.*

**(Sligo)**

*Very good. Great food, great people, great event! Keep the good work going.*

**(Offaly)**

*Very well run event and really enjoyed it. Marshalling and signposting were excellent, but never witnessed such great organisation at food stops. Top class!*

**(Mayo)**

*All aspects were very well organised. Quality at food stops was excellent. Food stops were well stocked with quality food as was the food after the cycle. Food stops never stopped working. Full credit to all.*

**(Dublin)**

## **Gardaí Support**

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*An excellent event, extremely well organised. Thank you to all of the guards, civil defence and volunteers who stood all day in areas and encouraged and directed each and every cyclist, despite standing in cold and wet conditions. Fair play to all involved.*

**(Fermanagh)**

*Very well done to all involved. Excellent event! Thank you to all of the marshals, especially the Gardaí, who were all brilliant on the day.*

**(Meath)**

*As usual, a very well marshalled and sign posted event. Congratulations to all involved in registration, volunteering and marshalling the event, including the Gardaí. Very enjoyable and professional.*

**(Sligo)**

*Fabulous! Everyone was so friendly, helpful and cheerful on the 60km route, including volunteers, marshals, Gardaí, etc. Really well run with lots of great people involved and helping. I had a wonderful experience and I will be back next year to take part in the 100km. Thank you to all involved.*

**(Dublin)**

*Great event, very well organised. The marshals, Gardaí and Acquired Brain Injury volunteers were all very nice, cheerful and particularly helpful.*

**(Limerick)**

## After Cycle Refreshments

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*Hot food at the finish of the event was delicious. Thank you!*

**(Sligo)**

*Food stops on the route were excellent. Food after the event was delicious and there was also no long queues. Great organisation.*

**(Galway)**

*Canteen after the cycle – the Vegetarian curry was delicious and like all involved in the cycle, the staff in the canteen were very nice and helpful.*

**(Dublin)**

## Promoting Sligo

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*Excellent! Really enjoyed the experience, some beautiful scenery.*

**(Kildare)**

*First time in Sligo and I enjoyed every minute of it! What a great event and got to see some amazing scenery. Will definitely be back to see how beautiful Sligo is on a sunny day! Will be back next year and will recommend Sligo and the 'An Post Tour of Sligo' to everyone back home.*

**(Dublin)**

## General Perception of Event

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*The Sligo cycle is definitely the best in the 'An post' Series, in terms of marshalling, signposting and food stops.*

**(Cork)**

*All involved in this event should be very proud of the event. I really enjoyed everything about the event and visiting Sligo for it. This is definitely the best of all of the 'An Post' cycle series. Thank you for a great day and a great weekend.*

**(Cork)**

*The best event I have ever taken part in. Great people involved in running it. A credit to all involved. Everyone was treated very fairly and provided with great food.*

**(Saddle Rock)**

*Every aspect of the event was brilliant, no suggestions for improvement except keep up the good work.*

**(Sligo)**

*Excellent as usual. Everything and everyone were friendly, well organised and efficient. Cannot fault a thing.*

**(Dublin)**

10 out of 10. Excellent 😊

(Fermanagh)

Once again excellent. The level of organisation, stewardship and facilitation was brilliant. The hot food after the cycle was a great idea and delicious. Can't find fault with anything, well done to all involved. Will definitely be back.

(Meath)

It was a great event. It was a lovely day for the kids cycle. Was so much fun. Will be back next year.

(Mullingar)

Excellent all round.

(Longford)(Sligo)

Everything about the event was brilliant from the car park to the showers and food. Most of all, the people involved were excellent. Well done to all. Only suggestion, don't try and fix it when it is not broken.

(Kilkenny)

The whole event was excellent, I could not fault any part of it. Well done to all involved in a brilliant weekend. Will be back again next year.

(Mayo)

60km - We really liked the new route around Dromahair .

(Sligo)

## Suggestions

### Routes:

- Road into Coolaney needs to be addressed for next year – surface was not good enough. Maybe see if the road can be tarmacked by next year **(Sligo) (Mayo)**
- Some people had issues with hills, maybe look at alternative route to avoid extensive hills for next year **(Sligo)**
- Unfortunately road surfaces so bad that I will not be back. The roads south of Coolaney were unsuitable for this type of event. Change the route or get the council to fix the roads **(Galway)**
- Increased presence of marshals for final 20km
- Tarmac the Cloonacool – Coolaney road!! The only negative point of the whole day **(Sligo)**
- The loop to and from Coolaney adds nothing! The road surface is very poor quality and can lead to damage and/or accidents. I suggest a new route starting in the college to Manorhamilton then back to Sligo via Glencar **(Sligo)**
- Would have liked a 'Distance remaining' sign more often **(Kildare)**
- Increased marshal presence at junctions in the likes of Coolaney **(Sligo)**
- Introduce an 80km route **(Kilkenny)**
- Choose an alternative route with less steep hills **(Sligo) (Longford) (Leitrim)**
- Close main street Dromahair during race. Parked cars and traffic were dangerous **(Sligo)**

Jackets:

- Very Nice jacket, great idea after having jerseys for a number of years **(Sligo) (Mayo)**
- Pity the event jacket did not have a pocket. Could be an addition for next year to hold bits and pieces **(Galway)**
- There is a need for far more small sized jackets **(Letterkenny) (Dublin) (Cavan) (Mayo) (Kildare) (Roscommon) (Sligo) (Leixlip) (Clones) (Westmeath)**
- Cycling jersey as opposed to jacket, or jacket with pockets for next year **(Sligo)**
- T-shirts much nicer last few years **(Sligo)**
- Allow to choose jacket sizes online at website at registration **(Sligo)**
- A nice colourful jersey would be appreciated more **(Ballaghaderreen)**

MarshallingFood-stops/ Water-stops:

- Introduce pasta at Food-stops **(Leixlip)**
- Gluten free alternative to sandwiches would be nice but bananas are great fillers **(Monaghan)**
- Some chocolate bars at the food stops maybe worth considering
- Possibly introduce chairs to rest at Food-stops **(Northern Ireland)**
- Increased number of water stops **(Sligo)**

General:

- Increased monitoring on the routes **(Sligo)**
- Please change the after cycle menu in the college
- There was some traffic from Ballintogher to Dromahair, needs to be addressed for next year **(Sligo)**
- Tea availability at registration should be more obvious
- Could have done with more bins at food areas on family cycle on the Saturday **(Kildare)**
- Could give out medals for finishing each route **(Meath)**
- Give out goody bags after family cycle **(Leixlip)**
- Advertise actual start times so as to prevent cyclists' arriving at 8:45 for 10:00am start, for example.
- Ensure showers are warm. Had to have a cold shower when soaking wet and cold
- Increased support for breakdowns & punctures for next year. A lot of people ran into this form of trouble this year **(Sligo)**
- Staggered starting times should be made known in advance of day of cycle, so as to prevent people hanging around for hours prior to race starting
- Increased knowledge of route of marshals