

# An Post Yeats Tour of Sligo Feedback 2015



## ORGANISATION

---

*Great day... Well done to all involved in organising and of course those who cycled especially those who travelled...I met a man from Wales who met a man from Liverpool!*

**(Sligo)**

*Great day out yesterday. Marshalling and organisation is first class. Super event, good facilities and good value for money. Absolutely has to be in the running for best sportive of the year.*

*Excellent organised event, Good job, Excellent bike support on the road with flat tyre fixed.*

**(Liverpool)**

*Excellent organisation, could not be better,*

**(Australia)**

*Met a helpful member of crew, Theresa and she showed me where to go.*

*Extremely well organised, couldn't fault ant part, Family spine well done for kids, 100km route and food stops were perfect.*

*Very well organised in every aspect. I've done a few cycles, but this one is by far the best.*

**(Castlebar)**

*Best one I have been to yet, Loads of nice food, excellent marshals & Directions, Ran like clockwork, Give organisers of other events a few pointers, Well done, great day.*

*Best ran An Post Event without a doubt.*

**(Team Top Cat)**

*Fantastic Event, Professionaly Organised, Very Friendly, Would recommend it to others!!*

**(Ballybofey)**

*Best cycle ive ever been on*

**(Cavan)**

*The cycle was excellently organised, I plan on doing all 5 An Post Cycles and hope they are all as good as this one*

*From the minute I arrived the marshalling gave me the confidence that the event was very well run. The stewards & check in staff were the friendliest I've met to date! Foodstop was timed perfectly – pasta, V-tasty! Again, the stewards were very accomodating. Signposting was excellent and the online check-in was easy to navigate with great access to information. All in all the best run event I've been to!! Thanks to all involved.*

**(Mayo)**

*Staggered Start a good idea*

## MARSHALLING/VOLUNTEERS

---

*Marshals were great, Lots of helpful marshals, A credit to Sligo. Top marks to all the marshals*

**(Ballaghaderreen)**

*Road marshals were brilliant*

**(Australia)**

*Marshalling was very good, very clear, Signposting was well done and easily seen,*

**(Sligo)**

*Great, Very well organised, jerseys good size, good parking, great marshalling,*  
**(Mayo)**

*Very well marshalled and all very encouraging, great atmosphere, food stops were wonderful,  
Al in all a very enjoyable race, well done, Jersey was lovely*  
**(Swinford)**

*The marshalling was fantastic & local drivers were very courteous*  
**(Sligo)**

*Marshalling and volunteers were fantastic*  
**(Sligo)**

*The Marshalling was excellent – the positioning of the mountain rescue crew @ ladies B was  
spot on – so good to see then in such rural areas – also the ambulance ½ way up Ladies B*  
**(Sligo)**

*The marshalls were at every main junction*  
**(Cavan)**

---

## GARDA SUPPORT

---

*Org: First Class, Marshalling: Excellent, sincere Thanks to An Garda, , Foodstops: First Class,*  
**(Sligo)**

*Well organised, Marshalling was good as were the Garda. Foodstops were well organised too.*  
**(Sligo)**

*Great day as usual, food marshalling, Gardai, etc fantastic  
Thoroughly enjoyed the cycle, Thank you for organising a well run event. Felt safe on the road and  
at the junctions. Food was excellent and badly needed, Keep up the good work.*  
**(Sligo)**

*Congratulations on the organisation, particularly junctions very well covered by Gardaí and  
volunteers.  
Great organisation, loads of marshals & great having the Gardaí at major junctions*  
**(Cork)**

*60K route excellent, marshalling wonderful and An Garda were great*  
**(Clare)**

*Marshalling: Excellent, sincere thanks to An Garda  
Brilliant Event – well organised and great support from Gardai with traffic management  
throughout the route*

---

## FOOD STOPS

---

*Excellent, very well organised, great food stops*  
**(Co. Sligo)**

*First time doing one of the Post series, Breat value for money, Never seen Tea stops so well  
organised. First Class event*  
**(Donegal)**

*Very good, organisation excellent, marshalling very good. Food stops great esp Hot food at the end,  
Well done to all*  
**(Co. Meath)**

*The volunteers at HQ were super friendly 10/10, The quality of food at food stops was really nice  
10/10 Route 100k – Tough but great*

*Org – Brill, Marshalling – Fantastic, Sign Posting – Excellent, Food stops – Brill, Food at the end the best yet, So welcoming, Keep it up.*

*All Food stop Well stocked and staffed*

**(Fermanagh)**

*The food was excellent at the food stop.*

**(Cavan)**

*Excellent- Miles ahead of last year!!*

**(Sligo)**

---

## END OF EVENT HOT FOOD

---

*Congratulation on the wonderful event you and your team organised last weekend. It was a great – the briefings, the food stops, the road marshals and Gardaí did a wonderful job. When you thought that it couldn't get any better – to arrive back to a fine plate of food was very much appreciated – well done to the O'Hehir's; they really put on a great spread.*

**Sligo**

*Brilliant as always, well organised, great food – O'Heirs – The Best, Thank You*

**(Sligo)**

*Very good, well organised and great hot food service at the end, Great Job*

**(Sligo)**

*Very well organised, marshalling & signposting excellent, Great food – warm food at the end was much needed! Hope to be back! Overall event was very well organised, The best event we have attended so far, Impressed with the hot food afterwards.*

**(Galway/Roscommon)**

*The Hot food at the end was a great welcome surprise!*

**(Sligo)**

*Food Fantastic! – Lovely orange pieces at the food stop, Lovely to have use of canteen in IT, great end to a brill event.*

**(Sligo)**

*The hot food at the finish really topped off a brilliant event.*

**(Fermanagh)**

*Hot meal afterwards was an excellent new addition. Staff very helpful at all times*

**(Fermanagh)**

*As usual, excellent organisation, cant fault anything. Hot meal at the end was really welcome*

**(Sligo)**

---

## PROMOTING SLIGO FOR TOURISM/ SCENERY

---

*Absolutely awesome, Great buzz, well organised, yummy food , would hughly recommend, will be back next year to maybe try the 100km,*

**(Mayo)**

*The people were so friendly and welcoming that it made the cycle a complete joy and privilege*

**(Dublin)**

*Thoroughly enjoyed it!, Very well organised, Good food, Great people, great atmosphere, Beautifully scenic route, Will be back*

*Very well organised, Brilliant day out and so scenic (minus the rain)* **(Monaghan)**

*Very Good, Very friendly atmosphere, very scenic.  
Family day well done for kids* **(Sligo)**

*The cycle was excellently organised, I plan on doing all 5 An Post Cycles and hope they are all as good as this one. Best cycle for food by far!!* **(Meath)**

**(Cavan)**

---

## SERVICE VEHICLES

---

*Very well organised and a great day, food afterwards was excellent, Had a puncture at 93km and got fantastic help from Dara, the staff & Volunteers are a credit.  
I Felt the support driver on the 60km was very elpful and considerate. It was organised very well, Plenty of marshalls and flags to durect us, overall it was very organised.*

---

---

## SUGGESTIONS

---

### Routes:

- 100km – The figure of 8 is grand, but it would be super to include some of the coast a bit more. Show off the NW a bit more.
- Perhaps try a new route for 2016 to see/show off other parts of Sligo **(Sligo)**
- Change Routes – Same for last few years. **(Western Lakes)**
- Change the Coolaney route, road very slippy **(Meath)**

### Showers:

- For the fifth/ fourth year I had a freezing shower
- Hot showers

### Foodstops/ Waterstops:

- The first water stop was too early and I was really needing the food stop when it came.
- Food stops separate for 60k & 100K to alleviate long queues
- Water available at turn around point **(Dublin)**
- Water stop in wrong place (start of hill) **(Donegal)**
- Water stop a bottom of hill
- Separate tea/coffee, sandwich from fruit/water etc. Working portaloos better option than clubhouse toilets that don't work.
- If there was seating at food stops it might be more manageable, not enough hands. Divide sandwiches from bars fruit etc.
- There was a big queue at the 50km foodstop, maybe a grab and go option would alieviate?

**Jerseys:**

- More small jerseys, as Pam never gets small jersey.
- Disappointed no small jerseys at 8am, not possible to register on Sat night if you live in Dublin. Please order more small jerseys in future, there is a huge demand for them.  
**(Dublin)**
- More bigger sized jerseys **(Dublin)**
- Jersey try on area was a bit frantic, resulting in my wife given a jersey that was too small.
- Separate food stops for 100k & 160K people as due to queues we went to shop and bought our own food.

**General:**

- 8.30 start for 160k ets....
- Try and get the hotels to do special rates for cyclists.
- Would have liked a small top but none left.
- It might be good to have the finish line nearer to the canteen for atmosphere. Something different to a jersey as a keepsake like a hoodie.
- Flatten out some of the hills!!!