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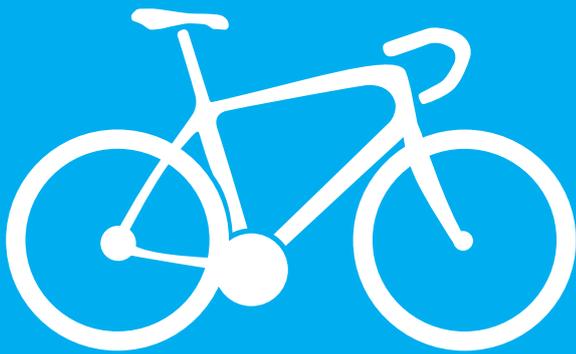
A warm Welsh welcome to the 2014 Aberystwyth Cycle Festival.

Now in its fifth year, the Festival is expanded to four days for 2014 and brings a brand new gala evening to add to the already established **downhill mountain biking**, **'Welsh Wild West' sportive** and the **Pearl Izumi Tour Series** televised pro **criterium** race.

With some of Britain's top cyclists making a rare appearance in Mid Wales, festival visitors can watch all the on & off road action and also experience the beautiful and undiscovered lanes of Ceredigion on their own bikes.



How we've grown



Riders

2010 - **200**
2011 - **400**
2012 - **500**
2013 - **1,000**



Visitors

2012 - **68%**
2013 - **79%**
(outside of Aberystwyth)

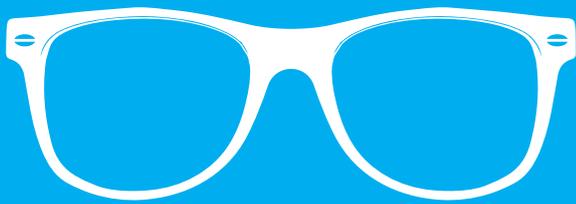
92%

said that they found it

**'very
enjoyable'**

86%

said that they were
**'inspired to
cycle more
regularly'**



Spectators

2012 - **9,000**

2013 - **10,000**



Spend

2012 - **£305,528**

2013 - **£457,363**

“ *I would like to pass on my compliments and congratulate the organising team, and the people who helped on the day, for what is without a doubt amongst the very best sportives I have ridden, and I have done a few now! Everything ran like clockwork on the day, right amount of marshals, well signed, friendly volunteers at feed*

stations, which were superbly stocked. Food at the finish was excellent and much needed after a strenuous but very rewarding and scenic route. Well done to everyone, and I sincerely hope you'll be putting it on again next year, I'll definitely be back!

Phil Paul – Newtown.

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Meet the Team



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Dewi Hughes

Ystwyth CC Chairman and Route Planner

What's On in 2014?

Thurs
22
May

Celebrating Roubaix

New for 2014!

Gala evening with guest speaker Roger Hammond at the National Library of Wales.

Pedal Power on the Prom

Criterium racing around the promenade, including a stage of the **Pearl Izumi Tour Series**

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Sat
24
May

Conquer the Cliff

Unique urban downhill mountain biking on Constitution Cliff, with its famous funicular railway uplift!

Continental Welsh Wild West Sportive

Explore the challenging local terrain on one of three routes which provide something for everyone!

Sun
25
May

Press Release

Cycle Festival gears up for fifth anniversary

Aberystwyth Cycle Festival returns for a fifth year this May Bank Holiday weekend, with four action packed days planned from May 22nd through to May 25th.

Last year's additional events such as the Constitution Hill mountain bike downhill race, and the Welsh Wild West sportive road ride seem to have struck a chord with festival goers as over 12,000 spectators and competitors attended, with both events back for 2014. Subscriptions are already ahead of last year. Festival organisers are receiving enquiries from cyclists and spectators from all over the UK as the reputation of AberCycleFest has grown to become one of the most well regarded celebrations of cycling in the country.

It will be the National Library of Wales who will launch proceedings with a new AberCycleFest Gala evening on Thursday May 22nd. The Sportsbooker.com sponsored evening will take place in the Drwm auditorium with a collection of archive footage of the famous Milk Race as it visited the county through the 1960's, 70's & 80's, as well as a short film about the legendary Paris-Roubaix 'Hell of the North' cycle race. Podium finisher at Paris Roubaix and former World Cyclocross Champion Roger Hammond will also be in attendance to answer questions from the audience. The event is free to enter and bookings are being taken by the library box office.

Friday 23rd May is the main feature of the festival with the welcome return of ITV4's Pearl Izumi Tour Series professional criterium race. Sixty of the UK's top professional road cyclists will battle it out around the streets of the town for one hour from 7pm to find out who has the strongest team as they aim to place their three top men as high in the placings as possible, to gain series points. This year's race will start & finish in Pier Street and follow a clockwise

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route through Upper Gt. Darkgate St, Seaview Place, Promenade and back onto Pier St. Proceedings start from 2pm with the popular local schools races, followed by a Town vs Gown adult fun race and later the Aberystwyth Seafront Criteriums for serious amateur riders before the professionals take over.

Saturdays 'Conquer the Cliff' mountain bike downhill was the big surprise of the 2013 festival, with almost 2,000 supporters lining the route at Constitution Hill on a gloriously sunny day. 2013 World Champion bronze medallist Manon Carpenter is due to return with her Madison-Saracen team, along with over 150 top downhillers from Wales & further afield.

Sunday is the mass participation day with the Continental Welsh Wild West sportive taking place from Aberystwyth and incorporating three stunning routes through the Ceredigion countryside of 28, 68 or 103 miles depending on ability. The ride is fully supported via Continental Tyres in terms of mechanical back up for anyone with problems out on the road, whilst Summit Cycles are offering a free cycle safety check in the weeks leading up to the event for any pre-entered cyclists. Full route details and online entry can be found at www.abercyclefest.com.

AberCycleFest is organised by volunteers from the town and is funded by Aberystwyth University, Ceredigion County Council, Aberystwyth Town Council & Cambrian Tyres Ltd.

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