April – Short – Weardale & Teesdale Loop

Sunday, 12 April 2026 | Short Ride | 115–130 miles

Ride Leader: PoohBear

President: Simon "Yoda" Whitmore (07762627036)

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Treasurer: Mike Arnott (07484271168)

Start Points

	Location	Time
Main:	Seaton Burn Services - NE13 6EP	09:30
Secondary:	Durham A1 Services - DH6 5NP	10:30

Route

Durham Services → A688 via Bishop Auckland towards Lanchester or Crook.
Head west via A691/B6302/B6296 to Lanchester.
Lanchester → A68 (short) → A689 through Tow Law to Wolsingham.
Continue A689 through Frosterley and Stanhope towards Eastgate and Daddry Shield (Weardale).
Turn onto B6277 towards Middleton-in-Teesdale (crossing into Teesdale).
Middleton-in-Teesdale → Barnard Castle via B6277/B6278 combo as preferred.
Return Barnard Castle → Staindrop → West Auckland → Bishop Auckland via A688.
Final leg Bishop Auckland → A688 back to A1(M) Durham Services.

Planned Stops

Stop 1 (~45–60 mins): Wolsingham or Stanhope – coffee/toilets.
Stop 2 (~45–60 mins later): Middleton-in-Teesdale or Barnard Castle – fuel/food.
Optional brief leg-stretch at Bishop Auckland on the way back if required.

Notes

Loop route; avoid green lanes; single-track tarmac OK.

Sign-ups (6 riders + 1 pillions = 7 total)

Main Start (2 riders)

Name	Bike	Phone	Emergency	Pillion	Guest	2nd Man	TEC
Sean Lyons	Tiger 1200	07463 32812	-	-	-	Y	Y
Ray Bell	Africa Twin	07817298160	Sandra Bell 0779	-	-	Y	-

Secondary Start (4 riders)

Name	Bike	Phone	Emergency	Pillion	Guest	2nd Man	TEC
Duncan Callum	Honda CMX (r	07704146009	Christine Callum	-	-	Y	Y

Pat Howie	Triumph Thun	07472557373	Lala 07535670853	Y	-	Y	-
Lee Spinks	Triumph Expl	07972884869	Michelle Spinks	-	-	Y	Y
Stuart Eglington	Triumph Tige	07492863088	Jenny 0783041203	-	-	Y	Y