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| **Grand Depart trophy goes on display in the Bradford district** |
| People all around the district will get the chance to see the Tour de France Grand Depart trophy as it goes on display next week. The official trophy, which is awarded to the city or area which hosts the opening stage of the tour, will be on display at four sites around the district between Thursday, April 10 and Sunday, April 13. The ornate trophy, which features the Tour de France logo, was first presented last year to the island of Corsica  when it hosted the Grand Depart of the centenary tour. Yorkshire will be the second name to feature on this great tour symbol, which was commissioned by Tour de France organisers, the Amaury Sport Organisation, and was designed by the award-winning French photographer Yann Arthus-Bertrand. Visitors can look forward to having their photo taken with the trophy - which measures 40cms x 25cms - when it goes on its tour of the district. It goes on display at the King's Hall in Ilkley on Thursday, April 10, from 11am to 3pm, before being taken to Bradford 's City Hall on Friday, April 11, between 11am and 4pm. On Saturday, April 12, it will be on display at the Richard Dunn Sports Centre between 9am and 10am before being taken to Haworth Visitor Information Centre from 11am until 2pm. Its final visit in our district is the Leisure Centre, Keighley, on Sunday, April 13, from 11am to 3pm. It will also visit two local schools - Addingham Primary School on Thursday, April 10, and Newby Primary School on Friday, April 11 - as they have been very involved with Tour de France projects. Coun Andrew Thornton, Executive Member for Environment, Sport and Sustainability, said: "We are very proud to be hosting such a historic and prestigious event and this is a great symbol of the tour coming to our area. "It will be an excellent chance for people to come and see this iconic trophy, which is an amazing piece of artwork in its own right, and feel inspired by the whole event. "The trophy tour will certainly build up excitement and anticipation for the event as we prepare for the eyes of the world to be fixed on our district. It is sure to live long in the memories of all who experience it." The Tour de France Grand Depart comes to our district on Saturday, July 5 when it will pass through Burley-in-Wharfedale, Ilkley and Addingham and on Sunday, July 6, when the riders will make their way through Addingham, Silsden, Keighley, Haworth and Oxenhope. To view a more detailed route map and find out more information, visit [**www.letour.yorkshire.com**](http://www.letour.yorkshire.com/) or[**www.bradford.gov.uk/tourdefrance**](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/tourdefrance) Ends For more information contact Andrew Burns , Business Development Manager, Bradford Council's sport and leisure service, on 01274 431882. **Notes to Editors** Please contact Jane Lewis for an image of the Grand Depart trophy on 01274 433526. |
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